

The Ward

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History of Jackson Ward

Jackson Ward is valuable to Richmond and the nation not only for its architecture but also as one of the nation's most important centers of African-American culture. The district became a center of African-American owned businesses, banks, fraternal orders and other social institutions.

Historically Jackson Ward was known as the “Harlem of the South”. A center for black commerce and entertainment, it was frequented by the likes of Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, Bill “Bojangles” Robinson, Lena Horne, Cab Calloway, Billie Holiday, Nat King Cole and James Brown. Jackson Ward is home to the Hippodrome Theater, which will soon be renovated to bring it back to its glory days as the entertainment focal point on 2nd Street.

Jackson Ward was also home to Maggie L. Walker, the first woman to charter and serve as president of an American bank. She founded Consolidated Bank & Trust. The Maggie L. Walker House is now a U.S. National Historic Site.

Notable historic churches in Jackson Ward include the Hood Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, Ebenezer Baptist Church and Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church. Notable residents included Adolph Dill, Max Robinson and brother Randall Robinson.

Early on, the neighborhood held a mix of German, Jewish, English and African American residents. The area has many historic and unique homes that range from the early to late 1800's. Today, the district contains one of the largest concentrations of pre-Civil



War houses in Richmond. These houses represent a wide variety of styles that include Greek Revival, Italianate, Romanesque and Second Empire. Jackson Ward's ornate cast-iron porches are second only to those of New Orleans.

Visit our website www.hjwa.org for more information and to take a virtual walking tour of our community.

Submitted by: JoAnn Braxton-Lee

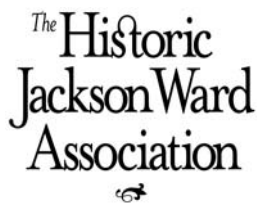
Historic Jackson Ward Association (HJWA)

The Historic Jackson Ward Association, established in the early 1980's as a result of a merger of two smaller neighborhood groups, is an organization committed to developing an awareness of the Jackson Ward community as a viable contributor to the economic and African-American history of the city of Richmond and the United States. The Association's commitment is to the development and enrichment of the Jackson Ward community through historic preservation, residential and

economical development. Jackson Ward is one of Richmond's most valuable and significant neighborhoods. The historic portion of the neighborhood is bounded by Belvidere Street on the west, Broad Street on the south, Third Street on the east, and Interstate 95 on the north. The entire Jackson Ward neighborhood extends to the CSX railroad tracks on the north.

The Historic Jackson Ward Association has had many

identities over the years. It has been purely a civic association that addressed neighborhood concerns and improvement governed by popularly-elected officers; a community development association primarily focused on neighborhood revitalization and housing rehabilitation governed by a board with a hand-picked membership outlined in the bylaws of the association; and now, a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization dedicated again to improving the quality of life within



Historic Jackson Ward Association (HJWA) (cont'd)

the boundaries of the neighborhood by providing vital information to residents and serving as an advocate and voice for the community with board members elected by the membership and officers elected by the board. A board of directors governs the association and its membership is comprised of Jackson Ward residents and business owners. The board also screens proposals and items of interest for presentation to the members of the association for input and approval.

The Historic Jackson Ward Association consists of a diverse set of individuals. Students, artists, musicians, families, local business

owners, teachers and professionals recognize and appreciate the experiences that an urban environment can provide and the unique talents that diversity brings. The Association is committed to developing an awareness of our history, to preserving a significant Richmond neighborhood, and to integrating our history into the modern day experience.

Monthly business meetings of the association are held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Club 533, located at the corner of West Jackson Street and Third Street.

Everyone with an interest in the

improvement and promotion of the neighborhood are welcome to attend! All residents (home owners and renters) are eligible for membership. Yearly membership dues are \$10.00 for individuals and \$20.00 for businesses. Paid membership is not required to attend meetings but is strongly encouraged. You do however need to be a dues-paying member to vote on issues before the association.

So come join us and see what is happening in Jackson Ward.

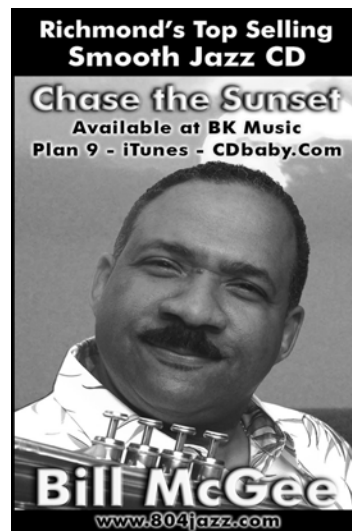
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Community Involvement Jackson Ward Clean-Up Days A Big Success!

Jackson Ward residents take pride in the beauty of their neighborhood. On March 20, 2004, the Association Clean-Up Days became an officially organized activity with sign-up sheets, organized sectors to facilitate coverage, and many volunteers. The majority of neighborhood streets were sparkling by the end of that morning. The city provided a trash truck and workers to assist with large trash items.

This success paved the way for a tri-annual clean-up.

In 2005, we had three successful Clean-Up Days in March, July, and October. We started noticing that streets and alleys were staying cleaner and people in the neighborhood were seeing the difference and trying on their own to keep it looking nice. By the end of 2005, we no longer required two city trucks for general trash, and the truck for appli-

ances and tires was no longer filled to overflowing.

Refreshments were added to the schedule by the end of 2005 and with the help of people like Liza Steele, Angela Wilkes, and Bob Wheatley, we now have a variety of breakfast foods and drinks to get us going the morning of each Clean-Up.

By April of 2006, our clean-up effort had been noticed by not only Channel 6 news,

Jackson Ward Clean-Up Days A Big Success! (cont'd)

but also by Phillip Morris who volunteered to widen our approach with a combined Clean-up/Beautification Day. Phillip Morris generously funded the event, providing plants, mulch, tools, wheelbarrows, a catered breakfast and manpower. The tools and planting materials were all donated to us and are now housed in a garage where they are accessible to all neighborhood residents to sign out for their own individual efforts. They were used once again by the group on July 22, 2006 as the neighborhood was not only cleared of

trash and debris, but also was beautified with more plantings.

Come on out to Abner Clay Park for our first Clean-Up/ Beautification Day for 2007 that will be held on Saturday, April 21st. Sign-ups will be taken at the March and April Association meetings, or you can contact Vicki Mollenauer at either vmollenauer@yahoo.com or 421-9882 to sign up. Refreshments, as usual, will be provided, and you can refer to www.hjwa.org for more details. This will be a combination Clean-Up/Beautification Day, so you

can choose which you would prefer to do.

Thank you to all of you who so diligently started cleaning up the neighborhood so many years ago, thank you to all of you who have gotten involved in the Clean-Up Days we have now, and we hope to pack Abner Clay Park with neighbors ready to enjoy a morning of camaraderie, cleaning, and beautification for our first 2007 Clean-Up Day.

Submitted by: Vicki Mollenauer



Get Your Gardening Tools Here!



In the spring of 2006 Phillip Morris USA contributed many hundreds of dollars in gardening tools to the Historic Jackson Ward Association. Thanks to their generosity we have *leaf-blowers, weed-eaters, trowels, wheelbarrows, watering cans, and other small hand tools* – all available to the residents of our neighborhood.

You may arrange to borrow tools by calling Liza Steele at 786-7413 on weekdays and 344-1502 on weekends. As the tools are in a nearby warehouse rather than at Liza's house, some lead time/notice for borrowing is appreciated.

Submitted by: Liza Steele

2007 Calendar of Events

March 2-5
CAA Basketball Tournament
Coliseum

March 6 -11
Cabaret
Landmark Theater

March 11
Daylight Savings Begin

March 20
HJWA Meeting
533 Club

March 23-25
Fences by August Wilson
VUU Theater
Roi Boyd for details 305-5029

March 25
Harlem Globetrotters
Coliseum

March 30-31
Fences by August Wilson
VUU Theater

March 31
Ukrops' Monument 10K

April 1
Fences by August Wilson
VUU Theater

April 13
Champions On Ice
Coliseum

April 15
Easter on Parade
City Celebrations

April 17
HJWA Meeting
533 Club

April 21
HJW CleanUp
Abner Clay Park

April 24 - 27
Tyler Perry's What's Done In
The Dark
Landmark Theater

May 1 - 7
I Can't Stop Loving You
Landmark Theater

May 15
HJWA Meeting
533 Club





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City Council Speaks

Jackson Ward has seen much progress in the past several years, led by a much more engaged community association. With that kind of support, many things are possible. There has been much activity surrounding the Jackson Place proposed mixed-use development, which started with a proposal to rezone the property to B-6. After reviewing the development plans with the developers and hearing from the community, we are of like mind that a mixed used development is great, but the segregation of affordable housing along 1st Street is not. As a result, the rezoning paper will be amended to remove the B-6 portion until the community and I can get more comfortable with the overall development plan. The other part of the paper, for R63 in the "Jackson Commons" portion of the site, appears to be fine and should go forward, along with an amendment that picks up a swath along

Leigh Street. This will allow the OIC building to get going, which will certainly improve this core area of Jackson Ward. A key initiative for the Jackson Ward neighborhood moving forward is to consider parking restrictions. As downtown continues its revitalization surge, which is real and will only accelerate, Jackson Ward is at risk of becoming the free parking lot for future developments. The only way to address this is for the residents to consider a restricted parking district, similar to the one used in the Fan District. This comes with some hassle (permits, visitor passes, some cost), but helps assure that Jackson Ward residents can enjoy their homes and community while maintaining the uniqueness of their neighborhood in which they are invested. Carver is well on the way to implementing such a restricted parking district, and I am very willing to help the community on

this as well, if it is wanted.

My vision for downtown is to create a two-loop downtown circulator that would travel down Broad Street and connect everything from Shockoe Bottom to Carytown. As we hope for thriving retail, galleries, restaurants and residential along Broad Street, parking and access for patrons will only become more of a concern. The choices are to either find areas for more parking decks, or to have the right, super convenient and cool transportation system. The latter is the way I think we should go, and I will propose that the parking fine revenue from Carver, Jackson Ward and even the Fan should be dedicated to the solution, a downtown trolley circulator.

My office is open to you at any time for any issue. Feel free to give us a call at 646-6532. I am very proud of Jackson Ward and excited about our future.

Bill Pantele
2nd District City Councilman

Jackson Place

The Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) has chosen Trammell Crow Residential (TCR) and the Richmond-based Better Housing Coalition (BHC) to develop Jackson Place. This 5 acre site is in Jackson Ward and includes property bounded on the south by Jackson Street, on the west by North 1st Street, on the east by North 3rd Street and on the north by Interstate 95/64. Jackson Place also includes a piece of property on the 700 block of 1st whose boundary extends to the alley behind N. 1st street. This area is also slated to be rezoned. The rezoning would better accommodate the proposed development. As of this

writing, City Council has not approved the new zoning.

In January, John Grier of Trammell Crow Residential and T.K. Somanath of the Better Housing Coalition made presentations to the Historic Jackson Ward Association's general membership and board. The Jackson Place Plan includes retail and commercial space, hotel, mixed-income housing and parking. The 240 residences proposed by both development partners are all rentals. The majority of the units will be market-rate rentals and approximately 20% will be reserved as affordable housing. It was suggested that in the future, some of the rental units might be-

come available for home ownership. As delegated by RRHA, the planning process will include input from Jackson Ward residents and businesses. Mr. Somanath suggested creating a "steering" committee. Seven Jackson Ward residents volunteered to be on the steering committee. Completion of this project is expected to be in 2010. For more information about revitalization efforts in our city, please check out, <http://www.richmondgov.com/departments/presssecretary/pressreleasedetails> and the HJWA website, www.hjwa.org.

Submitted by: Marilyn Milio

From our offices in Jackson Ward,
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Community Partnerships

Capital One and the five community organizations listed below have partnered together to create a Jackson Ward community revitalization initiative “**City Lights**”. This partnership provides a unique opportunity to share resources, create new and exciting learning opportunities and challenge each other to look for innovative ways to strengthen the Jackson Ward community through programs that are measurable, sustainable and impactful.

Our efforts focus on helping to revitalize the Jackson Ward community by supporting the heritage and history of the community, lessening urban blight, promoting career opportunities, enhancing technical skills, and energizing community pride. Each “**City Lights**” partner brings unique history, skills, and community to this initiative.

Adult Career Development Center for its expertise in helping students of all ages acquire the education needed to prepare themselves to be productive citizens, parents and workers
119 West Leigh Street - 780-4388

Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia as the cultural hub of Jackson Ward and an organization of great significance and historical trust - **00 Clay Street - 780-9093**

Historic Jackson Ward Association in the important role it plays in bringing the residents of Jackson Ward together
501 N. 2nd Street - 644-4305

Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority for its critical role in revitalizing homes and preserving the historical significance of homes in the Jackson Ward area. **901 Chamberlayne Parkway - 780-4200**

Technology Resource Connections in its ongoing efforts to bridge the digital divide and to provide job training and crucial skill development. **PO Box 1047, Richmond 23218 - 212-8912**



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*Please join the partners in
thanking Capital One for their financial investment, technical support and professional guidance aimed at revitalizing the Jackson Ward Community.*

*For more information on the
“City Lights” Initiative, contact
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Manager, Capital One - 284-5811.*

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Phillip Morris, USA Contributes \$40,000 To HJW Gateway

The Officers, Members and the entire Historic Jackson Ward community express our appreciation to Phillip Morris for their generosity and support of our efforts to erect gateway signage introducing our neighborhood. We welcome the Center for Research and Technology and are proud to become neighbors and partners.



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NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANT BRIGHTENS UP ITS ATMOSPHERE

In Richmond we have seen many restaurants open their doors to much fanfare and then close without a note. On the corner of Clay Street and Brook Road sits Crossroads Restaurant & Lounge, which has been a fixture in Jackson Ward for many years. They have recently remodeled and the look is very inviting. Lace curtains and lots of twinkling white lights can now be seen from the street. Step inside, the atmosphere has been transformed: white & pink tablecloths with matching

centerpieces, new comfortable seating throughout, and 42" plasma TVs have been added. This is a restaurant committed to its neighborhood with local businessmen, retirees, and faithful long-time patrons visiting daily.

Along with the redecorating comes new hours of operation. Crossroads is open daily: Monday & Tuesday 12 noon to 7 p.m.; Wednesday – Friday 12 noon – 2 a.m.; Saturday and Sunday 7 p.m. – 2 a.m. Check out their lunch and dinner spe-

cial or drop by after work and enjoy a cocktail and appetizer. Crossroads is a regional favorite for music lovers. Live music can be heard on Thursday (Open Mike Night) where the audience sings with a live back up band and Friday & Saturday nights featuring local live bands.

The restaurant is also available for meetings, parties, and small functions. Please call (804) 643-2060 for more information.

Submitted by: Pat Smith



Gallery5, a community oriented and socially aware art gallery and performing art center located in Jackson Ward, re-opened the doors of the National Historic Landmark-Steamer Company No. 5 on April 15, 2005.

Our mission is to make art accessible for all walks of life by showcasing new forms of innovative and interactive, visual and performing art and artists in an exciting, non-traditional gallery environment. Located on the corner of Marshall and Brook, Gallery5 is housed in Virginia's oldest fire station and Richmond's oldest police station and jail. Built in 1849, this National Historic Landmark, and the men who worked within, added many colorful chapters to Richmond's illustrious past.

GALLERY5

The uniqueness of Gallery5 extends beyond the exhibits. In less than eighteen months, Gallery5 has transformed this beautiful relic from the past into a vibrant and exciting arena of sight and sound. Every "First Fridays", Gallery5's visitors are treated to an entirely different, themed art event. Visitors become participants at a "carnival" of art, not just a display. The brass poles and fire bells, horse and hand-drawn apparatus, jail cells and gallows blend beautifully with the contemporary and traditional art exhibited. While various bands and individual musicians provide the sounds for the evening, fire performers and costumed belly dancers add to the sights. Each and every month thousands of visitors pass through the 158 year old front doors and enter a world of the unexpected. That was never more evident than during February 2006's "Disrobed" exhibit which, by police estimates, attracted approximately 8,000 guests. The two-block line lasted over four hours. "Disrobed" was Richmond's, and possibly Virginia's

first, totally nude art event. Its twenty-four models were tastefully presented in various poses, themed make-up and body paint. The exhibit's success was reported in both the New York and London Times. Gallery5 will hold "Disrobed2" this June.

Check out our website, www.gallery5arts.com for a complete listing of upcoming events.

Visit any "First Fridays" and see the diversity in the crowd and listen to the conversations and one has to say that Gallery5 has succeeded in making art accessible to all and has had a positive impact on the Jackson Ward community.

Submitted by:
Amanda Robinson

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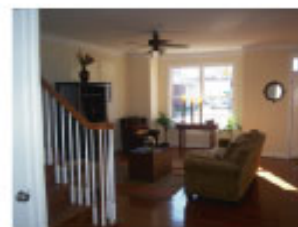


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Important Phone Numbers

Building Permits/Inspections

The Bureau of Permits and Inspections issues building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and other construction permits. Contact the office at (804) 646-6955

Community Assisted Public Safety (CAPS)

Report blighted property. The CAPS form is downloadable at www.hjwa.org (804) 646-CAPS (2277)

Domestic Violence

If an emergency situation exists call the police at 911. The police non-emergency number is (804) 646-5100. To contact the [YWCA](#) Women's Advocacy Program, call (804) 643-0888. The [National Domestic Violence](#) Hot-line is 1-800-SAFE (7233)

Drainage

Contact the Department of Public Works for drainage problems on public property (ditches, streets, roadsides) at (804) 646-0999

Employment/City of Richmond

The Job Information Hot Line is (804)646-5900 and is updated weekly. Applications are available online.

Fire & Emergency Services

Department of Fire and Emergency Services is located at 550 E. Marshall St., Suite 202, Richmond, Virginia 23219. The department responds to fires, river rescues, hazardous waste spills and other emergencies. (804) 646-6663

Garbage Collection (City Property)

The Department of Public Works will remove all junk, trash, or debris on City-owned property. (804) 646-0999 to make a removal request.

Mayor's Office

900 E. Broad St., Room 201, Richmond, VA 23219
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Police Department

Richmond Police Department is located at 200 West Grace Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220. (804) 646-0400 Non-emergency (804) 646-5100

Pest Control

To help control mosquitoes, rodents, and other pests, contact the Department of Public Health Department, Environmental Control, at (804) 646-3120

Public Utilities

Customer service representatives are available to answer questions from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at (804) 644-3000

Real Estate Services

The City's Real Estate Services Office is located in Room 1105, City Hall. The department is responsible for the buying, selling and leasing of all property owned or acquired by the City of Richmond. The Office is also responsible for the sale of tax delinquent property. (804) 646-4350

Senior Citizens Self-Defense Class

Senior citizens Self-Defense classes offer seniors information about how they can protect themselves. Topics include self-defense techniques, home security, and communicating emergencies to police. Sessions are composed of one three-hour class each week for 13 weeks. Contact the Police Training Academy at (804) 646-6117.



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