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YOUR VOICE CAN BE HEARD ~ IT'S UP TO YOU

This session of the Virginia General Assembly is about halfway to conclusion. Senator Donald McEachin and Delegate Jennifer McClellan represent residents of Jackson Ward. The following are excerpts from their email newsletters.

Senator Donald McEachin – “Every child deserves a family! Unfortunately, all too many children in the Commonwealth don't have a family or anyone that can provide those important functions. While foster care is certainly a vast improvement over orphanages or other group facilities, permanent families are obviously the best choice for children. Not only does foster care cost the state money, but children in foster care simply do not thrive like children in permanent families. Only 57% of children in foster care receive a high school diploma, compared to 87% of non-foster care adolescents, only 3% receive a college degree, less than 1/8 the number of non-foster care youth. Even more disheartening, one in four will be incarcerated within the first two years after leaving foster care and one in four will be homeless sometime as adults. For the sake of these children and for the benefit of all of our society, we need to work to find permanent, committed loving families for all Virginia children.

The Children's Home Society, a non-profit non state agency, through its Partnerships for Adoption Program (PFA), strives to find these kinds of permanent families for children who are trapped in the foster care system.

In Virginia, we have nearly 8000 children in foster care and over 1500 who are already eligible for adoption. Yet,

we lack the resources to find families and support them. With this in mind, I have submitted a budget amendment for \$200,000 for each of the next two years to allow the Children's Home Society to place an additional fifty children in permanent homes. While I recognize we are in strained fiscal times here in the Commonwealth, removing these children from foster care would not only provide benefits for the children, but would also save the Commonwealth funds by reducing foster stipends, court costs and other related expenses. Additionally, by giving these children this opportunity we increase their chances of success and their chances of being productive, contributing, functioning adult Virginians. The monies necessary to make this happen seem a small amount compared with the unqualified benefits for both the children and the community.” To contact Senator McEachin at the Virginia Senate email: sen.mceachin@gmail.com phone: (804) 698-7509 website at www.DonaldMcEachin.com

Delegate Jennifer McClellan – “Smoking Ban Defeated in the House

According to a recent survey conducted by The Mellman Group, 75% of Virginia voters support a law prohibiting smoking in most public places, including workplaces, public buildings, offices, bars, and restaurants. This support is widespread across the state, and in the Richmond area, 60% of voters support such a law. Smoke-free workplace legislation also enjoys broad support across party lines and age groups. Voters acknowledge the health haz-

ards of secondhand smoke, and believe that all workers in Virginia should be protected from exposure to secondhand smoke in the workplace. 82% of voters believe the right of employees and customers to breathe clean air trumps smokers' rights to smoke in restaurants and bars. Virginia voters believe a smoke-free law would make restaurants and bars healthier and more enjoyable.

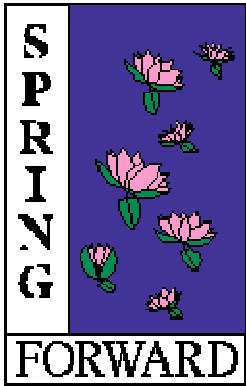
My online survey echoes this overwhelming support for a smoking ban, with 63% of respondents supporting a ban in bars and restaurants and 70% supporting a ban in all public buildings.

Unfortunately, the ABC/Gaming Subcommittee of the House General Laws Committee killed all eight smoking ban bills introduced in the House this session. The Senate passed four smoking ban bills, which were likewise killed in subcommittee in one voice vote last Thursday. Given the overwhelming public support for a smoking ban, I suspect this issue will be back in 2009.”

To contact Delegate McClellan at the Virginia House of Delegates: email: info@jennifermcclellan.com phone: (804) 698-1071 fax: (804) 786-6310 web: <http://www.jennifermcclellan.com>

Stay tuned for The Ward Summer Issue for important voting registration information and insights.





Spring forward...Fall back

Spring forward...Fall back....
It's ingrained in our consciousness almost as much as the A-B-Cs or our spelling reminder of "i before e...."

Beginning in 2007, Daylight Saving Time was extended one month and begins for most of the United States at:

2 a.m.
(Second Sunday in March)

Ends 2 a.m.
(First Sunday in November)

2008	March 9	November 2
2009	March 8	November 1
2010	March 14	November 7

Change Your Clock & Change A Bulb!

The National Fire Protection Association and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommend that consumers change the battery in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when we change the clocks for Daylight Saving Time.

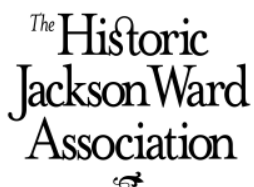
While you've got the ladder out to check your smoke detectors, why not **change a bulb**?

Switching to energy efficient bulbs in your ceiling fixtures could save you \$30 a year **per bulb** on your electricity bill.

Energy efficient lighting is particularly important in the fall when Daylight Saving Time ends and the days are shorter.

The latest generation of energy-saving lighting includes compact fluorescent bulbs that fit in standard light sockets and provide pleasant, uniform light. Low-energy halogen or LED lighting is also becoming widely available.

Visit www.energystar.gov or www.fypower.org for information on lighting rebates and discounts.



HJW Proposed Parking Restrictions

Submitted by JoAnn Braxton-Lee

The HJWA Restricted Parking Committee has begun to assess the parking needs for the Jackson Ward community.

The Committee will conduct a door-to-door needs assessment within 2-3 weeks. This survey is an attempt to get your input. When we arrive at your door, please take a moment to answer a few questions and help us determine what, if any, concerns you may have regarding the availability of parking in your immediate areas. After the data is gathered and reviewed we will produce a report and hold public meetings to discuss the findings. The Parking Committee welcome your involvement and input

into the process of assessing whether or not parking restrictions are needed for the betterment of our neighborhood.

Progress on this effort and future public parking announcements will be posted on the website, in the HJWA newsletter and at membership meetings.

"Together we can achieve that which no one can achieve alone."





Congratulations Technology Resource Connections

TRC recently opened their Community Technology Center located in Jackson Ward at 621 N. 3rd St. in the A.G. Reese & Associates Building. The Community Technology Center provides free use of computers, internet, and low cost computer based training for Jackson Ward residents and TRC program participants. They are open Mondays and Wednesdays 1 pm – 5 pm and Thursdays 9 am – Noon. The Technology Center is equipped with 8 computers, 2 printers, high speed internet and Microsoft Office 2003. The environment is welcoming and the staff is eager and professional.

Technology Resource Connections was founded to empower the low to moderate income individuals in the Greater Richmond area to achieve career success by providing free or low-cost access to computer technology training and resources.

TRC's overarching goal is to bridge the digital divide that is often a significant barrier to professional and economic success. The program is designed to produce a high level of competence – not just familiarity – with the most commonly used software packages in order to increase employability and advancement in today's competitive business environment. TRC conducts a vari-

ety of computer courses and subsidizes fees for the technology classes. A future goal of TRC is to assist clients in securing their own home computers and internet access in order to practice skills learned in classes and to participate in the contemporary world of readily available information and communication.

Vicki Mollenauer, a Jackson Ward resident offers the following comments about the class she is presently taking with TRC. *“I decided to take the Word Certification course offered by TRC at ACDC in order to utilize Microsoft Word elements to their fullest after hearing Lisa Wright-Johnson from TRC speak about it at an HJWA meeting. Although I use the Word program daily, I realized that I only knew about 25% of what the program could do. The course is inexpensive due to the generous grant offered by TRC. We use the Shelly Cashman text and accompanying CD for reference in class. Our very knowledgeable instructor is more than willing to answer questions and guide us through the various assignments. At the end of the course, we will be given the Word Certification exam (also included in the mere \$20 paid upon registration), so we not only leave the class with new skills that will benefit us greatly in the future, but also with written certification of those skills. The class is very low-key, low pressure, and it is kind of fun to be learn-*

ing these new skills in such a stress-free atmosphere. For anyone who needs extra practice, TRC offers practice time during the week at its facility. So, if anyone has been contemplating taking the course, I would highly recommend it. Who knew that Word has so much to offer?” Fellow classmate Janet Armstead agrees and adds, *“The class is very good. Our teacher is very helpful and friendly. I was surprised at the things that I do on the computer and just didn't know the proper name for it. I am proud of my own self thus far”.*

TRC has also developed a small business technology assistance program to guide small businesses in the effective use of technology. Please see the website www.trcva.org for more information on this small business assistance program and technology class schedule. Lisa Johnson-Wright, TRC founder and President can be reached at Phone: (804) 644-1412 or Email: lisa@trcva.org.

*Article information adapted from TRC Website



Jackson Place News

From RRHA Website

Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority Ends Negotiations with Developer for Jackson Place and Will Seek New Proposals for site in Jackson Ward in Early 2008.

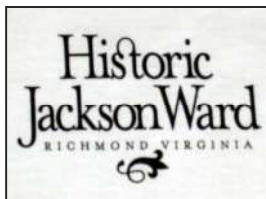
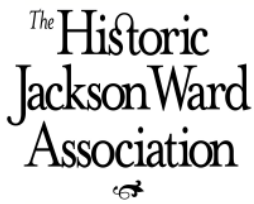
The Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) has ended negotiations with Trammell Crow Residential (TCR) to develop the Jackson Place site. The site, which is over 5 acres in size, is located just west of North Third Street and south of Interstate 95; in the Jackson Place Redevelopment area.

Trammell Crow Residential was selected in November 2006. The selection commenced a negotiation and planning phase between RRHA and the development partners to result in the final agreement and design effort for the site. The planning process included input from Jackson Ward residents and businesses, as well. TCR and RRHA chose to end the negotiations as a result of original deal terms not conducive in this present day financial environment. As stated by TCR Vice President John Grier "the nuances of the draft deal terms remain problematic for TCR, particularly in the current financing environment. Without any sign of imminent change that would allow us the certainty we need to move forward, it is best for us, for the RRHA, and for the Jackson Ward community to withdraw and allow new proposals to come to the table as soon as possible."

The redevelopment of Jackson Place has been identified by RRHA as a Strategic Plan initiative and a focus of the Mayor's Interagency Task Force on Community Infrastructure which will promote opportunities for more affordable housing in the city.

With the end of these negotiations, RRHA will seek new proposals very early in 2008, however the new proposals sought will take into consideration today's financial environment.

Anthony Scott, RRHA Executive Director, shared "RRHA and the city of Richmond remained committed to the successful development of Jackson Place. We appreciate the effort put forth by Trammell Crow Residential, however in the best interest of the Jackson Ward community, the city and taxpayers, this agency will proceed with recruiting new developers to assist RRHA in achieving its goal of a quality mixed-use, mixed-income housing and commercial development."



White Historic Jackson Ward T-shirts are for sale now!
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Available in long (\$15.00) and short (\$12.00) sleeved
Contact Marilyn Milio to purchase
Phone: (804)643-1680

Spring 2008 Clean-Up & Beautification Day

Saturday April 19th 8 am – 11:00 am

Submitted by: Vicki Mollenauer

In 2007, we had two very successful Clean-Up Days where the residents of Jackson Ward came together early on those Saturday mornings to pick up trash from streets, yards, and alleys.

“Get your red hot tee-shirts!” On April 21, 2007, the Historic Jackson Ward Association supplied volunteers with official HJWA Clean-Up tee-shirts, and it was so nice to have everyone easily recognizable as they worked together. Liza Steele led a group in beautifying the garden areas around Abner Clay Park by weeding and mulching. Wow! What a difference! And, Officer Woo from our very own Richmond Police Department led a crew, “Woo’s Wonders”, to clean up all of Duval Street. The residents, “Woo’s Wonders” and volunteers from the

City Lights Partners joined forces to make our neighborhood look amazing, and it was true community spirit that made such a remarkable difference.

Then, on October 20, 2007, we were at it again for the Fall Clean-Up. Twenty-five residents turned out for coffee and Bob Wheatley’s homemade sausage and bacon biscuits before hitting the streets. Liza added a new dimension to the day by bringing cleaning paraphernalia so that graffiti could be removed from signs and posts as residents picked up trash along the way. We had some newcomers too, and they left with their picker-uppers in tow so that they could continue the effort on their own streets in between Clean-Up Days.

And, now it is a new year, but unfortunately, that comes with more litter in our neighborhood. Jackson Ward looks amazingly better, and in order

to keep it looking good we continue with our semi-annual Clean-Up and Beautification Days. It is almost time for our Spring Clean-Up Day, and I hope that we will have the biggest turnout ever. It’s so much more fun when there are lots of neighbors working together (and it goes faster that way too!)

So, please mark your calendars and get ready for our next Clean-Up and Beautification Day which will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 8:00 am. We will meet in Abner Clay Park for refreshments before heading out with picker-uppers and orange bags to beautify “our home”. Bottled water will be available throughout the event that usually ends between 10:30 and 11:00 am.

Hope to see you there!



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Broad Appetit 2008 Food and Art Celebration

submitted by Tracey Leverty

Richmond's finest food and art will intersect at the first annual **Broad Appetit** event scheduled to take place on the 100-300 blocks of West Broad Street on Sunday, May 18th from 12pm – 5pm.

This festival will feature Richmond's favorite food purveyors, restaurants, chefs, cart vendors and artisans. This event is free to the public and is designed to feed your mind, soul and senses with an eclectic mix of crafts and art, more food than you can imagine and a huge children's area with food carvings, storytelling and tomato-flinging. A performing arts stage will host musical acts and performance artists with demonstrations from the nation's leading BUG CHEFS. Yes, you read that correctly - b u g as in insect. Watch Chefs David George Gordon and David Gracer create delectable treats from grasshoppers, snails and more. Make sure you get a taste. This could just be a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Twenty-two of Richmond's great restaurants including Jackson Wards own Croaker's Spot, Hidden Treasures, Nick's and Comfort will be presenting dishes to compete for the "To Die For" Award. The city's top cart vendors will also compete for the top prize in the "Vendi" Award.

Come and visit the "Global A-Grow-Grow Marketplace" which will feature Virginia growers, farmers bakers and food purveyors. Watch the interactive and educational demonstrations and enjoy local crops and goodies.

The Whodunnit? Secret Art Show is not to be missed. This is an invitational exhibition by 75 artists. All exhibited works will be originals in a 6"x9" format and will sell for a fixed price of \$50.00. Work will be signed on the back. The artist will be kept secret until the completion of the sale. The art will be on display on Saturday, May 17th from 6pm-9pm at Quirk Gallery and on Sunday, May 18th the work will be sold at Quirk Gallery from noon-5pm. Whether the piece is from a well-known or emerging artist is anyone's guess.

This event will also incorporate 20+ unique food-centric artisans who will exhibit and sell their one-of-a-kind crafts. Galleries and participating businesses will be open on May 18th and are encouraged to use **Broad Appetit** to showcase their creativity in the creation of unique food related displays. The Historic Jackson Ward Association and the Jackson Ward Business Association will have an information table, highlighting the Jackson Ward Community.



May 18, 2008

**When you
come to
the spork
in the road,**

**take
a bite.**



where food and art intersect

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Sector 413 Safety Tips



Lt. Lisa Drew
Sector 413

Let me start by saying "Thank You" to all of you for your continued support! We have had a great start in 2008. Let's work together to continue to decrease crime in Jackson Ward. We know that we cannot do it without you! Following up on information received from the community and informants, we were able to execute a search warrant for 313 W. Clay St. and charges were made against the occupant and the homeowner was charged with maintaining a common nuisance. Crime on Clay St. has gone down drastically since this arrest. Fantastic Job!!

Thefts from autos really gave us a hard time in the beginning of January but I think we have a hold on them for now. BUT please don't let your guard down-continue to remove all items from your car including your coat, loose change, laptop and IPOD charger.

We have seen a slight increase in crimes at commercial properties. Please help us help you! Commercial businesses can reduce their vulnerability to burglary by maintaining good security measures. Business owners/managers can deter potential burglars by making it as hard as possible to gain entry. Consider these target-hardening suggestions:

Lighting: All entry points to the building should be properly lit. Leave on enough interior lighting to detect movement, and make sure blinds or curtains do not prevent detection of activity from outside.

Doors: Check for signs of structural weakness. Rear doors should be of heavy solid construction preferably with no windows.

Locks: All doors, windows and skylights should be secured with the best possible locks. The harder it is to gain entry, the longer it will take - which then increases the chances of the burglar being caught.

Windows: Assure that all windows can be secured in such a way that they cannot be defeated from the outside. Consider burglar proof glass and make sure that all the windows are secured prior to closing the business for the day. Make sure that windows are not blocked by merchandise and that valuable merchandise is not left near the window.

Safes: Do not leave large amounts of money in the safe overnight. Consider signage which states that no cash is left on the premises overnight. Safes should be secured to the floor and visible from the outside. Do not leave money in the cash register and leave the cash register drawer open and visible from the outside.

Roof: Make sure that any access to the business from the roof such as a roof hatch and ventilation systems are secured from the inside.

Alarm Systems: Consideration should be given to an alarm system. If utilizing an alarm system, make sure to have clearly visible signage stating that the building is protected by an alarm system.

Consider a security survey for your business which can be obtained by contacting The Crime Prevention Unit at 646-6754. Please do not hesitate to call me if there is anything I can do for you.

Lieutenant Lisa Drew - Richmond Police Department
4th Precinct – Sector 413 - 646-4105



City Lights Celebrates Second Anniversary

"On April 18, 2006, Capital One launched the City Lights initiative in partnership with The Adult Career Development Center (ACDC), Black History Museum & Cultural Center of Virginia (BHM), Historic Jackson Ward Association (HJWA), Richmond Redevelopment & Housing Authority (RRHA), and Technology Resource Connections (TRC). Through this partnership, Capital One has committed \$1.5million over a three-year period to the revitalization of the Jackson Ward community with emphasis on affordable housing, educational opportunities, economic development, neighborhood safety and neighborhood appeal. Through collaboration, the partners have benefited from working together to achieve great results."

COME OUT AND CELEBRATE CITY LIGHTS FIRST BLOCK PARTY

Date: Sat., April 12, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Jackson Ward – exact location to be determined

All Historic Jackson Ward residents, families and businesses are invited. Some of the planned activities will be a moon bounce, face painting, gardening tips, Jackson Ward walking tours, health screenings and more. We will also have clowns, DJ music, and even an internet café. Food and drinks will be available. In addition, The Black History Museum will be open for free on April 12th.

Join us on April 12th as we celebrate our accomplishments and prepare for year 3 of the City Lights Partnership!

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HJWA General Membership

Meetings – Open to all
533 Club Corner of 3rd and Jackson
6 pm - Always the 3rd Tuesday of
the Month
March 18, April 15, May 20

Jackson Ward Business Association

Open House Meeting
533 Club Corner of 3rd and Jackson
Wednesday March 26th
5:45 pm – 7 pm

First Fridays Artwalk

Monthly Event Broad Street, Jackson Ward, Monroe Ward
March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6
Check
www.firstfridaysrichmond.com for details

A Family Easter at Maymont

Maymont Park
March 22nd
Noon – 5pm
Call 804-358-7166 ext 310 or visit
www.maymont.org for more information

Easter on Parade

Monument Ave between Allen and Davis
Sunday, March 23rd
Free 1 - 5 p.m.
Music on every block, arts, crafts, children's activities, food, people and dog watching are all part of the celebration. For more information call (804) 788-6466 or visit
www.venturerichmond.com

VCU French Film Festival

March 28-30
Call Byrd Theatre at 804-357-3456 or visit www.frenchfilm.vcu.edu for more information

Virginia Union University Players A Raisin in the Sun

Belgian Theatre
1500 N. Lombardy Street
March 28 & 29 8 pm
March 30 4 pm
April 4 & 5 8 pm
April 6 4 pm
Call 804-305-5029 for more information

Bizarre Bazaar's 16th Spring Market

Richmond Raceway Complex
April 4th & 5th 10 am – 7 pm
April 6th 10 am – 5 pm
Call 804-673-7015 or visit
www.thebizarrebazaar.com for more information

Ukrop's Monument Ave. 10K Run/Walk

April 5th
Call 804-673-7223 or visit
www.sportsbackers.org for more information

City Lights Jackson Ward Block Party

Saturday, April 12th
10 am – 1 pm
Flyers to be delivered to Jackson Ward Residents

HJWA Spring 2008 Clean-Up & Beautification Day

Meet at Abner Clay Park
Saturday April 19th
8 am – 11:00 am

Historic Garden Week in Virginia

April 19th -27th
75th Year for house and garden tours
Call 804-644-7776 or visit
www.vagardenweek.org for more information

Great Richmond Region Adventure

April 26th
Teams of 2-5 people decipher puzzles and find clues along the streets of downtown Richmond and compete for prizes
Call 804-782-2777 or visit
www.greatradventure.com for more information

Arts in the Park

Byrd Park
May 3 – 4
10 am -6 pm
More than 450 artists, everything from weaving to fine art
Call 804-353-8198 or visit
www.richmondartsinthepark.com for more information

Asian Festival

Greater Richmond Convention Center
May 3rd
11 am -10 pm
Performances, traditional music, arts, activities and Asian cuisine
Call 804-272-5758 or visit
www.aasocv.org for more information

Lebanese Food Festival

St. Anthony's Maronite Catholic Church
May 16th & 17th 10 am – 10 pm
May 18th 10 am – 8 pm
Call 804-270-7234 or visit
www.stanthonymaronitechurch.org for more information

Broad Appetit

Art and Food Festival
100-300 blocks of West Broad St.
Sunday May 18th
12pm – 5pm.



HATS OFF TO...

The New Jackson Ward Business Association

Congratulations! The Jackson Ward Business Association has been re-birthed. The previous board has been meeting to review by-laws, goals, objectives and reconstituted committees. The full membership meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at Club 533 which is on the corner of 3rd and Jackson. Bring your business cards and marketing materials for networking. Networking and refreshments begin at 5:45 pm. The meeting will start at 6 pm and last one hour.**

Lynne Lancaster and Alan Reese have met with the Downtown Neighborhood Association to help insure a healthy collaboration for a healthy community. For further information contact Lynne Lancaster at 643.3932.

LIFT Coffee Shop & Café

Bravo – Lift Coffee Shop is leading the way for small business to go GREEN. LIFT is excited to be making any effort to go "Green". Currently Lift is recycling glass, plastic, cardboard and old coffee grounds. They have in house mugs and plates for those customers dining in. The recycled coffee grounds are being used by organic farmers from the Bird House Market (a farmer's market held in Oregon Hill each Tuesday). They have also switched all of their light bulbs to be compact fluorescent, requiring MUCH less energy use and said to have a life span of 7 years. In addition Lift owners, Stephanie and Scott Garnett, are researching and implementing more ways to conserve by eliminating plastic "to go" containers and using paper/ wax paper instead. They also might soon be offering canvas carrying bags to customers who are interested in using them to eliminate plastic bag waste. Stephanie says, "we know we can do what we can to make a difference and it feels good."

Check out Lift's new lunch menu and they have also added some new items to their catering menu, including pastry/ fruit tray selections as well as box lunches. The complete menu is all on website www.liftcoffeeshop.com.

Lift Coffee Shop & Café is at 218 W. Broad Street.
Hours are Mon –Fri. 7am – 7pm, Sat 9am-3pm



Lift Coffee Shop & Café

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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](http://www.ywca.org) Women's Advocacy Program, call (804) 643-0888. The [National Domestic Violence](http://www.nationaldomesticviolence.org) Hotline 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 (804) 646.7970

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.

Voter Registration

Room 105—City Hall - (804) 646-5950
VoterRegistration@richmondgov.com

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