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History was made. I was there. We were there. The world was there.

The entire campaign, nomination process and ultimately the election of President Barack Obama has been one moment of pride, humility and fascination after another. I have met so many people from around the world and throughout this country drawn together in a spirit of unity and common purpose. It has been such an awesome experience and I feel so grateful to have had yet a minute role in history. The audacity of hope. The audacity to dream and to work hard for life’s aspirations. I have been so inspired, motivated, encouraged by and now engaged in the political process because of the framework and the groundwork that was laid as a result of President Obama announcing his run for the highest office of the United States. The new era in America that President Obama has worked so relentless and untiring to make happen, I believe has happened and continues to unfold.

Forty Four – A Moment in History

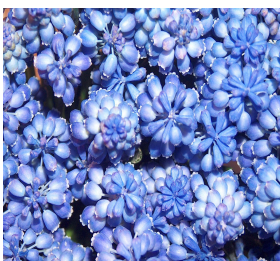
by JoAnn Braxton-Lee

I was moved to get involved in this historic presidential bid from the onset. Never before had I an interest in politics to the point of investing, time, money and sweat. But it happened for me with the Obama candidacy. I was inspired, energized, hopeful. I’ve transitioned from the campaign to the nomination, to the election, to a black tie victory celebration and ultimately to the inauguration. I was thrilled to see and be a part of history.

January 20, 2009 was yet another exciting and remarkable experience. Even with the enormity and chaos of the crown, the freezing temperature and millions of excited people, I experienced a united celebration of triumph. A high so high that I still have not come down. I’m still singing patriotic songs in my heart. I still can’t get enough of reliving the celebrations in this country and abroad. YouTube allows me to play over and over the performance of Bettye LaVette & Jon Bon Jovi as they sang “A Change is Gonna Come”

at the We Are One Inaugural concert. That song and all the others that evening embodied the spirit of the new era of America that the President is working so hard to usher in.

I was reading “Running with the Giants” by John Maxwell the other day and it dawned on me as I reflected on the current state of our country, the swearing in of our 44th President and even to a more intimate reflection of personal growth and personal contribution, that there’s nothing new under the sun. We are reminded every now and again of old truths, which may seem new. The undercurrent now is change. I believe change has come and is needed. I recognize in a profound way that I, the HJW residents and all who read this newsletter, we must be the change we want to see in the world. And as I read John Maxwell’s words, one person can make a difference, what’s old is new again. *One person can make a difference.* One person can make a difference for our families, for future generations, for God and at any age. One person can make a difference.



Forty Four – A Moment in History

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He further writes, “in every age there comes a time when a leader must come forward to meet the needs of the hour”. From where I sit that speaks of President Obama but it also speaks to each of us.

This historical moment and all that it embodies make me want to strive harder, reach higher, be better, do more for the good of my community, my city, my country and thus the world. Join with me. As stated earlier, I am still high from the jubilation, the energy and the spirit of a renewed era in America. I feel included. I feel represented. We the people, must make this new era of America a new era of America. It’s time. The ground has shifted. I believe a spirit of service and a willingness to find meaning in something greater than ourselves, that moment has arrived. I believe and am hopeful that we as a country are there. It doesn’t happen just by our President and First Family being who they are, it happens by each of us exemplifying and being the change we want to see in the world. It happens by you and I, committing again or maybe even for the first time, to make a difference in our homes, our communities and to look at others differences through lens of acceptance, character, tolerance and merit.

As the President so humbly and eloquently stated in his inaugural address:

“America has carried on not simply because of the skill or vision of those in high office, but because we the people have remained faithful to the ideals of our forebears, and true to our founding documents.”

“So it must be with this generation of Americans.”

“On this day, we gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord.”

“The time has come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history; to carry forward that precious gift, that noble idea, passed on from generation to generation: the God-given promise that all are equal, all are free and all deserve a chance to pursue their full measure of happiness.”

“Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America”

“For we know that our patchwork heritage is a strength, not a weakness. We are a nation of Christians and Muslims, Jews and

Hindus — and non-believers. We are shaped by every language and culture, drawn from every end of this Earth; and because we have tasted the bitter swill of civil war and segregation, and emerged from that dark chapter stronger and more united, we cannot help but believe that the old hatreds shall someday pass; that the lines of tribe shall soon dissolve; that as the world grows smaller, our common humanity shall reveal itself; and that America must play its role in ushering in a new era of peace. “

“Our challenges may be new. The instruments with which we meet them may be new. But those values upon which our success depends — hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism — these things are old. These things are true. They have been the quiet force of progress throughout our history. What is demanded then is a return to these truths. What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility — a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task. “

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804-343-1909

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The Ward Newsletter is looking for volunteers to write articles about the neighborhood, city events, restaurant reviews, etc. Please contact Marilyn Milio if you would like to be a contributing writer. The next Deadline is May 3, 2009 for the summer issue. Please contact Marilyn at mamilio@comcast.net with your ideas prior to April 15th.

The Ward

Clean-Up Day Coming on April 18th (Earth Day!)

by: Vicki Mollenauer

It's a new year, and we are already planning for our first 2009 Historic Jackson Ward Clean-up Day which will be held on **Saturday, April 18, 2009**. We will meet in Abner Clay Park at the corner of Brook Rd. and Clay St. at **8:00 am** ready to pick up trash from the sidewalks, streets and alleys of our neighborhood. Last fall, we had an incredibly successful Clean-up Day, working with the City to use fewer of their resources while still making sure that our neighborhood was beautiful.

We'll start with Steve's invigorating coffee and Bob's scrumptious homemade biscuits; water will be provided throughout the event. If you already have a red Clean-Up Day t-shirt, please wear it, and if you are new to this event, we will have a free t-shirt to give you. Picker-uppers and gloves will be provided if you need them, but if you already have your own, please bring them along.

This year, we are planning our spring Clean-Up Day to coincide with the Great American Cleanup sponsored by Keep America Beautiful, running from March 1st thru May 31st. The Richmond Clean City Commission is an official Virginia Great American

Cleanup participating organization, and we will be partnering with Darlene Mallory and her staff for this event. So, come out and join us on Earth Day, Saturday, April 18, 2009 to focus on cleaning up our neighborhood.

Please note that there will be an E-Cycling Event on March 7, 2009 very close by. If you have electronic items that need to be recycled, take them to the Diamond on the Boulevard on that day between 9 am and 2 pm. Items accepted at no charge are computer systems (hard drive, CPU), computer accessories, printers, scanners, copiers, fax machines, VCR's & camcorders, stereos, microwaves, and other small appliances with plugs. Fees are charged for televisions (\$5), wood encased TV's (\$10), computer monitors (\$5), and fluorescent light bulbs (25 cents each). Go to http://www.cvwma.com/recycling_programs/electronics.wbp for more information.

Please email Vicki at vmollenauer@yahoo.com to sign up or sign up at the March HJWA meeting so we have an idea of how many people to prepare for. See you on the 18th of April!



Learn From the Tree Pros at Celebrate Trees! on April 4

Four certified arborists will lead free workshops at Celebrate Trees! an Arbor Day event on Saturday, April 4, at the Carillon in Richmond's Byrd Park.

Adults won't be the only family members learning about trees and the environment at Celebrate Trees! which will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children can participate in Radio Disney's "tree trivia game show" led by Ranger Spruce Sassafras and enjoy other hands-on educational activities. The Ranger Spruce Sassafras shows will start at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

And most everyone can try tree climbing, courtesy of Riverside Outfitters, weather permitting. Contact Laura Cameron for information Richmond Tree Steward Advisory Panel 804-354-9768

E-mail: laurabcameron@verizon.net

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Working Together to Keep our Neighborhood Beautiful!

Bringing Quality Healthcare to Jackson Ward : The Life and Legacy of Dr. Sarah Garland Jones

by Sharron Jackson Smith



Moving beyond the negative stereotypes imposed by slavery, African American women in late 19th and early 20th century Richmond worked hard to build their communities, bring about change, and dispel the myths that were designed to hold them down. Most of these women at one point in time lived in Jackson Ward. Dr. Sarah Garland Jones was one of these incredibly, inspiring women.

Sarah Garland Boyd was born in 1865 in Albemarle County, Virginia. Her family moved to Richmond when she was only one year old, so Richmond can easily claim her as one of their own. Sarah's father, George Boyd was a prominent contractor in Richmond, amassing sizeable wealth in his lifetime. During his years as a businessman he was given the title "top colored builder."

Sarah attended and graduated from Richmond Colored Normal and High School and was a peer of Maggie L. Walker, another notable Jackson Ward pioneer.

Sarah taught school for five years after completing her normal school education. She married Miles Beckley Jones, another teacher in 1888. Laws that were passed in order to limit the growth of Richmond blacks soon collided with the career in teaching that Miles had chosen. This particular law forbid black men to teach in the Richmond Public School system. As a result of this law, Miles changed gears and decided to pursue a career in medicine. Sarah followed in his footsteps with a goal of providing good healthcare to blacks which was not accessible at the time.

Both Sarah and Miles attended and graduated from the medical school at Howard University in Washington, D.C. They both passed the Virginia Board of Medicine Exam in 1893, earning Sarah the honor of being the first African American woman to pass the exam.

Sarah and Miles obviously had a greater calling. Though they both provided a much needed service as teachers, bringing quality healthcare to the community in which they lived was probably a life saver for many.

Sarah and Miles operated a very successful practice in Jackson Ward where Sarah took care of the female patients and Miles addressed the healthcare needs of the men. They lived in the 900 block of North 3rd Street, which may have been where they saw some of their patients. They also were known to make house calls by a horse drawn carriage. In 1895, Sarah and Miles established a hospital on Baker Street, simply named The Richmond Hospital. One of the major reasons that blacks did not have access to quality healthcare was due to Richmond's segregation. Hospital stays were not a part of Richmond blacks reality prior to the establishment of this hospital. The city of Richmond would not see a state run hospital for blacks until 1920. To add to the list of Sarah Garland Jones accomplishments, she and her husband started a training school for nurses in 1901. Unfortunately, Dr. Sarah Garland Jones died at the early age of forty. She did not live to see all the results of her hard work and dedication. The training school for nurses that she helped start was in operation from 1901 to 1921. The Richmond Hospital would be renamed Women's Central Hospital in 1912 and then was eventually incorporated as the Sarah G. Jones Memorial Hospital. Twenty years later, in 1932, the hospital that was started by Sarah and her husband Miles was moved to the campus of Virginia Union University and the name was changed to Richmond Community Hospital. Today this hospital that had its origins over 100 years ago is known as Bon Secours Richmond Community Hospital in Richmond's Church Hill.

Though not widely recognized in classroom lectures or in history books, Dr. Sarah Garland Jones legacy is something to inspire all. She was a courageous woman who did not allow the racist world that she lived in to limit her. At a time when most African American women were relegated to menial jobs where the women were both degraded and underpaid, she broke barriers that were virtually unheard of for an African American woman or women in general. She was a well-respected doctor who treated both black and white patients and she offered hope and excellent healthcare to the residents in community in which she lived, Jackson Ward.

[Sources: Byrd, Odell r. Jr., *Richmond's Historic Jackson Ward: A Study in Black Genealogy and Black Sociology*. 2003: Tambuzi Publications. Davis, Veronica A., *Inspiring African-American Women of Virginia*. 2005:iUniverse, Inc. Ward, Harry M., *Richmond: An Illustrated History*. 1985: Windsor Publications.]

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Charles R. Samuels
Councilman, North Central 2nd District, Richmond City Council

Dear Neighbors:

Thank you for the trust you have expressed in me by electing me to represent you as your city councilperson. I am excited about the opportunities of the next four years and look forward to working with you to make our district, the city and the region the best it can be.

We will be facing many crucial decisions in the first several months of this year including balancing the City's budget in this difficult economic climate; ADA compliance of our schools and the appropriate redevelopment of the Boulevard and location of the baseball stadium.

Your input will be crucial as we address these and other issues. Please feel free to contact me by email at Charles.Samuels@Richmondgov.com, or by phone at 804-646-6532.


Yours,
Charles R. Samuels

Charles will participate in the following committees:
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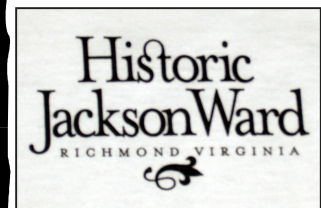
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Sector 413



I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season! I want to thank each of you for your support in 2008! Sector 413 had a tough year but we were still able to decrease violent crime by 17%. That is a huge success! We could not do it alone so - again – thank you!! Property Crime was a little tougher but we still had a 3% decrease for an overall decrease in crime of 5% in 2008.

Lt. Lisa Drew
Sector 413

Jackson Ward had an overall decrease of 26% in violent crime and a 12% increase in property crime in 2008. We have a tough fight against us for this 1st Quarter of 2009. Crime was very low last year during this time so we really need your help to keep crime down. Please NEVER hesitate to call the Police if you see ANYTHING that you believe is suspicious!! You know your neighborhood much better than we do and you know who belongs there and who doesn't.

Where do we need to focus in 2009?

Individual Robberies – up 5% in 2008 Thefts from cars – up 3% in 2008

I am sure that it does not come as a shock that these are the crimes we need to work on. They are a constant battle and we need your help.

Starting out the new year in Jackson Ward

Violent Crime in Jackson Ward was down 50% in January. Property Crime, however; was up 50%. Burglary, shoplifting and thefts from cars were the biggest problems. Please remember not to leave anything in your cars and remember to lock your doors and close your blinds when you leave your home. We have made several arrests recently that I believe will impact the thefts from cars – but there is always someone out there ready to take over. Please call us if you see anything suspicious and keep an eye out for your neighbors. The Neighborhood Assistance Officers have volunteered to assist us with getting out information on thefts from cars in your neighborhood but I know that it is nothing that you haven't seen already or heard on the phone from the Reverse 911s. We really need your assistance to prevent these crimes!!!

Our Bike Team, Officers Bill Travers and Dawn Lehmann, will continue to work in the area of 2nd and Broad but will also patrol more of the neighborhood this quarter to increase Police presence to deter the thefts from cars and burglaries but remember – it only takes a few seconds to break into a car. If you leave anything in plain view (loose change, clothing, and heaven forbid a laptop or GPS) you have just increased your chances of becoming a victim. I cannot stress how much we need your assistance in this matter.

Our Environmental Officer, Claude Picard, has also done a fantastic job with getting graffiti removed; illegal businesses closed down, abandoned properties boarded up and trash removed. Please give me a call or send me an email if there is anything in your block that you feel he could assist with. He has really worked hard and has proved to be a valuable asset to this precinct and Sector 413.

I want to thank each of you that were able to come out for the Open House at the new 4th Precinct. It was a great day and I really appreciate your support. I look forward to working with you in 2009 and I know that together we will continue to decrease crime in Jackson Ward. Please don't hesitate to call or email me if there is anything that I can do to assist you.

Lieutenant Lisa Drew
Lisa.Drew@richmondgov.com
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Looking for a Good Book to Read?

By Sharron Jackson Smith

If you are truly ready to be inspired, Lolly Anderson's *How My Magic Refrigerator Sent Me To Paris Free: 7 Rules To Make Dreams Come True* is a must read for 2009.

It has inspired me in more ways than one, and I know that anyone who reads this book will feel exactly the same.

Laurel "Lolly" Anderson takes the reader through her life's journey which included being diagnosed with cancer, divorce, bankruptcy, and three career changes. Through all of the ups and downs, she ends up exactly where she should be - living a life that is rich, filled with purpose and overflowing with love.

Lolly shares with us her 7 rules that helps her keep her life on track which include **acceptance** and **balance** and how a refrigerator can be used for more than storing our leftovers. This book packs a lot of punch in less than 150 pages and it is something that I will pass on to all of my friends.

*NOTE: Book can be ordered at www.thespiritualtimes.com

And, if you're in the mood for a quirky romance on the backdrop of a circus, try Sara Gruen's *Water for Elephants*. It is the fictional story of Jacob Jankowski, whose ninety or ninety-three (he can't quite remember) and lives in a retirement home after the death of his wife of more than sixty years.



The reader is drawn into the always fascinating world of the Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth (a Ringling Brothers want-to-be), a complex world that Jacob fell into quite by accident during the depression. A world that at times he despises, but at the same

time he loved. He loved the people and the animals, for he was the circus veterinarian. With characters under the big top like a midget named Kinko and his little dog Queenie and a 10 foot elephant with a warm smile named Rosie, this is not your typical love story, but very oddly engaging. A book club favorite!



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First Fridays Artwalk Monthly Event Broad Street, Jackson Ward, Monroe Ward
April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th www.firstfridaysrichmond.com

University of Richmond 20th Annual International Film Series Spring, 2009

Most of the films in this series are free and open to the public. The films are shown in the original language with English subtitles. **SHOWING TIMES:** Fridays: 3:00pm , 7:30pm Sundays: 7:30pm
-ALL SHOWINGS **EXCEPT WHEN NOTED WILL BE HELD IN JEPSON HALL ROOM 118**

Three Monkeys March 20 & 22 Turkey 2008

Three Monkeys, directed by Turkish filmmaker Nuri Bilge Ceylan, is a brooding family drama that employs the metaphor of the three monkeys (see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil). This film, which attempts to reinvent the film noir genre, centers around a theme of guilt-- for a young man killed, an innocent man imprisoned, and various personal indiscretions. Ceylan artfully utilizes visual complexities that amplify the deterioration of the characters' relationships and the eventual consequences of their transgressions.

Brick Lane March 27 & 29 Great Britain, 2007

Based on the acclaimed novel by Monica Ali, Brick Lane is a story about Nasreen, a young woman from Bangladesh, who finds herself living in the poor immigrant suburbs of London with her much older husband from an arranged marriage. While Nasreen tries to be a dutiful wife to her unimpressive husband, she spends most of her days daydreaming about home. Exquisitely developed characters and exceptional acting drive this unique coming of age story, which doesn't shy away from complex issues of racial injustice, cultural conflicts and the true meaning of "home." Directed by Sarah Gavron

Woman on the Beach April 3 & 5 South Korea 2006

Kim Joong-rae, a filmmaker invites his friend to join him at a seaside retreat as he finishes writing his screenplay. His friend agrees to join him and invites his girlfriend to come along. So begins the classic love triangle story. Korean director Hong Sang-soo challenges the oft-predictable romantic-comedy genre in this refreshingly complex film that successfully combines humor and bitterness. Woman on the Beach, which A.O. Scott of The New York Times calls "a wicked comedy of manners," is broadly considered Sang-soo's best film to date.

**Downtown Neighborhood Association Presents Mayor Dwight Jones
Discusses his Plans & Visions for the City of Richmond
April 2, 2009**

4:30 pm – 5 pm Reception & Open Bar

5 pm – 6 pm Mayor Jones speaks with Questions & Discussion

6 pm – 6:30 pm Mingle & Open Bar

Location Renaissance Conference Center

107 West Broad Street

(Call Jane Milici for more information: 350-1379)

Broad Appétit, the newest food event for the Richmond region, gears up for the 2nd annual “smorgasbord in the street”, scheduled for **June 7, 2009 - noon - 5PM**. In its first year, organizers were amazed at the unprecedented 7,500 food devotees that showed up to it's inaugural meal table, so this year it is all about food and lots of it! Mark your calendar and bring your re-usable shopping bags!



Save the Date:

Saturday, June 20, 2009

9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
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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](#) 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.