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The Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia

adapted from the webpage www.blackhistorymuseum.org

The Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia was founded in 1981 by Carrol Anderson, Sr. and in 1991 the Museum was opened to the public at its present location, 00 Clay Street, in the historic Jackson Ward district of Richmond. The house at 00 Clay Street, built in 1832 by German descendant Adolph Dill, incorporates both the Federal and Greek Revival architectural styles. Under the leadership of Maggie L. Walker, the country's first female and Black bank president, the Council of Colored Women purchased the house in 1922. In 1932 it became the Black branch of the Richmond Public library and was named for Rosa D. Bowser, the first Black female school teacher in Richmond.

The Museum is a permanent repository for visual, oral and written records and artifacts commemorating the lives and accomplishments of Blacks in Virginia. The goal of the museum is to become a statewide resource on the many facets of Black history through exhibitions, discussions and celebrations. This is significant because of the scarcity of written records on the black experience in Virginia. In 2007, the museum presented *100 Years of Service: The Alpha Kappa Alpha Story*, an exhibition on the history of the first African-

American sorority, as well as two art exhibitions of local inspiration. *Black Renaissance: Celebrating African-American Arts, Traditions, & Community* featured the work of greater Richmond's black visual arts community and was curated by local artist/educators Anita Holloway and William Johnson. During the final months of 2007, the Black History Museum is exhibiting *Culture Keepers: Art from African-American Private Collections* which highlights the depth and practice of art collecting within central Virginia and features works by noted African-American artists such as Jacob Lawrence, Romare Bearden, Elizabeth Catlett, Ron Adams Dennis Winston, and others.

Another major program of the Black History Museum is the Freedman's Bureau Digitization Project. On October 26, 2006, Governor Tim Kaine announced that Virginia will be the first state in the nation to participate in an historic project to index and digitize Freedmen's Bureau records, allowing historians and descendants of emancipated slaves, freed Blacks, and Black Union soldiers to access historical data, much of which was never before available. The Freedmen's Bureau records are effectively the "genesis records" of African-American identity post Civil War. They provide the earliest major compilation of information on the African-American community, documenting for the period of 1865-1872 the names, legalized marriages,

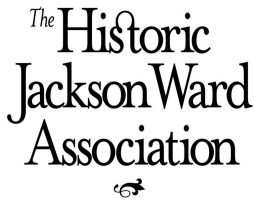
educational pursuits, work contracts, receipt of rations, health care, legal, and other services. This project is a partnership between the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia, the Genealogical Society of Utah (GSU), and FamilySearch. GSU will scan into digital images the microfilmed records produced by the National Archives and Records Administration. Volunteers will review the images and document the pertinent information in software templates provided by GSU. The images consist of letters, marriage records, labor contract lists, rations lists, etc. GSU will validate the records and make available to extraction and indexing volunteers' information via FamilySearch.org. The Black History Museum will recruit and coordinate the efforts of the volunteers across the state of Virginia.

The Black History Museum and Cultural Center is a part of the Capital One City Lights Partnership. Operating hours are Tuesday – Saturday from 10am – 5pm. Off street parking is available behind the museum. Tours and group discounts are available. Please call the museum at 804-780-9093 for additional information or visit us on the web at www.blackhistorymuseum.org



The New Consolidated Bank

Submitted by Shanna Ragland



So, what's new with Consolidated Bank? Well, that can be summed up with just three words: **Restore, Refresh, and Reaffirm**. One of the first things that people should notice is a newly found 'confidence' in our bank. Through all of the trials that the bank has endured over the past few years, Consolidated Bank has been **restored** to a safe and sound financial institution upon its release from the 2000 Written Agreement by State and Federal regulators in August 2006. 2006 was the most profitable year in the bank's 103 year history. This event, as well as the capital infusion by Abigail Adams National Bancorp, Inc. has positioned us to become one of the leading banks in our market today. The bank has put into place a new Management Team headed by our new Chairman, President and CEO, Mr. Joseph L. Williams. We have also established an Advisory Board in both the Hampton and Richmond areas to assist us in moving the bank to the next level.

The second thing that people will notice about us is our new look. We are taking steps to **refresh** our branches inside and out cosmetically to make banking with us an enjoyable experience for our customers as well as our employees. We are also in the process of re branding the bank by presenting a refreshed logo as well. Additionally we have introduced new products and services to include online banking, new and improved Certificates of Deposit (CD's); one of which can offer up to \$50 million dollars of FDIC Insurance per Tax ID, along with increasing our lending capacity over \$1 million dollars. So not only are we in the game but we are competing and scoring big.

Last, but certainly not least, Consolidated Bank has **reaffirmed** it's commitment to our community to further develop and prosper it and the people that it was founded to serve, for this century and beyond. So when our community invests in Consolidated Bank, it allows the Bank to re-invest in the Community.

Rebuilding Together Day – Jackson Ward

Submitted by Andrea Wright

On September 29, 2007 more than 100 Capital One and community volunteers participated in Rebuilding Day in Jackson Ward. This project was done in partnership between Capital One, the City Lights partners and Rebuilding Together. The objective of the day was to refurbish the homes of five Jackson Ward residents by making them safe, warm and dry. The day started with breakfast and a kickoff meeting at the Abner Clay Park field beside. After receiving instructions, volunteers were ready and excited to go to their

assigned homes and begin working. The pool of volunteers participating included not only Capital One associates but other City Lights partners, community members, children and volunteers from other businesses. Repairs to the homes included but were not limited to repairing fences, installing heating and air conditioning units, painting, removing dangerous limbs from roofs, repairing leaks in kitchens and bathrooms, and repairing rotten boards on porches and floors. It was truly inspiring to see volunteers from different walks of life all working together for the overall community. Thanks to all who participated!





Council Update From Councilman Pantele

Nearly a year has passed since the Mayor announced a mixed use, mixed housing development for Jackson Place east of 1st Street. That announcement came as some surprise for the neighborhood, and led to a series of well-attended meetings to review the zoning and the elements of the deal.

In its review, the neighborhood rightly and wisely objected to the economic segregation of the proposed development, whereby low income housing would be grouped together along 1st Street, with the market rate elements located on the 3rd Street side of the property. Jackson Ward residents know that diverse, mixed income, mixed housing, mixed use projects work, and that creating islands of economic isolation don't. To the credit of the RRHA and the City Administration, the Association's comments were heeded, and discussions with the developers were organized to require these elements.

So where are we now? There has been very little communication with the Association or with me about the status of this development, and one wonders if we are looking at yet another empty announcement with nothing behind it.

The stakes are high, too. Whatever anyone thought about Jackson Ward not so long ago, it is clear that Jackson Ward has the City's attention now, and people are excited about the revitalization and progress this wonderful historic neighborhood is making. Yet key to that continuing, not just for Jackson Ward but for Downtown too, is for the 2nd Street and 3rd Street corridors get going back to their former glory. We have been "planned" and "promised" to death, so the time is long passed to get on with it. Someone has to take action, and make sure that other necessary parties are working cooperatively.

Your Association, thanks to tremendous leadership and great resident participation, is now one of the most dynamic civic associations in the City. I think that the Associa-

tion and I should take a firmer hand in requiring accountability and progress in the Jackson Place development, and demand a plan and timetable for it. Remember, Jackson Place was acquired with public funds, your funds, and the agencies and departments with some responsibility for it are public agencies, not private. Therefore, the public, having been patient, ought to have its growing impatience expressed, and soon. Working together as a team, you and I will get it done.

Have a great Holiday!

Bill Pantele
2nd District City Councilman
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(804) 646-5632

P.S. Remember that leaving gifts and such in cars during the Holiday Season is awfully tempting to those who might make a quick grab for them. Take your stuff inside, and let's help each other out!

Salon 5:01

319 North Adams Street
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Salon 5:01 is Downtown Richmond's premiere urban salon, located in the center of the Arts District in Historic Jackson Ward. Services include men's & women's cuts, color, styling, relaxing & straightening, extensions for all hair types, and more.

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Membership Has Its Privileges

Top Ten Reasons to become a member of the Historic Jackson Ward Association

1. Be part of the proactive approach to community building
2. Voting privileges give your voice legs
3. Have a say in how grant money can be allocated
4. Feel the personal satisfaction of volunteering in your community
5. Receive city and neighborhood news promptly
6. Experience new friendships and make valuable business connections
7. Help maintain the historic integrity of Jackson Ward
8. Great parties and friendly gatherings
9. Easy membership form to fill out
10. Affordable dues

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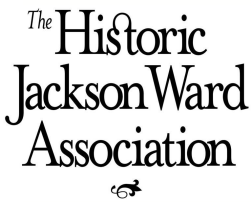
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I am interested in learning more about the following HJWA committees:

- Executive Committee** (involves service on the HJWA Board)
- Board Governance/Bylaws**
- Communications, Outreach & Civic Concerns**
- Fundraising**

Memberships Dues: Individuals: \$10 Businesses: \$20

Historic Jackson Ward Association
501 North Second Street Richmond, Virginia 23219
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HJWA Clean-Up Day – October 20, 2007

Submitted by: Vicki Mollenauer

Not only did neighbors and friends come out early on a Saturday morning to pick up trash from our streets and alleys, but we did something new for this fall clean-up. Some of the group equipped themselves with rubber gloves and Goof-off to attack the graffiti on signs around the neighborhood. Liza Steele's idea to rid the signs of that type of "garbage" turned out to be a big success. Pick up some trash, clean a sign, and keep on going. It worked extremely well.

We had 25 Jackson Ward residents along with Charlie Schmidt from the Richmond Public Library, Robert Draper from VCU, and a crew from the Richmond Police Department headed by Officer Woo (who appeared after most of us had packed it in for the day to magically transform Duvall Street). Bob, Steve and Vicki were still hauling in bags from Chamberlayne, Duvall and 1st Streets that night since we had a few other folks

like Marilyn Milio who continued cleaning up after the official event was over.

We started the morning with homemade sausage and bacon biscuits thanks to Bob Wheatley's handiwork and freshly brewed coffee compliments of Steve Hennessee. We had an experienced crew from the city with their huge garbage truck thanks to Darlene Mallory who recently took over the position of coordinating neighborhood clean-ups. She graciously provided us with bags and picker-uppers so that everyone was well equipped. And, Janet Armstead donated cloth gloves for those who did not have their own.

Over 40 bags of trash were collected, and that does not include the huge amount of trash and abandoned furniture that was thrown directly onto the truck from the alleys. Those trucks can turn a decrepit couch or a moldy

mattress into a compressed package in a matter of seconds.

And, the best part of all is that none of this seemed like work to those who participated. The sense of camaraderie, the feeling of accomplishment, and the fun of all working together for a common goal, made the project fun. So, now we can enjoy our clean neighborhood and look forward to the next Clean-up and Beautification Day which will be held some time in March!



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Safety Tips

Submitted by Lt. Lisa Drew

Holiday Safety Prevention Tips While Shopping:

- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Shop with a friend, there is safety in numbers.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Pay for purchases with a check, credit or debit card.
- If possible, carry only your driver's license, personal checks, or necessary credit or debit cards.
- If you must carry a purse, do not wrap the straps around your arms or shoulders. Carry a clutch purse tightly under your arm or wear a fanny pack.
- Do not carry a wallet in a back pocket. It should be placed in a front pocket of your pants for safety.
- Be alert that crooks look for the "high dollar" shopping bags with your purchases. When possible, slip bags/purchases in a plain nondescript bag.
- Watch purchases while eating in mall food courts; bags can easily be switched or taken.
- Educate your children about what to do if they are lost as well as "Stranger Danger".
- Don't overburden yourself with too many packages. Use store's package pick-up.
- Have your car keys ready in hand before leaving the store.
- If you do return to your vehicle to unload purchases, place them in the trunk of the vehicle.
- Try not to shop until the store closes. Remember, fewer people are present at this time.

Holiday Safety Prevention Tips In Parking Lots:

- Shop early and leave early to avoid evening darkness.
- Park in a high visibility area and check for lighting in case you leave during hours of darkness.
- Prior to arriving at the shopping center, lock all your valuables in the trunk of your vehicle.
- Leave the store with others, not alone.
- Ask security to escort you to your vehicle if you feel uncomfortable.
- Walk briskly, confidently, and directly through the parking lot. Be cautious of people handing out fliers or asking questions in the parking area.
- Watch for people who may be following you. This can occur inside as well as outside. If you suspect someone following you, report it to security immediately.

Holiday Safety Prevention Tips At Home:

- Keep the outside of your home well lit with doors locked and window curtains closed.
- Don't display gifts beneath the Christmas tree that can be seen from windows or doors.
- After the holidays, don't advertise gifts received by the boxes left for the garbage collection. Destroy boxes and place in a sealed, dark colored garbage bag.

Being a smart party host or guest should include being sensible about alcoholic drinks. More than half of all traffic fatalities are alcohol-related. Use designated drivers, people who do not drink, to drive other guests home after a holiday party.



Special thanks to Nicky Colomb, Communications Director at the BioTech Park and the Communications Committee for encouraging employees at the Park to visit Jackson Ward. The committee has been hosting monthly gatherings at the Marshall Street Café on First Fridays and many of the 100+ in attendance have participated in the Artwalk and ventured into the Ward for lunch.



Marki is a friendly and outgoing teenager. He describes himself as laid back, nice and intelligent. He enjoys basketball and football, but also likes crocheting. Marki's favorite foods are spaghetti, chicken and pizza. He likes to listen to rap and hip hop music. Marki is a young man who is determined and would like to become a lawyer when he grows up. He exhibits some difficulty managing feelings of frustration, but has made tremendous strides in this area. Marki is looking for a forever family that includes a mom and dad or just a dad. He would do well in a family that can spend a lot of time with him and helping him to feel a part of their family. Marki has moved a lot in his life and he states that moving so much has made him feel angry, sad and frustrated. Marki loves to receive verbal praise and physical comfort through hugs and pats on the back. He is ready for his final move into an adoptive family.

For more information about Marki or other children waiting for permanent families, contact Jennifer at 354-1881.



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Kwanzaa

Heritage – Children – Future
The Harvest Cycle

December 26, 2007 – January 1, 2008

Submitted by Janine Bell
Elegba Folklore Society

The **Capital City Kwanzaa Festival** embodies the principles of the Kwanzaa holiday. The **Elegba Folklore Society** presents the 2007 Capital City Kwanzaa Festival on December 29, 2007 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 North Third Street, Richmond, VA. The festival is from 1 pm – 9 pm.

Come, enjoy performances, speakers, workshops, The African Market, good food, children events....Participate in the candle lighting ceremony

For details about the 2007 Capital City Kwanzaa Festival please visit www.efsinc.org or call 804.644.3900

Kwanzaa, a seven-day holiday, is a family and community strengthening observance based on traditional African harvest festivals. The word Kwanzaa comes from the Swahili phrase "matunda ya kwanzaa" (mah-TOON-dah ya KWAHN-zah) which means "first fruits of the harvest." Celebrated by an estimated 15 million people December 26-January 1, Kwanzaa is a time of thanksgiving for the accomplishments of the year ending (or the fruits of our labor) while projecting new growth into the year ahead.

For African Americans, it is a time for reaffirming the holistic value system of African heritage, for paying homage to ancestors and elders. It is also a time for enjoying the blessings of the children while preparing them for the future. The Nguzo Saba (n•GOO•soh SAH•bah) provided the foundation for the Kwanzaa holiday. These are the seven principles:

- Umoja (Unity) - 12/26
- Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)- 12/27

- Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)- 12/28
- Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) - 12/29
- Nia (Purpose) - 12/30
- Kuumba (Creativity) - 12/31
- Imani (Faith) - 1/1

According to Dr. Maulana Karenga (mah•OO•lah•nah kah•RING•gah), the creator of Kwanzaa, the philosophy of the holiday is built around an ingathering of the people, a reverence of the creator and creation-- nature and humanity, a commemoration of the past - history, heroes, and heritage and a commitment to our highest ideals.



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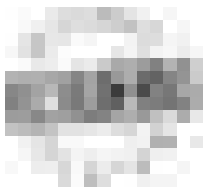
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December 2007

Twas The Night Before Christmas
~Carpenter Science Theatre Company ~Eureka! Theatre

Science Museum of Virginia

December 1, 2007- January 1, 2008
Saturday & Sunday at 1 & 3 p.m.
(weekday shows on Dec. 24, 26, 27,
31 and Jan. 1)

Make your holiday absolutely unforgettable by experiencing a timeless Victorian Christmas Tradition **Tickets:** \$10 for general admission; \$9 per person for members and groups with advance reservations.

Skating

Science Museum of Virginia

This year's *Joy From The World* celebration features beautifully decorated trees and a 3,000 square-foot skating rink. Sunday - Thursday at noon, 2 and 4 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at noon, 2, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. Reserve your skate time by calling (804) 864-1400 or 800-659-1727.

***Joy From The World** (including **Holiday Windows**) is included with museum admission. Tickets are required for **Skating**, The Carpenter Science Theatre Company's presentation of *Twas The Night Before Christmas* and *Santa Vs. The Snowman* in the IMAX® Dome.

A Christmas Story Theatre IV

Empire Theatre 114 W Broad St
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Horse & Carriage Rides

Friday-Sunday, December 7th-9th

Friday-Sunday, December 14th-16th

Clip-Clop Clip-Clop – the sound of horses' hooves, jingle bells ringing, the

holidays are here in Richmond's River District. Reserve your seat by calling Roger Poteat at 804-769-4010.

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Franklin Streets, entertainment at

4:30pm, parade viewing at 6pm Spon-

sored by the James River Advisory

Council. For more information call 804-

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Richmond Boys Choir

Richmond Public Library

Saturday, December 8, 2007 2 p.m.

"Richmond's ambassador's of song"

will provide a holiday concert as part of

the library's Gellman Room Concert

Series.

Elegba Folklore Society

2007 Capital City Kwanzaa Festival

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is from 1 pm – 9 pm. For details

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January 2008

Historic Jackson Ward Association

Monthly Business Meeting

Club 533, corner of West Jackson

Street and 3rd Street

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 6 p.m.

The association has been very active

building relationships with local law

enforcement, City and VCU officials.

The HJWA monthly business meetings

are held the third Tuesday of each

month, questions, call 644-4305.

Marjorie Wharton

Richmond Public Library

101 E Franklin Street

Gellman Room Concert Series

Saturday, January 19, 2008 2 p.m.

Marjorie Wharton, mezzo-soprano, and

Russell Wilson, piano – a program in

honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., Part of

the Gellman Room Concert Series.

Living The Dream Mass Meeting

Arthur Ashe Center

Monday, January 21, 2008 9 a.m.

Annual mass meeting and celebration

of the life of slain civil rights leader Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rumpelstiltskin's Daughter

Theatre IV

Empire Theatre 114 W Broad Street

January 25 through February 10,

2008

Join us for this wacky and wonderful

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February 2008

Richmond Music Teachers Association

Richmond Public Library

Saturday, February 9, 2008 2 p.m.

Performances by professional musi-

cians who teach and perform in the

Richmond area. Part of the Gellman

Room Concert Series.

Dutchman

VUU Players ~ Belgian Theatre

Virginia Union University

Friday – Sunday, February 15-17,

2008 8 p.m.; 4 p.m. Sunday, Febru-

ary 17th.

A revolutionary climax of the 1960's

Black Arts Movement, Amiri Baraka's

play presents the difficulties of life for

an African American man.

Historic Jackson Ward Association

Monthly Business Meeting

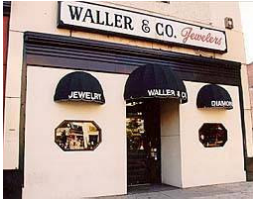
Club 533, corner of West Jackson

Street and 3rd Street

Tuesday, February 19, 2008 6 p.m.



HATS OFF TO TWO VETERAN LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS



The Waller Family and Waller & Company Jewelers –For over 100 years Waller & Company has been a cornerstone of Richmond’s entrepreneurial spirit. Waller’s rich history began many years ago when eight-year old Marcellus Carrington Waller convinced his grandmother to let him work on an old mantel clock. He fixed the clock and went on to teach himself how to fix watches and all types of clocks. A self-taught businessman and pioneer entrepreneur in Richmond’s Black community, Mr. Waller worked for an insurance company and ran his own grocery store while taking in watches and clocks for repair. In 1900, with only a third grade education and during harsh racial discrimination, he decided to concentrate on the repair business and set up shop as M. C. Waller & Sons Jewelers. Three of Mr. Waller’s sons worked as watch, clock and jewelry repairmen for many years.

M. C. Waller’s only grandson, Richard, learned to fix watches at an early age. Although he did not realize it at the time, Richard was being groomed to some day take over the family business. After learning all aspects of watch and jewelry repair, Richard became a master jeweler. Since the early 1970’s, he has owned the family business and now operates it with his sons, sisters and other employees. Through the 100 years the Waller Family has set up business on Leigh Street, North Hancock, North 1st Street and Broad Street. In 1980, Waller & Company Jewelers settled in at 19 East Broad Street, where it remains today continuing to provide Richmond with beautiful jewelry, expert repairs and stellar customer service.



The Charles Family and Moizelles Cleaners - Mr. Robert Charles Sr., the owner of Moizelles Cleaners at 410 N. 1st Street, Richmond, VA in has spent 63 years in the dry-cleaning business in Historic Jackson Ward. Mr. Charles started working at Moizelles Cleaners at the young age of 13 and bought the business in 1968. His daughters, Theresa Ramey and Sandra Harvey started working there during their high school years and continue to work and offer great customer service today. They have over 30 years in the dry-cleaning business. Moizelles Cleaners, under the care of the Charles Family believes the longevity of the business is due in part to their mission, to deliver a quality product with quality service. The success of the

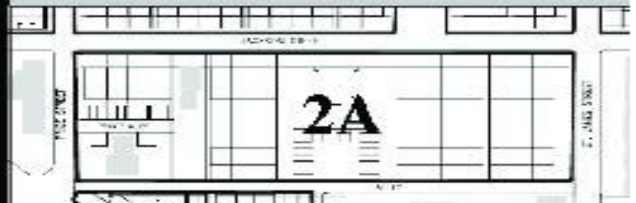
business also has to do with Mr. Charles’ business acumen. When laundering was the major product, Moizelles catered to the entire neighborhood with their laundering expertise. With many households now doing their own laundering, Moizelles was able to adjust to the changing times and now concentrates mainly on dry-cleaning and alterations.

Mr. Charles was instrumental in bringing business owners together in Jackson Ward, first with the Metropolitan Business League and then with the Jackson Ward Business Owners Association. Throughout the years Mr. Roberts has had numerous investments in Richmond and continues to lend history to the transformation of Jackson Ward today. He is active in both community and professional groups.



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Important Phone Numbers

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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.nvdc.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

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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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VoterRegistration@richmondgov.com

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