



The Forest Hill Neighborhood
Association Newsletter

Spring 2014

Forest Hill Flyer

**Forest Hill Neighborhood Association meetings
are held every third Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the
Forest Hill Presbyterian Church. See you there!**

We are always looking for stories
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people who live here. Please send
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Beloved Park Caretaker to Retire

By Grace LeRose and Dorna Braswell

To hear Linwood Seward talk, if he had had bus fare in his pocket that cold January day in 1978, he might not have worked for City of Richmond for the past 36 years. He had come to Forest Hill Park from Church Hill to interview for a job. He was walking home when a co-worker of his soon-to-be-boss, Sonny Horton, noticed him as he made his way along Semmes Avenue. The next day Sonny called and asked Linwood if he had walked all the way back to Church Hill.

"Yes," was his response.

Sonny was impressed enough by Linwood's determination that he offered him the job on the spot. We can all be grateful for Sonny's keen eye in noticing a work ethic in the young man! Linwood would continue with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities through the years, working his way up the ladder, first as a maintenance worker, then as an equipment operator, and finally as a supervisor.

Linwood grew up on a farm in Kenbridge, Virginia, and as a young man came to live in the city with his aunt in Church Hill. He recalls that working in Forest Hill Park was like being on a farm—but without the livestock! Yet he notes that the park is home to many wild animals. He often sees several hawks, which help keep the squirrel population down, as well as foxes, deer, ground hogs, owls and cranes.

Through the years, Linwood hasn't worked exclusively in Forest Hill Park. He and his team would often be called to duty in other parts of the city to help deal with the destruction from hurricanes and storms. He remembers that after Gaston in August of 2004, Battery Park collapsed because of a crack in a sewer pipe. Linwood and his team were responsible for regrading and laying new sod to reopen the much-loved park.



Linwood Seward has worked in and enjoyed Forest Hill Park for years. He recalls once early in his career, enjoying cold beverages on the pyramid after his shift was over. Linwood can confirm that there is not a body buried under the pyramid—he thinks!

He has overseen many improvements in Forest Hill Park since 1978, most notably the restoration of the lake. He also supervised the upgrade of the tennis courts, the installation of new lighting, and the construction of the Tot Lot playground. He says, "Hearing the laughter of kids playing," on the playground was one of the most enjoyable aspects of his job at the park.

Linwood says he is most proud of his association with the many local groups that help support, preserve, and improve the park, including Forest Hill Neighborhood Association and Friends of Forest Hill Park among them. The residents of Forest Hill have benefitted from Linwood's presence in the park, not only from his admirable work ethic, but from his outgoing, friendly and open personality. His dedication to the park and to our neighborhood will be sorely missed. While Linwood is retiring from his job with the City of Richmond, he is NOT retiring from work! His landscaping business will keep him in our neighborhood for many years to come—we hope!

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Change Is In the Air.



By Shannon D. Taylor

As a creature of habit, I find it hard to deal with change, and my attitude makes it even harder. This past holiday season was an opportunity to adjust my outlook toward change as I embarked on a new career path. A new chapter in my professional life gave rise to reflection on other areas too.

My family is changing and so is our community. My toddler son is quickly becoming a rambunctious child and our neighbors' children are growing so fast I can barely keep up. Forest Hill has evolved from a sleepy "get away from the city" destination to a bustling, family-friendly enclave of the city. I'm sure folks living here 50 or 100 years ago never imagined this area would be so vital and alive, yet recognized by the state as "historic."

By the time you read this, local historian Nancy Krause will have shared her tips for utilizing historic tax credits to change and improve your homes. (And maybe I will have successfully convinced my hubbie to renovate our house!) If you missed the meeting and are interested in historic tax credits, we will add her information on our recently-updated website. A lot of work went into the website changes and we hope you enjoy the new look. Make sure you clear your computer "cookies" if it doesn't appear on your screen like this:



The Forest Hill Neighborhood Association is also growing in numbers (yay!) and continues to be a catalyst for positive change. We support people, organizations, and events that enhance

our quality of life. This year we'll continue supporting the summer Music in the Park series, the 43rd Street Festival of the Arts, Sunday in the Park, and the Forest Hill Fall Fest. The second annual Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Community Service Scholarship will be awarded in July to a young person in our community heading for college. And the FHNA will continue public safety appreciation donations to those brave men and women who keep our homes and families safe. Also, keep an eye out for permanent Forest Hill neighborhood signs along Forest Hill Avenue and improved facilities at the Stone House.

As I settle into my new career and reflect on the amazing developments occurring in my home and in our community, I hope you and your family also welcome change with open arms.

Shannon is now embracing the change of packing away her snow gear to make way for warmer months.

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A Message from Our Council Representative



I hope all is well!

As I write this column there is a threat of snow. By the time you read this column the forsythia will be threatening to bloom. Such is the weather in Richmond. I don't know about you, but, I'm ready for Spring.

I'm sure you all have heard a lot about the mayor's Shockoe Bottom Revitalization Plan. I have not decided

to support or not to support it at this time. As I write this, I am looking forward to hosting a special 4th District meeting inviting the administration to specifically address questions on the financing of the plan. I will continue to look forward to your input or feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Cycle two of the Leaf Collection schedule for the Forest Hill neighborhood was in February. There were some delays with Cycle one leaf collection primarily due to the weather. Please let us know if your leaves have not been picked up.

The 2014 USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships will be Richmond. The event, which will also serve as a test event for the 2015 UCI Road World Championships, will be held May 2-4, 2014. The national championship courses used for the road race and time trials will also be used in the world championships in 2015. The Core Course will be from downtown Richmond to the near West End. Please go to www.richmond2015.com and search Collegiate Road Championships for more information.

Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled is available for City of Richmond residents who qualify. Applicants must be 65 years or older or disabled at any age, a property owner living

at the property, have a gross income of \$50,000 for 2013, and have a total net worth of \$200,000 (excludes the house and land they live in/on). Applications are being accepted until March 31, 2014 and can be accessed through the Finance Department site at www.richmondgov.com/Finance/index.aspx, or by calling 3-1-1- or my office.

If you are renovating your home, you may be able to save on your taxes! The City of Richmond offers partial exemption from real estate taxes for qualifying improvements for 20 percent or more of the assessed value. YOU NEED TO APPLY BEFORE STARTING THE WORK. For those properties that qualify, the increase in market value caused by improvements will be exempted from taxable assessment for up to seven years. For qualifications and requirements please go to: www.richmondgov.com/EconomicCommunityDevelopment/documents/TaxAbatementBrochure.pdf or contact my office.

I invite you to call or stop by my district office at 6948 Forest Hill Avenue to share your ideas, concerns, and discuss issues. It's probably a good idea to call before you stop over. Your involvement with my office has and will continue to be vital to setting policy and providing services that improve our community and quality of life. I value your input.

The Honorable Kathy Graziano is councilwoman for the Southwest 4th District in Richmond. You can reach her at kathy.graziano@richmondgov.com or 804-320-2454.

Register Now for the Forest Hill 5K!

Registration is open for the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association's 2014 Forest Hill Run for the Hills 5K. The fun run will take place on Saturday, March 22, beginning at 9 a.m. Proceeds will support neighborhood projects.

This is our sixth annual 5K and it is a fabulous day throughout the neighborhood. The race begins and ends at the Stone House in Forest Hill Park, and travels through the park and the surrounding neighborhood. Registration for the race is \$25 in advance, \$30 on the day of the race. The entry fee includes a long-sleeved race tee shirt. Prizes will be given for fastest woman, man, kid and dog.

Don't miss this great opportunity to be a part of a fun run (or



Photo by Meg Mingione

walk or stroll) through our lovely neighborhood. As with the 2013 run, we are using a trusted partner, RaceIt! to handle our online registration. You can go to the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association website to register at www.foresthillneighborhood.com. Click on Events, then Forest Hill 5K, then Click Here to Register. More info and registration also can be found at www.raceit.com/Register/?event=25443.

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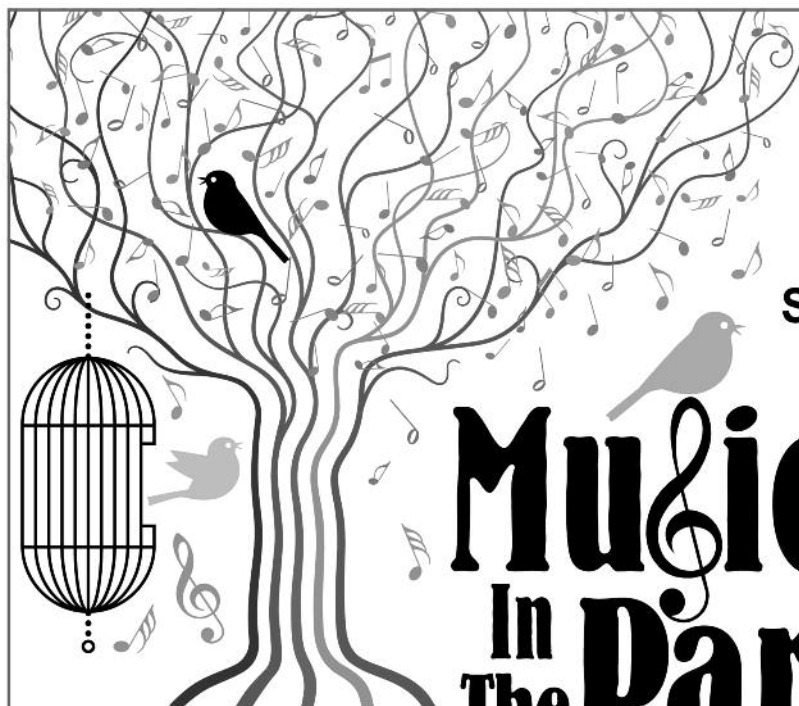
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At the Westover Hills Library

Local Author to Speak

Elizabeth O'Leary, author of *The Carillon Neighborhood: A History*, will be the guest speaker at the library on April 23, 2014 at 7 p.m. An active community nestled near Richmond's Byrd Park, the Carillon neighborhood has a surprisingly rich and complex history. Based on her recently-published work, Dr. Elizabeth O'Leary will relate the story of the area's land and people from the colonial frontier to antebellum farmland; Gilded Age streetcar suburb to upscale Jazz Age development; site of a postwar housing boom to hub for civil rights activism.

The lecture will provide special focus on the formation of the Carillon Civic Association and its efforts in the turbulent 1960s and '70s in nurturing one of Virginia's first successfully integrated communities. An art historian who resides in Richmond, O'Leary is the former associate curator of American art at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.







Copies of her book may be purchased through the Virginia Historical Society website at www.shop-vahistorical.org/Search.aspx?k=carillon.

Yuri's Night

Who was the first human in space? Yuri Gagarin, of course. On April 12, 1961, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human to orbit the earth, making a 108-minute orbital flight in his Vostok 1 spacecraft. A crater on the far side of the moon is named after him. Let's celebrate his achievement and mankind's entry into space!

When: Saturday, April 12 at 7 p.m.
Where: The Westover Hills Library
1408 Westover Hills Blvd, 646-8833

Come enjoy all kinds of spacey activities!

-  Toast the final frontier with Tang (of course!) Don't know what Tang is? Ask your parents. Maybe your grandparents.
-  Create crafts that will let your imagination soar.
-  Check out space-related books that will take you where you've never gone before.
-  Boldly watch spacey film footage on the big screen.
-  View launchable model rockets that dream of orbit.
-  Eat real earth pizza and refreshments while they last!



Activities!

Westover Hills Library Advisory Group

Come to the monthly meeting of this dedicated group to learn how you can support your local library and its programs.

Saturday, March 1, Saturday, April 5, and Saturday, May 3 at 9 a.m.

Richmond Story League

The aim of the Richmond Story League is to encourage the creation and appreciation of the good and beautiful in life and literature through the art of story-telling. The meeting is open to anyone who wants to listen to or tell stories. This year's theme is stories from different regions of the United States. For information, contact Deborah Alsko at 804-232-3542.

Saturday, March 1, Saturday, April 5, and Saturday, May 3 at 11 a.m.

Toddler Story Time

Interactive story, music, and play time for 18-36 month-olds and their parents/caregivers.

Tuesdays in March/Tuesdays, April 1, 8, and 29/Tuesdays in May at 11 a.m.

Book Babies

Interactive story, music, and play time for babies up to 17 months and their parents/caregivers.

Thursdays in March/Thursdays, April 3 and 10/Thursdays in May at 10 a.m.

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Thursdays in March/Thursdays, April 3 and 10/Thursdays in May at 11 a.m.

Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Continues Community Service Scholarship

Are you a graduating high school senior who has left a legacy in the neighborhood with your volunteer efforts? Perhaps you worked to clean up Reedy Creek, judged the annual Halloween Howl, or delivered the Forest Hill Flyer on your street. Maybe you volunteered at the Westover Hills Library, set up bluebird boxes, or helped your elderly neighbor by taking his supercan to the curb each week.

If you have been serving your community in those ways, or in any others, your efforts have made you eligible for the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Community Service Scholarship.

"We have so many wonderful students who contribute to our neighborhood!" says Shannon Taylor, president of the FHNA. "A financial gift to further their education is a small token of our appreciation. I hope this opportunity inspires more volunteerism and community involvement by students of all ages!"

The annual scholarship is an award of \$500 presented to a graduating senior who lives in the Forest Hill neighborhood and who plans to attend college or a post-secondary institution. The selection process is based on an application; original answers to essay questions, including details and documentation of service to the community; a letter of recommendation from a non-relative who knows the applicant and is familiar with his or her

service to the community; and a copy of a letter of acceptance from the college the applicant plans to attend. Once awarded, the scholarship may be used for any college-related necessities.

The scholarship deadline this year is July 1, 2014. All materials must be postmarked by that date. The money will be awarded to the scholarship recipient by the FHNA during the August 2014 membership meeting. The selection committee will be determined every year and will consist of between three and five members of the FHNA executive board. The decision of the selection committee is final.

If you are interested in the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Community Service Scholarship, the application can be printed from the FHNA website, www.foresthillneighborhood.com. On the home page of the website, select Updates from the menu. On the Updates screen click on 2014 Community Service Scholarship which will give you a link to the application. If you would like to receive a printed copy of the application in the mail, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: **FHNA Community Service Scholarship Committee, 4206 Riverside Drive, Richmond, VA 23225**. We will send an application back to you. For any other questions, contact foresthillflyer@gmail.com.

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You may have heard our Forest Hill neighborhood called, "country in the city." If the presence of wildlife is any indication, that is more than true! Raccoons, opossums, attack owls, hawks, deer, snakes, chipmunks, bats and even foxes have been spotted in the yards, streets and skies of the Forest Hill neighborhood and Forest Hill Park.

Do you have a critter story? Funny, scary, astounding, sweet, weird—we'd love to hear them all! Just write down your encounter with nature and email it to foresthillflyer@gmail.com by April 1. Please include a name and the best way to contact you. Photos are encouraged!

Once we gather all the stories, a group of experts will read each one and decide on the most entertaining stories. Your story may be printed in the Forest Hill Flyer for the neighborhood to enjoy. The folks who are chosen will win one of the famous Forest Hill tee shirts. Can't walk the 'hood without one! So send in your critter stories today! Win a tee shirt and the admiration of the entire neighborhood!

"We were eating dinner when we heard a ruckus outside the back door. The dog was sounding the alarm! We went outside to see her barking at the fig tree. On closer inspection, we saw a

young possum in the tree feasting on ripe, juicy figs, not paying any attention to the frantic canine below. The possum quietly munched its fill, then disappeared into the foliage. And we always thought it was the squirrels that ate our figs!"



Forest Hill neighbor near Reedy Creek

Turn Your Trash Into Cash!

Forest Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale

Saturday • June 7th • 8am-noon

Everyone who signs up will be listed on the official map, plus we'll run an ad in the Saturday *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and notice on Hills & Heights along with Craigslist showing our map and listing your address.

For Forest Hill Association members it's **FREE**. For Non-Members the cost is just \$15 per household for the membership, but the deadline to sign up is May 31st.

**For Sign Up or Questions contact Dorna Braswell
at foresthillassoc@gmail.com**

Visit www.foresthillneighborhood.com for more information.



Celebrity Pets: Max and Waylon—Two Lucky Dogs!

What are your names and the names of your humans?

Our names are Max (9) and Waylon (3) and our humans are Eric, Ann, Kaleigh, Ian and Collin Thomas.

Where and when did you find your home?

Max – I've been a Thomas for two years. It became difficult for me to stay in my last home because of an illness in the family. I was very sad to leave, but my first family found me a great home with their friends, and my new family!

Waylon – The Thomas family was doing a lot of volunteer work at the Richmond SPCA by fostering sick or hard-to-place dogs. This past May they fostered me for a few weeks because I had an eye infection. Lucky for me they fell in love with me and I found my forever home!

What's your heritage?

Max – Pit Bull and Labrador mix

Waylon – Beagle and hound mix. My family thinks I have a body shaped like Slinky Dog in *Toy Story*.

What is your favorite activity?

We love to chase each other around the house – we jump on beds and couches when no one is looking. We also love to chase squirrels in the back yard as they run along the top of our fence.

What is your best trick?

Max – Please don't leave me alone outside or I will jump the six foot fence. I've been seen balanced on the top rail. Also, I bark every time the dryer alarm buzzes. I know my humans appreciate me alerting them that their clothes are dry.

Waylon – Making it look like Max knocked over the trash can. Go ahead and pick me up because I am a snuggle bear. XOXO

What are your best traits?

We are both loyal and lovable! We like to play with other cool dogs and would like to give a shout out to our buddies Fitch and Nike. Woof! Woof!

What else would you like your admirers to know?

It is very easy to become a foster parent for dogs and cats at the Richmond SPCA. All you have to do is attend a two-hour training session. When you care for a foster pet, the SPCA provides all the training, supplies, food, and veterinary care. Contact Tameka Peters, Coordinator of Foster Care at tpeters@richmondspca.org or 804-521-1313. You can foster for a weekend or for several weeks, the schedule is very flexible. Sometimes older dogs that have been there a long time just need a weekend away (don't we all!)

The Thomas family has lived in the neighborhood for 18 years. They especially love Forest Hill Park where they have celebrated many birthdays, sledded all day when school was closed, and had many walks with family and friends, both canine and human.

Donate Extra Garden Supplies to Maymont

Attention all gardeners and friends of Maymont! On Saturday, April 26, 2014 Maymont will host the 30th annual Herbs Galore & More. One of the busiest booths at the festival is *From One Garden to Another*, where 100 percent of the proceeds benefit Maymont. This eco-friendly booth offers gently-used garden treasures such as decorative pots, birdfeeders, lawn furniture, garden tools, and plant cuttings for sale at attractive prices!

So if you are downsizing or simply cleaning out your garage, please keep Maymont in mind for gently-used yard/garden-related donations. No donation is too small or too large! They accept non-plant donations all year, and plant donations the week prior to the festival. Maymont will also send you a tax receipt for your donation. Have questions? Contact Ann Tankersley at anntankersley@comcast.net, Roseann Walling at rwalling@maymont.org, or call 804-358-7166, ext. 301.



Max and Waylon chill with their buddies Ian and Collin.

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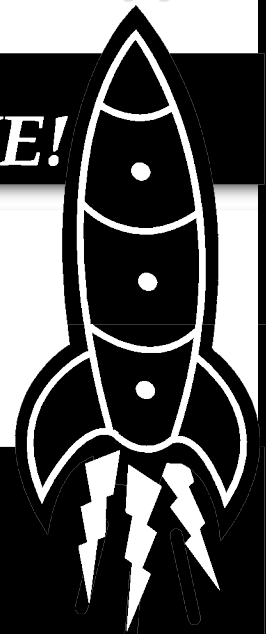
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Facebook Grows as Neighborhood Watch Tool

By Linda Mills

What would you do if you saw someone cutting the lock off of your neighbor's shed? You would call the police (911), right? But by the time the officers arrive, the suspect has stolen a lawn mower, hurried off down the alley and disappeared into the neighborhood.

If, however, you post his description, along with his last-known location and a description of the mower on the neighborhood Facebook page, other residents can be on the lookout for him. If anyone sees him, they can contact the police with updated information.

Because of situations like this, more and more communities have turned to Facebook as a Neighborhood Watch tool.

Our neighborhood has a Facebook group called Forest Hill Neighborhood. The group has nearly 500 members and they post everything from requesting assistance to find a lost dog and announcing yard sales, to borrowing tools and baby pools. As the Facebook community expands, more of the posts relate to a "heads up" about possible criminal activity in the area. This is an excellent Neighborhood Watch tool, but it does not take the place of calling the police.

"Often residents hesitate to call police for fear they have misjudged a situation or person," says Shannon D. Taylor, Forest Hill's Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. "We should think of ourselves as extensions of the police force and use our eyes and ears when we see a potential crime in progress. Let the police sort it out."

Lieutenant John A. Garcia, Sector Leader for Sector 312 in the Third Precinct, which includes our neighborhood, agrees with Shannon. He also agrees that Facebook and other social media can be valuable crime-fighting assistance to police. He offers this advice for using Facebook as a Neighborhood Watch tool.

"Much of this information [about criminal activity] is time sensitive and should be reported through the 911 operator," Lt. Garcia says. "Often I see a post with excellent descriptions and even pictures, but the poster called the non-emergency number. This can cause significant delays in getting the information in the proper hands. My rule of

thumb is if it is happening now, or has just happened, then the incident is 911 worthy."

Experts advise residents who are posting information about a possible crime to try to post the most inclusive information possible. Some examples are

*If you witness a crime, call 911. After you call, post on Facebook detailed descriptions of the incident, location, and the person or people involved.

*If you have photos or videos of a suspected crime or criminal, post that on the Facebook page with your description of the event.

*If you see a security issue near you such as a burned-out streetlight, notify the City of Richmond (www.seeclickfix.com). Then post an account of the issue including location so that others are aware and may contact the city as well.

There have been incidents in the neighborhood lately that have been reported and discussed on the Forest Hill Neighborhood page. Some residents warned of a suspicious man who was approaching women on the street, others spread the news about numerous copper gutter thefts in the area.

Lieutenant Garcia applauds these kinds of posts. "I always encourage citizens to trust their instincts about suspicious behavior. I would love to see people keep posting, encourage them to be accurate, and continue to look out for their neighbors."

If you have a Facebook account and would like to join the Forest Hill Neighborhood group, type in Forest Hill Neighborhood in your Facebook search. It will give you the choice to click this group. It's an open group, so all you have to do is type your Facebook name in the block that says, "Add People To Group." The group's page administrator will add you to the group. You can put the group on your "favorites" list to be notified whenever someone posts.

Linda is the editor of the Forest Hill Flyer and may learn the ins and outs of Facebook before the decade is over.

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*Kids and their parents
enjoyed several days off
school and work in January
because of the snow. Not
much, but enough.*

Fun in the Kitchen

By Sue Cline

Are you looking for a way to help your child develop healthy eating habits? Perhaps you love to cook but are unsure of how to pass on that love? A kitchen can be a dangerous place and for many of us taking the first steps to introduce our children to the adventure of cooking can be daunting.

We want to involve them, but the busyness of life means that often we just want to get the meal on the table without taking time to instruct and novice. We know that children who develop healthy eating habits at a young age will benefit all their lives. And we know that involving children in food preparation engages them in the cooking process and introduces them to new foods. It can be a fun and tasty adventure while exploring new foods through their senses. They can touch it, see it and taste it and then it is no longer a new, unfamiliar food. Kids that are exposed to healthy foods in the kitchen are more likely to eat those foods. What we need is a way to cook with our children that gives them real knowledge and skills and fits into our lifestyle.

Chef Sue is the executive chef at Good Shepherd Episcopal School and a 20-year resident of Forest Hill. Her cooking and baking experience began early and she now shares her expertise with students of all ages via her website, www.suecline.com.

Flyer Delivery Accomplished by Volunteers

Ever wonder how the Forest Hill Flyer appears on your doorstep four times a year? It happens because your neighbors generously donate their time. When each issue of the Flyer is printed, Bo Williams, our printer and designer, delivers stacks of the Flyer to Luke McCall. Luke is vice president of the FHNA and delivery coordinator. He delivers (sometimes by wagon with the help of his youngsters) the stacks to the volunteer delivery folks. Each volunteer is in charge of a certain area of the neighborhood, and that volunteer puts the Flyer on your porch! Voila! Neighborhood news at your fingertips!

The FHNA would like to thank each of these intrepid neighbors. If you see them out and about on their appointed rounds, please give them a shout out! Current volunteers are Jonathan Austin, Susannah Bishop, Roger Clark, Jennifer Curran, Bob Hamrick, Phil Licking, Michele MacPhee, Luke McCall, Ian Mills, Carolyn Paulette, Ramon Puzon, Carolyn Reece, Collin and Ian Thomas, Nancy Thompson, and Pat Wood. Thanks folks!

Here's a great cooking project for Little Hands!

My First Loaf of Bread

by Sue Kline

Start to finish this is a three-hour project with two breaks, perfect for growing attention spans. Generally we only use a bowl and hands to create. Kneading with small hands is easy and fun, no machines necessary! It's not just for safety reasons—I want them to know how to cook without relying on gadgets or power tools.

Recipe:

3/4 cups warm water (100-125 degrees)

2 TBSP Oil (vegetable, canola or olive)

1 Large egg

Mix together until combined, add:

3/4 cups all-purpose flour

2 tsp yeast

2 TBSP sugar

1 tsp salt (increase to 2 tsp for fast rise)

Stir thoroughly

Add flour to make dough—about 1 3/4 cups; this is a soft dough and will be slightly sticky.

Knead by hand until smooth, drop into lightly-oiled bowl, cover with plastic wrap and place someplace warm and draft free.

Let the dough rise until doubled (about 45 minutes) then turn out dough onto lightly-floured surface and pat/form into an even rectangle, roughly 5" wide x 7" long and 3/4" thick.

Starting with the short end of the rectangle, tightly roll dough into cylindrical shape.

Place dough log seam side down into well-greased bread pan. Using a sharp knife, score the top surface of the bread and either put into a plastic bag for the second rise or cover with plastic loosely. Place dough in warm, draft-free location until doubled in size, about 30-45 minutes.

Once the bread has risen, bake at 375 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until the loaves are golden brown and the bottoms sound hollow if tapped (you need to carefully remove a loaf from the pan to check this.) Remove the loaves immediately from the pans and let them cool on a wire rack. **The bread will continue to bake inside while it's cooling, so try to wait at least 40 minutes before cutting into a loaf.**

Store at room temperature or freeze in zippered freezer bags. Make sure the loaves are completely cooled before sealing in bags.

One of the Best Days in the Neighborhood

Be Part of It!

The first Saturday in June is always a crowded day in the neighborhood. It's the annual Forest Hill Neighborhood Association's Turn Your Trash Into Cash yard sale. Last year, more than 25 families participated on June 1, one of the hottest days of the year—a day when the best place to be might have been in the shade, guzzling lemonade while you fanned yourself. But the heat didn't stop treasure hunters from flowing into the streets and yards of Forest Hill.

As neighbors began setting up well before 8 a.m., early birds were already cruising the area trying to spot that elusive perfect find. They checked the complimentary maps pinpointing the address of each sale as they went. If you were looking for something, you could probably have found it in this eclectic neighborhood. Sewing machines, leather coats, dog beds, skis, books, CDs, tools, Star Wars collectibles, vintage fabrics, lawn mowers....the list goes on. You could also find neighbors chatting and laughing at each sale as they shared news and admired the goods being offered.

This year's yard sale will be June 7, 2014. See details on page 7. Start clearing out those basements, attics, and kids' closets now! In addition to making some money, you can pass along something you don't need to someone who does. Now that's good Karma in the making!

Some participants from last year's sale shared stories with the Forest Hill Flyer about their experiences.

"My mother-in-law was selling a set of red vintage luggage with fabric lining and closures at our house. She didn't care how much they sold for. Many people looked but nobody bought them (maybe I priced them too high). So they went to the curbside for someone to take for free. Several hours later, as I lay napping on the couch, I heard my husband outside telling a woman she could take whatever she wanted. I looked outside

and recognized the woman as my former neighbor in the Fan more than 13 years ago! I ran out and we hugged, reminisced, and caught up. Her little girl, who I remembered as so young, is now 20! She had already selected the vintage luggage as something to take home with her for storage. My mother-in-law and I were so happy the luggage went home with someone I know, and who will love it as much as she did."

Shannon Taylor



The aftermath...

"The best part of the day for me, besides meeting and talking with neighbors and friends, and surely the most touching, was my 'Free' table. Seeing people walk away with almost everything on it, especially the little girl in the glittery, My Little Pony t-shirt, with pink wings on for the occasion, walking away with a smile and her new, free 'Easter basket.' Worth all the work leading up to the sale!

"The weirdest thing, also free, was a scary-looking, foot-long, plastic tree trunk character with eye and ear holes that smoke comes out of when you burn incense in it. I thought it would be the last thing to go, even for free, but it was one of the first! I guess that also qualifies as the biggest surprise."

Suzanne Snell

"So I didn't make a lot of money, but I definitely added smiles to a 'Diva in the Making.' Don't know her name but she was too cute sporting her new purse, shades, and heart ring for the day! Now she is styling and all for less than \$5!"

Dorna Braswell

"My husband had been downloading his CDs onto the computer and filing them for some time, so he had nearly 500 empty jewel cases in a box. He wanted to put them in the yard sale—\$5 for the lot. I said that NO ONE would buy five, let alone 500. I had to eat my words. A gentleman bought the entire box. What he was going to do with them, he wouldn't say, but he was smiling. So was my husband as he tucked that five-dollar bill in his pocket instead of putting it in the 'money box.' That was my, '...told you so.'"

L. Kathryn Thornton

"I was selling some books at the yard sale and first marked one box, 'Kid Books – 25 cents.' To distinguish the other boxes of regular books, I marked them, 'Adult Books – 50 cents' not realizing at first how 'Adult' implied an X-rated meaning!! I got some chuckles about that!"

Shannon Taylor



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Is there a giant pothole in front of your house? Streetlight out? Nearby brush pile blocking the street for lack of pickup?

All of these situations can be reported to the SeeClickFix at **www.seeclickfix.com/Richmond**.

SeeClickFix is a free mobile phone and web tool that allows citizens to report non-emergency issues, and encourages fellow citizens to help find solutions to problems in the neighborhood.

If you report an issue, either anonymously or with your name, your issue will be displayed on the website, along with a map that shows others the location of the problem. Others in the neighborhood can then add comments, suggest resolutions, or add video/pictorial documentation. You can also see the city's response to the issue—when they acknowledge it, how they expect to deal with it, and when the issue is resolved. Citizens can receive email alerts based on the location that interests them.

If you see something that needs attention in the neighborhood, you can always call the city's 311 system to speak to a city representative. Reporting it yourself to SeeClickFix is an alternative that the city responds to. Give it a try!

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6th Annual Fun Run
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