

The Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Fall 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 about our neighborhood and the people who live here. Please send ideas and comments to Linda Mills, foresthilflyer@gmail.com.

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Join the Party— Forest Hill Fall Fest

Autumn is the perfect time to celebrate our community! This year, the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association is sponsoring the second annual Forest Hill Fall Fest designed to encourage neighbors to meet and greet while enjoying food, beverages, and entertainment. If you joined us last year at Fall Fest, you may remember local bands that had us dancing in the street, food catered by neighbors that challenged many diets (there was also healthy fare, but many went for the ham biscuits), and animated conversations that took place as the kids searched yards for

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Mark Your Calendar, Have Fun, Buy Art!

43rd Street Festival of the Arts is September 13th

By Robin Cage

Show time! On Saturday, September 13, 2014 the 43rd Street Festival of the Arts will be back for its 23rd year in the beautiful Forest Hill neighborhood. The festival will feature 75 fine artisans selling their wares from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. From pottery to painting, jewelry to turned wood, this is THE place to find unique handmade art you won't find anywhere else. Delicious food will be served up by our food vendors. Kids' activities, such as street art and face painting, will make it a great event for the whole family.

Our local musicians are warming up to provide great entertainment all day. The line-up this year includes

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| 10-11 a.m. | OminOtagO |
| 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Rachel Leyco |
| 1-2 p.m. | Janet Martin |
| 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Bluz Catz |
| 4-5 p.m. | Blue Line Highway |

The festival is also a fund raiser for CARITAS, a Richmond organization that networks with churches to provide shelter and help for individuals and families in need of assistance. Our new artist-designed T-shirt, raffle items, and donation bins will help raise money for people in crisis.

We appreciate the support of the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association and the fact that neighbors always make an effort to provide attractive yards for the event. We also appreciate that

neighbors are willing to have Richmond visit our fine neighborhood for the day, even though it may be an inconvenience for them.

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“Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Disbanding”



By Shannon D. Taylor

Until further notice, all neighborhood events are cancelled! No more Music in the Park events, 5K Races, Forest Hill Fall Fests, or Community Service Scholarships. Say goodbye to the Neighborhood Watch, informative neighborhood email blasts, and the Forest Hill Flyer. Annual yard sale? You're on your

own. Need a cute Forest Hill tote bag or a Forest Hill leash for your dog? Sorry, no longer available.

Did I get your attention?

While this headline is not real, it is a definite possibility. I'm sure you realize that your Forest Hill Neighborhood Association is a volunteer group. It thrives on the energy of neighbors who care about our community.

There is a good chance that the events mentioned in the first paragraph are part of the reason you love living in this neighborhood. Perhaps you didn't realize that these activities (and more!) are organized, sponsored, and implemented by the FHNA. They do not magically happen. A small core of folks repeatedly goes the distance to make it possible for us to enjoy music outdoors on a Sunday evening, keep us informed about what's going on in the area, and celebrate the beauty of our streets and Forest Hill Park during the 5K fun run.

So, as tends to happen to worker bees who give selflessly of their time, there comes a point when folks need a break to focus on other parts of their lives. Even if they're enjoying the comradery, commitment and fun they receive from participating in the FHNA.

Which is why we need you to show your neighborhood organization some love!

We need YOU to start lending a hand—or it could all go away.

I'm not exaggerating. People who have lived here for many years remember when there was no active FHNA. Now they are delighted at the benefits they see from an energetic and involved association.

You will be pleasantly surprised at how easy and fun it is to work behind the scenes of these little soirees. You will laugh (a lot), meet new people, and develop more appreciation for the history and uniqueness of our “neck of the forest.”

Opportunities to volunteer are abundant. We are planning now for the second Forest Hill Fall Fest. The Sign Committee is progressing to install historic “Welcome to the Neighborhood” signs on Forest Hill Avenue. The Forest Hill Flyer is hand delivered by volunteers. Four times a year. At your doorstep!

FHNA elections are in November, so while the worker bees are still eager to get 'er done, I hope to see and hear from new volunteers. Resumes are not necessary—just ideas, vitality and passion for Forest Hill.

Shannon is the president of the FHNA, loves volunteering for the neighborhood, playing “Star Wars” with her young son, and suffering for UVA football.

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43rd Street Festival of the Arts

Saturday, September 13th
10:00am–5:00pm
— **Art and Fine Crafts** —
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A Message from Our Council Representative



I hope all is well!

It's been a great summer. The weather, while hot and humid at times, has been very nice. After such a rainy spring, it's quite a change to have almost drought conditions. The Department of Public Utilities has had a chance to catch up with all the drainage requests.

As autumn approaches, please keep in mind that kids are back in school—walking and waiting at bus stops. Take extra care while driving through the neighborhoods.

The gas main replacement on Forest Hill Avenue (from the Powhite Parkway east to Jahnke) is moving along. The paving on Westover Hills Boulevard from Riverside Drive south to Forest Hill Avenue will be happening soon.

The Forest Hill Avenue Project (from Powhite west to Hathaway) is projected to begin construction June 2015. I'm really excited about the new median with trees, turn lanes, sidewalks, and bike paths.

Electronics recycling drop off will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Boulevard and Robin Hood Lane. And speaking of recycling, The Clothes Rack in Stratford Hills Shopping Center, sponsored by the Junior League, is happy to give a new home to your gently-used clothing. Gently-used furniture is always accepted at Re-Use Consignment, owned by Robyn Parsons, next to taZa.

The office of Richmond City Sheriff, C.T. Woody Jr. has been

involved with Project Lifesaver, a nationally-acclaimed program designed for law enforcement, fire, and E.M.S. agencies. The program monitors wristwatch-sized tracking devices, usually placed on children with autism or on the elderly suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's. These devices aid in tracking the wearer within a five-mile radius. In most cases, a missing person can be discovered within 30 minutes of being reported. For more information, call Major Jerry Baldwin at 804-646-0222.

Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled is available for residents of the City of Richmond who qualify. Applicants must be 65 years of age or older, disabled at any age, a property owner living at property, have a gross income of less than \$50,000 for 2014, and have a total net worth of less than \$200,000 (excludes the house and land they live in/on). Applications can be accessed through the Department of Finance site at richmondgov.com/Finance/index.aspx, or by calling 311, or my district 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. By the way, you can now follow me on Twitter (@kathygraziano).

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.

Show your Forest Hill Pride!

This holiday season, outfit yourself, your home, and your pet with official Forest Hill Neighborhood merchandise. All proceeds benefit the nifty events and projects the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association sponsors for the neighborhood! You'll find Forest Hill tumblers, pet leashes, totes, drink coolers, flags, and stickers. And it's easy to purchase online at foresthillneighborhood.com/store.



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Thanks for making us one of the most active and vibrant areas of the city! So, have fun, buy art, listen to great music like our Bluz Catz band as they keep the sounds flowing. It promises to be another great event. Hope you will join us and enjoy your local artisans and community!

Robin Cage is the owner of the 43rd Street Gallery. Check out the gallery's Facebook page for up-to-date information and photos of new art at the gallery. You can find more information about CARITAS at caritasshelter.org.



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At the Westover Hills Library

Mark Your Calendar for These Events!

Environmental Films.

Saturday, September 6 from 2-4 p.m.

Come view locally-produced films focusing on the James River, its wildlife, and how humans interact with the river. This program features some of the 2014 films RVA Environmental Film Festival has collected as "Celebration of the James." More information on the titles of the films is available at rvaenvironmentalfilmfestival.com. This event is co-sponsored by RVA Environmental Film Festival, the James River Association and Richmond Public Library.

The Great Pumpkin Smash.

Saturday, November 8 at 10 a.m.

When Halloween is over, what happens to your jack-o-lantern? Join us at Westover Hills Library for some "smashing" stories with the Backpack Storyteller, Deborah Alsko. Then have fun SMASHING your pumpkins! We will use the "remains" to feed animals and the earth. All ages (and pumpkins!) welcome.

Westover Hills Fiction Focus Group for Seniors

Come join our senior book club! We meet from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, February through October. Books and discussion questions are provided. The club is sponsored by Richmond Public Library and the City of Richmond Office on Aging and Disabilities. Upcoming books and dates are *Calico Joe* by John Grisham on September 17, and *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn on October 15.

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 storytelling. 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. Upcoming dates are Saturdays, October 4 and November 1 at 11 a.m.

Book Babies

Interactive story, music, and play time for babies up to 18 months and their parents/caregivers.

Thursdays, September 11, September 18, September 25, October 2, October 9, October 30, November 6, November 13, and November 20 at 10 a.m.

Toddler Story Time

Early literacy story time features books, music, and rhymes for 18-36 month-olds and their parents/caregivers.

Tuesdays, September 2, September 9, September 16, September 23, September 30, October 7, October 28, November 4, November 11, November 18, and November 25 at 11 a.m.

Preschool Story Time

Early literacy story time with music, books and rhymes for 3-6 year olds and their parents/caregivers.

Thursdays September 11, September 18, September 25, October 2, October 9, October 30, November 6, November 13, and November 20 at 11 a.m.

Westover Hills Library Advisory Group

Interested in supporting your library? We meet the first Saturday of each month September through May at 9 a.m. Upcoming dates are September 6, October 4, and November 1.

Are you interested in Training on Demand? The Westover Hills Library staff offers 30-minute training sessions to help you learn more about computers, eReaders, and even applying for jobs online. All appointments are held on Mondays between 10 a.m. and noon, and Wednesdays between 2 and 4 p.m. Call 804-646-8833 to make an appointment or for more information.

All Richmond Public Libraries will be closed on October 13 for staff development. Libraries will close at 5 p.m. on November 26 and remain closed on November 27 and 28.

November Elections for Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Officers

It's not too early to start thinking about electing new officers, or re-electing the current ones. And no tedious political calls are involved!

The Forest Hill Neighborhood Association by-laws establish one-year terms for all officers of the association, and two-year terms for board members. So in addition to the offices of president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary, three out of seven board seats will be open this year. Nominations should be submitted to rivahgirl@hotmail.com by November 1, and

voting will take place at the November 18, 2014 meeting of the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association. Please keep in mind that to be eligible to vote, you must be a resident of the Forest Hill community and your membership dues must be current.

Nominate a neighbor, or nominate yourself. Serving on the association's board is rewarding and a great way to meet others in the Forest Hill community. Plus, it's a wonderful opportunity to be part of what makes this such a great place to live!

Little Free Library Needs You!

By Laura Dysart

The Little Free Library at the Forest Hill Park playground has been open for business since Sunday in the Park with Friends on April 27, 2014. Special thanks to the Friends of Forest Hill Park Junior who painted, designed and installed the Little Free Library. Thank you also to the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association, Westover Hills Neighborhood Association, and Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association for funding this project.

Each week approximately 20 children's books have been placed in the box. They are always being checked out, which is fabulous for our neighborhood's young readers. Often, however, the book is not returned or another book has not been put in its

place. This leaves the library empty sometimes. We are delighted the Little Free Library is being utilized, but we would like to keep the library continually stocked, and encourage people to replace, return or donate books.

The Friends of Forest Hill Park Junior are always looking for donations of children's books on the preschool through elementary school levels. Gently used is fine! We hope the community is enjoying the Little Free Library and will support the Junior group's efforts. Donations can be dropped off at 5021 Sylvan Road or contact Laura Dysart at lauradysart@verizon.net.

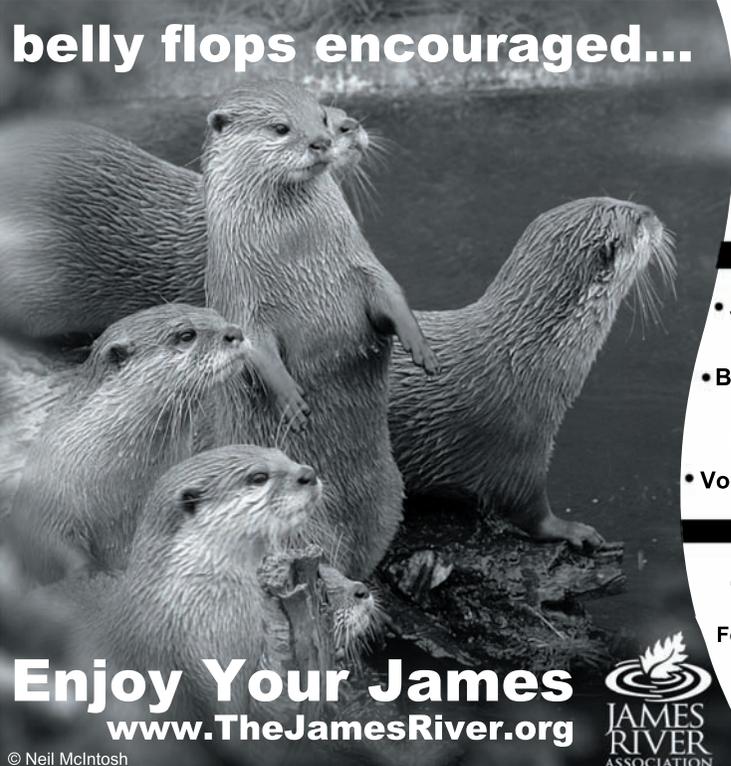
Laura Dysart is the fearless leader and mentor for Friends of Forest Hill Park Junior.



Yes, it's good that children are borrowing the books to read....



...but it's even better when there are books to share and more to come.



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Why I'm Excited About *The Leader in Me* at WHES

By Bryce Lyle

You've probably heard by now that Westover Hills Elementary School has been awarded a multi-year grant from the I Am a Leader Foundation to implement *The Leader in Me* for all students starting this school year. But this may be the first time you've heard about *The Leader in Me*. I'm sure most of us are at least a little bit familiar with the book that the program is based on—*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. You may also know about the wild success that Stephen Covey's book has had in the publishing and business worlds. But most of us probably don't know much about the impact that "the habits" are having in schools around the country.

Like many of you, I have longed for WHES to have a "hook," that is, something programmatic that really stands out in the city. I believe that *The Leader in Me* is that fabulous "hook." When I read *The Leader in Me: How Schools and Parents Around the World Are Inspiring Greatness, One Child at a Time* by Stephen Covey, I came to believe that this is a really special program and that it can mean a lot to our kids and all of Richmond Public Schools.

Dr. Loving, principal at WHES, agrees. She pursued the grant to support *The Leader in Me*, so I am excited to get behind Dr. Loving's idea and to learn more and pass the word. Here are just a few of the reasons why I am so happy about *The Leader in Me* at WHES:

- It is a whole-school program that positively impacts everyone, not just one select group of students.
- It focuses on the whole child as a person, not just a select academic or creative discipline.
- It focuses on non-cognitive skills (so-called character skills) that are both malleable and long-lasting as opposed to cognitive (or academic) skills that are hard for many students

to remember and forgotten by most. *The Leader in Me* establishes skills/traits/practices that last a lifetime.

- It is not a "curriculum" on its own. It permeates through any curriculum, so *The Leader in Me* does not inhibit or prevent the implementation of other programs in the future, nor does it limit any teacher's creativity in content delivery.
- It impacts students at home and in life as much as it does at school. *The Leader in Me* is focused on forming leaders who are highly-effective people in all aspects of life, not just "good students."
- *The Leader in Me* will help me become a better parent (and more effective person) when I reinforce the seven habits at home
- The school faculty had already completed reading of *The Leader in Me* last year before the grant had even been awarded. This is something the faculty had committed to before they were even sure they had funding to fully implement.
- The grant was not easily won. Dr. Loving and her staff's pursuit of the grant is another demonstration of the school's commitment to making this program work.

Each time I consider *The Leader in Me*, I come up with more reasons to like the program. If you have a student at WHES, or are considering enrolling your student there, this book is a must! We will be scheduling a Curious About Westover Book Club reading of *The Leader in Me* by Stephen R. Covey. Look for dates and times on [facebook.com/groups/CuriousAboutWestover](https://www.facebook.com/groups/CuriousAboutWestover).

Bryce Lyle is a neighborhood parent and educator and an active volunteer at WHES.

Happiness on the Bluebird Trail in Forest Hill Park

The Eastern bluebirds in Forest Hill Park have nested and multiplied! Twenty-five bluebirds fledged, as well as seven chickadees, from three different boxes this spring and summer. This is a large increase in the number of blue bird fledglings from last year! Community volunteers and Friends of Forest Hill Park Junior have been monitoring the boxes weekly to ensure the best possible conditions for bluebirds in the park. For more information on the Virginia Bluebird Society go to viriniabluebirds.org.



Meet Lola, Our Lovely Celebrity Pet

What is your name and the name of your humans?

I'm Lola and my humans are Harry and Camille.

Where and when did you find your home?

I was born in March of 2013 near Cancun, Mexico. I moved in with Harry and Camille at the beginning of June 2013.

What's your heritage?

Being a stray from the streets of Mexico, your guess is as good as mine. But a lot of people ask if I have Greyhound or Whippet in me. I can run like the wind and leap like a deer. But I like to think that I'm an ancient Mayan breed.

What is your favorite toy and/or activity?

I love to go on walks, especially over to Forest Hill Park. And when the weather's good, Harry takes me along with him to work and I get to ride around with my head out of the window all day long. I've been camping on the river and I liked that a lot. I'm hoping to do that again soon. Toys don't last long enough for me to have a favorite because I like to chew. Luckily I save my chewing for the toys and not the furniture. That seems to make Camille and Harry happy.

What is your best trick?

You may not call this a trick, but I listen very well. And because of this, Harry and Camille take me off leash when it's safe. I usually stay with them, because I can be a little skittish. I'm still trying to perfect catching anything.

What are your best traits?

I have many, but Camille and Harry seem to talk the most about how sweet and loving I am. I love to lean on them when we're in the food room. They seem to act as though they couldn't imagine their lives without me.

What else would you like your admirers to know?

I was born in a hospital/shelter called Tierra de Animales, **tierradeanimales.org**. Harry and Camille's friend, my Aunt Lisa Edwards who lives on West 43rd Street, had volunteered there for years and started Lost Dog Foundation, **lostdogfoundation.org**. It's a non-profit organization that helps find forever homes for the stray dogs around the Yucatan area of Mexico. Most of her finds are adopted in the U.S. and Canada. She posted a pic of me and said she was bringing me back to RVA. Camille and Harry wanted to meet me and the rest is history.

Harry and Camille have lived in Forest Hill for almost nine years. They love exploring Forest Hill Park with Lola, and the easy access to the mighty James. One of their favorite things to do is cook...and eat!



Westover Hills Library to Install Rain Gardens

By Nancy Buck

The Westover Hills Library and the Westover Hills Library Advisory Group are planning to build rain gardens on the grounds beginning in September 2014. A rain garden is a shallow, constructed depression that is planted with deep-rooted native plants and grasses. A rain garden is an excellent way to accommodate rain runoff from hard surfaces such as roofs, sidewalks, parking lots, and driveways. The combination of the depth of the garden, special soil, and native plants slows down the rush of water from hard surfaces by holding the water for a short period of time allowing it to naturally soak into the ground.

Stormwater runoff is considered one of the main sources of water pollution nationwide. Locally, rainwater quickly runs off hard surfaces, increasing flooding, while also picking up and carrying pollutants into Reedy Creek, then the James River, and all the way to the Chesapeake Bay. Rain gardens and other water diversions help preserve our waterways and the diverse plant and animal life (including us!) that depend on them.

The Westover Hills Library looks forward to not only

improving the grounds and reducing runoff, but also providing the opportunity to feature programs and activities relating to the environment inside and outside the library. Partial funding and support has been pledged from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Drew Harrigan's Four Winds Design, and the Westover Hills Library Advisory Group.

If you would like to contribute to this neighborhood conservation effort, Westover Hills Library is accepting donations. As part of the Westover Hill Library's 55th anniversary, they are promoting a "\$55 for 55" giving campaign. These funds will be used for the rain garden project. Of course, any amount is welcome. Checks made payable to WHLAG may be delivered to either the library in person, or sent to Westover Hills Library, 1408 Westover Hills Boulevard, Richmond, VA 23225. For more information, contact Nancy Buck, Librarian/Community Services Manager, at 804-646-0652.

Nancy Buck is back in Richmond after 30 years away and is currently reading Rainbow Rowell's Landline and a galley of Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel.

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Forest Hill Will Always Welcome More Trees

By Suzette Lyon, Reedy Creek Coalition and Amy Robins, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Are you considering planting a tree? October is the perfect time to plant! Trees planted this month have lots of time to grow roots and settle in before next year's hot summer weather. Fall-planted trees have higher success rates.

Trees can add diversity and character to your property, creating a uniquely beautiful and inviting setting and distinguishing your property from your neighbor's. But did you know trees have more duties than just improving aesthetics? Native tree species provide natural habitats for many forms of wildlife. Trees are also natural buffers to local waterways. They reduce pollutant runoff and erosion while improving water and air quality. Sounds great, right? Well it is when the right tree is planted correctly.

Tree planting is a fun and easy process! We encourage you to walk around Forest Hill Park and identify some of the common native tree species that appeal to you. Those include red maple, eastern hemlock, sweet bay magnolia, American holly, and river birch. You can also find native tree lists online. Once you have chosen a few favorites follow the step-by-step guide below for tree planting.

Step 1: Choose the most suitable planting site for your new tree. This is the key to its success. How tall will the tree grow? Locate power lines, and other trees and structures around where you want to plant. Note if soil conditions and sun or shade requirements are right for the tree you have in mind at that location. If you have difficulty deciding which tree would be best, consult a local nursery or a landscape professional.

Step 2: Identify the "trunk flare." The trunk flare is noticeably wider than the rest of the tree. It is located where the base of the trunk stops and the roots begin. In some cases trunk flares may not be exposed when you purchase the tree. If soil is covering your tree's trunk flare, carefully remove it until you can see the base of trunk flare just before the roots begin.

Step 3: Dig a hole. Draw a circular outline in the grass using a shovel or a garden hose. The circle should have a three-foot radius from the center of where the tree will be. Remove the sod and place it in a pile to the side. Begin digging and place the soil in a separate pile away from the sod. The hole should be no deeper than the root ball, but planting the tree an inch or so too high is better than too low. When finished the hole should look like a bowl—flat in the middle and sloping up on the sides.

Step 4: Plant! If your tree is potted, gently remove the tree from the container by loosening it from the sides. If your tree is balled and burlap (B&B) it's suggested to remove the top third portion of burlap and wiring surrounding the bulb once the tree is in the hole. Massage the root ball and loosen the roots. Any circling roots should be pulled straight. This is an important step

during tree planting because it allows for proper root growth. Place the tree upright in the hole. Begin backfilling the hole with loose soil.

Step 5: Construct a "berm." A berm is a small circular mound of dirt, three to five inches in height, that allows rainwater to be collected and absorbed near the tree's roots. Place the sod pieces grass-side down around the edges of the hole. Pack the berm with soil surrounding the tree to make a solid reinforcement. Staking trees is usually not needed and not recommended. Just be sure to avoid damage to the tree when you mow.

Step 6: Bring out the garden hose and saturate the soil in the hole. This gives the tree a good drink, removes air pockets in the soil, and helps set it in place. Packing the soil is unnecessary since the watering removes the air pockets and sets the tree. Mulch the berm and planting area with three to four inches of mulch keeping the mulch three inches away from the base of the tree.

If you follow these helpful tips, you will maximize the lifespan and size of your new tree! Trees are relatively easy to maintain. For additional tips on watering and care, please visit richmondtreestewards.org. October is also National NeighborWoods Month, an annual celebration for tree plantings. During the month of October tens of thousands of volunteers take action to make their communities greener and healthier. To learn more visit neighborhoodmonth.org.

Plant a Tree for Free!

Do you live in the City of Richmond? Are you interested in planting a tree in your yard and becoming a River Hero Home? If you answered "Yes!" to **both** of these questions, James River Association wants to give you a free native tree! This program is open to both new and currently-certified River Hero Homes. And the process is simple!

You can receive up to \$200 reimbursement **per home** (not per tree). Reimbursements are available on a first-come-first-served basis, based on the date of application, and will be available until funding has run out. The native trees must be planted during the months of September, October or November, 2014.

For details about the program and the process, go to jamesriverhero.org. The link will tell you all you need to know to become a River Hero Home, and it will give you further details about how to receive your free native tree. Happy planting!

Jack Mayock Earns FHNA Community Service Scholarship

By Linda Mills

Most college freshmen are eager to get as far away from home as possible. But Jack Mayock isn't like most college freshmen. In fact, he chose to attend Virginia Commonwealth University partly so that he could stay connected with his beloved Forest Hill neighborhood. Since he was two years old, Jack has lived on a short Forest Hill street that dead ends at Reedy Creek and boasts a fruitful community garden across from his house.

"What I love about living in Forest Hill," says Jack, "is being able to enjoy the beauty and isolation of a nature setting without sacrificing the community and convenience of living in a city."

This love of the natural setting of our Forest Hill neighborhood influenced Jack's choices of how he would volunteer for his community. And those choices have earned him the second Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Community Service Scholarship. His volunteer efforts start right in his own front yard, or very nearly—working in Owl Orchard, the community garden on his street, by planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting alongside his neighbors. He also has ranged farther afield by helping with clean ups of Reedy Creek and Forest Hill Park. For several years during the annual JRAC cleanup, you could find Jack laboring over a hot grill to serve food and refreshments to volunteers.

Susan Martin, a family friend and someone who has worked beside Jack during park clean ups says he is a "caring and compassionate young man with a belief in harmony and balance in our community. What I really enjoy seeing in Jack is his strong love of the RVA community."

His volunteer efforts have also led him to recognize some potential warning signs in the neighborhood. "Our community faces the challenge of hosting large-scale events without degrading the integrity of our area as a place to live and a natural environment to enjoy," says Jack. "As Forest Hill becomes a more popular area to enjoy family or community gatherings, keeping the area litter free and convenient for people living nearby will become more difficult."

Choosing to go to college in Richmond after graduating from Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies was also a natural choice for Jack.

"I've lived here all my life and love the culture and community, as well as the familiarity I have with this city. The diversity of VCU, in terms of students and faculty, as well as areas of study, was also an influential factor."

Does he have one area of study he's leaning toward?

"I am majoring in Mass Communication with a concentration in Advertising. I have worked in media



production in the past, especially in audio production, and feel a career focusing in this area could be interesting and rewarding."

With any luck, Forest Hill will continue to benefit from Jack's appreciation of the area and his hard work as he embarks on his college education. He says he will miss being so close to nature, Forest Hill Park, and his neighbors when he moves to VCU this year. Perhaps these things will draw him back, because he's the kind of citizen who will always be welcome in Forest Hill.

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golden rats. The weather was lovely, the company grand.

This year's Fall Fest promises to be just as enjoyable.

In keeping with the idea that there we are a cohesive community, the Fall Fest will be held each year in a different area of the neighborhood. This year we will gather on Stonewall Avenue near West 44th Street on October 18, 2014 from 4-7 p.m. Our fabulous neighborhood caterers, Thirsty Thursdays and

the Butter Bunch, will delight us once again with homemade tortellini salad, ham biscuits, cookies and more. The Sno-Cone Master may even make you a rainbow refreshment with his authentic Sno-Cone machine if you ask nicely. Plus the live music will be keep your toes tapping.

For the kids? They will enjoy pirate-themed games, prizes, and a treasure hunt led by adults who always wanted to become pirates. In addition, our favorite balloon lady, Deborah Fellman, will be on hand to transform simple balloons into crowns, dogs, and swords.

It's easy to get tickets to the Fall Fest. You can purchase tickets before the event at the FHNA booth during the 43rd Street Festival of the Arts on September 13. Like purchasing online? Go to foresthillneighborhood.com. The Fall Fest will be listed on the home page. If you are a member of FHNA, tickets cost \$10 per adult if purchased before October 5, or \$20 at the door. Fun Friend (non-member) tickets cost \$15 per adult if purchased before October 5 or \$25 at the event. Children younger than 18 years old are free. Your ticket gains you entry to Fall Fest, a delightful array of culinary treats, and two adult beverages (beer/wine). Additional tickets for adult beverages are available for purchase at \$3 each, or 2 for \$5. (You must be 21 to purchase them, so bring your ID.) Water will be available at no charge.

If you are not a member of FHNA, now is the perfect time to join! There are three easy ways.

1. Stop by the FHNA booth at the 43rd Street Festival of the Arts and sign up with the charming people there.
2. Clip the membership coupon on page 19 of this Flyer and mail it in with your check.
3. Go to the FHNA website at foresthillneighborhood.com. Click "Join Us" on the home page of the website for all the info.

See you at Fall Fest!



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Music in the Park Continues in September and October

Load up your picnic basket and grab your chairs! Join your friends and family in Forest Hill Park at the two remaining Music in the Park events for the 2014 season! Cool weather, hot music!

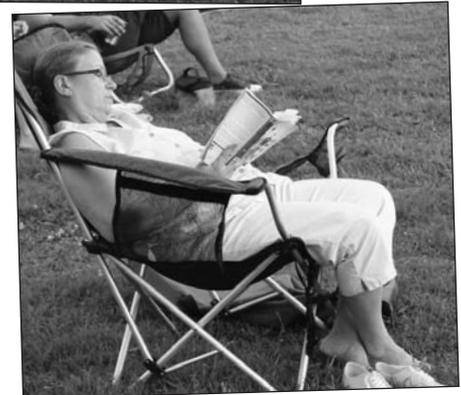
September 7, 5-7 p.m.

Paulo Franco and the Rateros—Woodland Heights' own Americana roots rock purveyors

October 5, 5-7 p.m.

Loversville—old-school, twangy and sultry, traditional country

Music in the Park is sponsored Grow RVA, Envoy, Forest Hill and Woodland Heights Neighborhood Associations, Richmond's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, and Kathy Graziano.



Everyone enjoys Music in the Park their own way...

Order Your Plaque!

Look for the Forest Hill Historic District plaques as neighbors install them. They are visible from the street and add a touch of class and distinction to the homes they adorn. Show off our historic district by displaying a plaque on your house.

FOREST HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT PLAQUE ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT

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BRONZE PLAQUES: _____ cost is \$200.00 including delivery and the construction date for the individual house.

MOUNTING TYPE: _____

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- Make checks payable to the Forest Hill Historic Designation Committee and deliver/mail to Carolyn Paulette, 4312 Forest Hill Ave., Richmond, VA 23225.
- Turnaround should be 4 to 6 weeks depending on meeting minimum orders. Contact Carolyn at 232-6644 or cmp4312@yahoo.com with questions.
- We would like to verify the construction date for your property with you before we have it engraved on your plaque. We will use the date that the city tax records provide or the date our research provides unless you have other documentation.
- **The next order for plaques will be sent in on October 15, 2014 so they will be here by the holidays. Get your order in today!**

Join the Forest Hill Neighborhood Business Directory

Are you a FHNA member and
work for or own a business?

Do you sell crafts, baby-sit, cut grass or
engage in an entrepreneurial endeavor?

It's never been easier to list your business!

The directory will contain names, descriptions and contact information for current members who live in Forest Hill. Simply visit our website and click on JOIN. Enter your information and hit SUBMIT. The directory will be available on this website and a printed directory will be available at the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association meetings!

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Friends of Forest Hill Park Junior Fall Kick Off Meeting

All Middle School & High School Students Welcome!
Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Are you a middle school or high school student who loves Forest Hill Park and longs to be outside? Maybe you need some community service hours for school as well? Come find out if this is the group for you! We will meet for 30 minutes at the Stone House in Forest Hill Park, then do a youth park clean up as a group.

Friends of Forest Hill Park Junior is involved in these (and more!) activities:

- Helping with Forest Hill Park clean ups
- Planning and running the Halloween Howl (October 26)
- Helping children with crafts at Victorian Christmas at the Stone House with Santa (December)
- Monitoring the bluebird trails
- Hosting youth activities at Sunday in the Park with Friends (spring)
- Maintaining the Little Free Library near the tot lot

For more information, contact Laura Dysart at
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Are you a mother of small ones who are up to five years old? Are you looking for a caring, supportive community right in your own backyard? As a mother of little ones, do you unwind by enjoying a cup of coffee or tea? Would you like to talk with other moms to share experiences? Are you an expecting or brand new mother who is feeling excited, exhausted, sad, elated, isolated, joyful, overwhelmed or all of the above? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then the Westover Hills United Methodist Church (WHUMC) Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is the place for you!

What is WHUMC MOPS? Established in 2011, the MOPS group is a caring community that offers friendship, fellowship, and support to mothers of preschoolers and new mothers. At WHUMC MOPS, you come just as you are to build friendships, be encouraged, and gain practical parenting strategies while your small ones are cared for onsite. No matter your age, ethnicity, background, lifestyle, or beliefs, we invite EVERY mother of a preschooler to join our group!

What happens at MOPS? You may help yourself to a cup of coffee or tea and a tasty snack when you arrive, because we know how hectic it can be to get out of the house in the

morning. At WHUMC MOPS, you may hear an interesting speaker who will encourage you with a relevant talk that relates to your life as a mom. You will also be able to participate in discussion groups addressing topics applicable to your life. And at some meetings we engage in a creative activity or try a new skill—just for fun!

MOPS is a special time to focus on you, but peace of mind is important, too. New infants and children experiencing separation anxiety may be kept with you. Whenever possible, however, we ask that older babies and children be left in the care of our loving staff. Care is provided just a few rooms away from our meetings, so we can easily let you know if you’re needed.

The best way to get started is to come! Our first meeting of this year takes place on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 between 10 and 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at WHUMC. We meet regularly on the first and third Tuesday of each month September through May. Please visit the WHUMC MOPS website for additional details and registration information whumc-mops.org. If you have any questions, please contact us at 804-232-1769 or whumc.mops@gmail.com.



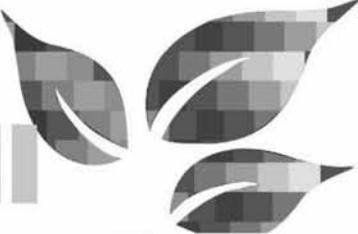
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Join the Halloween Howl Canine Costume Parade and Competition

Sunday, October 26, 1-3 p.m.

Start designing your pooch's costume now and get a leg up on the competition! Bring your dog decked out in costume to socialize with neighbors and participate in activities including Best Pet Trick, Dog/Owner Egg Spoon Race, and Farthest Fetch. Of course, the winners will receive fabulous prizes! The event will culminate with a pet/owner dog parade. Parade prizes will be awarded for the fun categories such as Best Dog/Owner Duo, Scariest Dog Costume, Cutest Dog Costume, and Best Dog Costume Overall.

Even if you don't have a dog, come out and cheer our neighborhood pups on! Halloween snacks for people and pups will be available! Admission is free, but donations will benefit Ring Dog Rescue, ringdogrescue.org. Ring Dog Rescue is a rescue group dedicated to the "Bully Breeds," which is defined as any dog having bulldog lineage. They are a nonprofit organization and are currently listing adoptable "bullies," so please consider bringing a donation. Friends of Forest Hill Park will accept donations for the park as well.

Please plan to register your canine companion between 1-1:20 p.m. The activities will begin shortly after.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact Laura Dysart at lauradysart@verizon.net. The Halloween Howl is planned and implemented by Friends of Forest Hill Park Junior.



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Yes, please send me email updates on current neighborhood events.

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Yes, I'm interested in volunteering with FHNA!

Pay online at www.foreshillneighborhood.com
 or by check made payable to Forest Hill Neighborhood Association
 ATTN: Ramon Puzon, FHNA Treasurer
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Forest Hill Fall Fest! Block Party

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