



Lake Grand Opening is May 22; Features Regatta, Bridge Dedication

The plans for the Grand Opening Ceremonies of the Forest Hill Park Lake now include opening ceremonies led by Mayor Jones, the First Annual Forest Hill Yacht Club Regatta and the dedication of the Harvey Memorial Bridge by the Friends of Forest Hill Park.

Please mark your calendars for May 22 at 2:30 and plan to attend.

Our tentative agenda for the day's events is as follows:

- 2:30 Welcome from FHNA President Grace LeRose and introduction of the Honorable Cathy C. Graziano, President, Richmond City Council
- 2:40 Remarks from the Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor; and J. R. Pope, Director, Richmond Department of Parks and Recreation
- 2:50 Ribbon Cutting
- 3:10 Harvey Bridge Dedication Ceremony, Friends of Forest Hill Park
- 3:20 First Heat of the Regatta – Solo kayak or canoe (16' or less)
- 3:30 Youth Heat (17 or younger)
- 3:45 Dog Swim
- 3:55 Best Decorated Boat Contest Winner Declared (vote by placing \$1 in the jar by the best decorated yacht)
- 4:00 Electric Remote Control Model Boats
- 4:15 Neighborhood Competition (canoes with no paddles – six per boat)
- 4:30 Award Ceremony including the presentation of the prestigious Boscobel Cup

Please email Robley Jones (robleyj@verizon.net) if you have questions or if you wish to volunteer.

Don't miss this exciting day!!!

43rd Street Gallery Turns 25

The 43rd Street Gallery celebrates 25 years of business with a show opening and a wine and cheese reception on Friday, April 23rd, from 5-8 pm. The theme show, *For the Birds*, features new works by local artisans who have created everything from birdhouses to fine jewelry and tiles with bird motifs.

The 43rd Street Gallery opened in the spring of 1985 as a pottery studio and gallery in a renovated grocery store

in its present location. It continues to provide functional stoneware pottery made and sold on the premises by Robin Cage. Over the years the Gallery has expanded to include a fine collection of American-made crafts. The store has an established reputation for providing unique, reasonably priced, high quality gifts. Recently it was rearranged, creating more space and a greater emphasis on the strong

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Kathy Graziano, Fourth District City Council, pulls numbers to determine winning students for the first classes at PHSSA starting this July.

Patrick Henry Charter School Holds Lottery to Fill 162 Student Slots

Student applications for Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts (PHSSA), Virginia's first charter elementary school, exceeded capacity for the 2010-11 school year in all grade levels, so a lottery for student slots was held at the school on March 11.

The student lottery for the class of 2010-11 was open to the public and attracted approximately 100 people including parents, prospective students, media and community members. Kathy Graziano, Fourth District City Councilwoman, and Gerard Robinson, Virginia Secretary of Education, were the featured lottery ball pullers for the event.

All applicants and families, regardless of whether they attended the lottery event or not, will be notified via U.S. postal mail of their official acceptance into the school or where their student falls on the waiting list.

The planned classes for the 2010-2011 school year will be:

Kindergarten, 3 classes; 1st grade, 2 classes; 2nd grade, 2 classes; 3rd grade, 1 class; 4th/5th grades combined.

The exact number of students per class is not verified yet, but the total count will be approximately 162 students out of 255 applications received. Students who are not selected for a spot will be placed on a waiting list, and where they fall on the waiting list will be determined by lottery selection as well.

Once families are notified of the student's acceptance via mail, they will then be given a week to reply to that notification via email or phone to accept their spot. The family will then have 30 days to enroll and provide the proper documentation.

Several enrollment events will be scheduled at the school in April to facilitate enrollment. Check the Patrick Henry website at www.patrickhenrycharter.org for more details.

Endearing Snow

by Grace LeRose, FHNA President

The hill behind McKinley Elementary School in Racine, Wisconsin, was a two-headed beast. On the tall end, the hill was steep – almost a 45 degree slope to the street at the bottom. It was a quick, dangerous and thrilling ride we little kids aspired to make when we were older and braver. The little hill was gentler and slower. The ride was pleasant and safe. It ended in a gradual slow down at the bottom of the hill and ended long before you ever got to the street. I spent the winters of my youth on that hill, snow whipping my face, my feet and hands so cold I could no longer feel them.

When I moved to Virginia, it was partly to escape the same snow and cold. It had become a nuisance, something endured instead of enjoyed. The snows of this winter reminded me again of the hill behind McKinley Elementary. While I didn't break out the sled, I did appreciate the quiet beauty of a snow covered shrub and a walk through the crunchy snow. It might not be a ride down the "big" hill – but it brought a smile to my face just the same!

I am very excited about the Forest Hill "Regatta" on May 22 celebrating the refurbishment of the Forest Hill Park lake. We thought a Regatta would be fun so the very tongue-in-cheek "Forest Hill Yacht Club" was born.

We are planning a series of races with kayaks, dogs, canoes and other craft. There are many ways to participate including decorated boats and kids races. We hope to have a neighborhood race between Woodland Heights, Westover Hills and Forest Hill to vie for the Boscobel Cup.

The 43rd St. Gallery's Robin Cage has generously offered to create the Boscobel Cup for us. All entrants will receive a FH Yacht Club t-shirt and proceeds will go to support replanting efforts around the lake.

Mark your calendars now - there will be food, music, and lots of family fun!

We are lucky to live in a place that gives us a chance to enjoy in each season. The snows of winter give way to the green of spring. Ride the big hill or the little hill – it's all good.

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43RD STREET GALLERY

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work available from the 20 local artisans represented. The gallery also keeps inventory fresh by bringing in new artists and merchandise from throughout the U.S. and Canada.

"We want our customers to come, touch, and buy from the wide selection of hand-made goods available," said Robin. "Work is chosen for the gallery based on craftsmanship and function. There is a wide array of well-priced items on hand to fit any budget. We have kept our local customer base by providing quality gifts that have meaning. The trend toward buying local helps people appreciate the works that are available in every medium from pottery, jewelry, glass, wood, and mixed media."

That theme has been the emphasis of the 43rd Street Festival of the Arts. Created 18 years ago to showcase local and regional artists, the festival has evolved into a

well-attended Richmond event with fine art, music and food. A fund-raiser for Freedom House, our local homeless provider, this year's show will be held on Saturday, September 25th, from 10am – 5pm. New artisans interested in exhibiting may request an application for 2010 by calling 233-1758.

Over the years, the building and its inhabitants have gone through a number of changes. Many potters have come and gone from the studio. Robin still does a few shows, sells her work to other galleries, and stocks the gallery up front. She recently began offering individual pottery lessons and teaches small classes from her studio.

In the back of the building resides the Jan Hampton Violin Shop. Jan sells, rents, and restores violins. The gallery out front continues its dedication to celebrating quality hand-made crafts and providing an inviting space to enjoy gift shopping.

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Business Profile

Sociology Studies Give Way to Enduring Interest in Pottery

By Martha Cooper
FLYER Editor

"I was in grad school before I ever saw anyone throw a pot," said Robin Cage, proprietor, chief potter, and instructor at the 43rd Street Gallery. With a Bachelors Degree in Sociology from William & Mary, Robin went on to graduate school at Bowling Green University in Ohio to continue her studies in sociology. Her lead professor there happened to have a wife who was a potter. Robin watched her work and became intrigued.

She started working with her professor's wife, learning all about pottery, and loving it. A future in sociology went out the window. "I was

hooked," she said. "Pottery is a very seductive medium."

She became an apprentice to further her expertise. She came to Richmond 30 years ago and rented studio space until the opportunity arose to buy the building she currently occupies.

"It was luck and availability," she remarked. "I could not afford the higher traffic areas such as Carytown, so this is a destination location." She added, "However, it is easy to find and get to."

Another advantage for Robin is that she is able to combine the studio and the gallery, so she can continue working while the gallery is open. In addition to the work seen in the gallery, Robin

ships her work to other galleries, and does custom work such as place settings and specialty items.

Teaching is also part of Robin's work day. She said one of her students is interested in vases, so she has become involved in that product. "I find teaching helps me with my own projects," she said.

Aside from all the work benefits from being in her location, Robin commented, "There are few things in the city that I enjoy more than having easy access to Forest Hill Park and the James River Park from my shop. Being able to take walks or run my dog, Misha, in the mornings before work is truly one of the many gifts this neighborhood provides.

If she's not throwing pots, Robin, originally from Halifax, Virginia, enjoys cooking, hiking, and any outdoor activity.



Robin Cage at her pottery wheel.

Community Yard Sale is June 5

Check that New Years resolution off the list! Clean out the closets, reorganize the basement, attic, and shed and hopefully make some cash to spend on a block party or a weekend getaway. *Notice I mentioned the block party first.

Its time for the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Yard Sale! It will be held on June 5 (the first Saturday in June) from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon at your house. Sign up at foresthillassoc@gmail.com or call 232-7302. The deadline to sign up is May 23.

This is one of the many great things that FHNA offers its members for the \$15 annual dues. We will run a classified ad in the Richmond Times Dispatch and post the map on Craigslist and also on hill-sandheights.org. With this in mind, all participants must be current members to have their homes listed on the map.

We ask that you make 10-15 copies of the furnished map sent as a PDF to pass out to shoppers on the day of the sale. We have two large banners that will go up in the usual spots on the Sunday prior to the yard sale. You are responsible for individual signs for your location.

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Music in the Park Concert Series Kicks Off on Sunday, May 16

Here is an early peek at the lineup for this summer's fourth annual Music in the Park series.

May 16th - Classical music (artist to be announced).

June 13th - Skydogg - Allman Bros Tribute Band.

July 18th - Capoeira Resistencia - Brazilian dance/martial art troupe & Samba percussion group.

August 15th - The Atkinsons - Alt Country Rock.

September 12th - Gypsy Roots - Django Reinhardt styled european jazz form the 20s and 30s.

October 3rd - Miramar - South American love song duets backed by a quirky, funky jazz group.

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Farmers Market Opens May 1

Time to work on your shopping list. The South of the James Market opens on May 1 at 8:00 am in Forest Hill Park.

Victory Farms expects to have kale, salad greens, beets and carrots, and whatever else a warm spring might give us.

Cavanna's pasta will be ready with their usual line of pastas and sauces, and Phal's egg rolls will be ready.

At Amy's Garden, look for salad greens, Japanese tur-

nips, kales and chards, and French radishes, heirloom and hard-to-find vegetable bedding plants, and of course, cut flowers.

The Market Umbrella has received more than 90 applications from vendors, many more than the market can accommodate, but it's a clear sign that growers and crafters, buyers and lookers, know where to go on Saturday morning.



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The Westover Hills Library Advisory group will be hosting a combined event at the library on April 10. We're calling it "A Look at the Stars and the Future".

First, we have our yearly celebration of Yuri's Night. Yuri's Night is a celebration of humanity's achievements in space. Yuri's Night is officially April 12. On April 12, 1961, Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space. On April 12, 1981, space exploration saw another push forward with the inaugural launch of the Space Shuttle. We are celebrating Yuri's night a couple nights earlier on April 10.

In our celebration of Yuri's Night we will have space related films, displays of space themed books, many model rockets and, of course, TANG!

Combined with our Yuri's Night celebration, we are hosting a Library Renovation party. Come join the party,



Westover Hills Library News

By Scott Flaherty

take a look at the library in its current state. View the shelves, furniture and circulation desk that have been in operation for over 50 years. We will have the latest plans for the renovated library on display as well as the latest timelines for the renovation. Free refreshments will be available including, you guessed it, TANG!

A reminder that you can always find the latest information for all our events, our meeting notes, and the upcoming library renovations on our website WHLAG.org

Library Renovations

Our Westover Hills Library has some significant remodeling coming up that will require our branch to be tem-

porarily closed. We've asked some of the top questions for you. We'll keep the latest information we have on WHLAG.org

1) *When is construction expected to begin? How long is the project?* Renovation is scheduled to begin in April. Expected project time 4-6 months.

2) *What will they be renovating?* In a word, everything. New roof, paint, carpet, shelving, furniture, wiring, windows, lighting, additional computers, and a new circulation desk.

3) *Where can people view*

the plans? Final plans are coming soon. We are planning on them being available at our Renovation Party.

4) *How much is it expected to cost?* \$600,000 - \$800,000 has been budgeted.

5) *Where will our librarians go?* Current employees will be staffing other branches and are expected to return once project is complete.

6) *What are the closest branches during the closure?* Belmont - 3100 Ellwood Ave, Hull Street - 1400 Hull Street Rd, Broad Rock - 4820 Warwick Rd.

7) *Book returns after renovation closing.* Current plans include leaving the return box in place for two weeks after closure with library staff handling. Once the box is gone, returns will need to occur at other branches.

KATHY GRAZIANO, 4TH DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL

Options to Ease Some Taxes



After an extraordinarily difficult winter, in April our thoughts turn to spring. Just remember, it's too early to put bedding plants out, no matter how much we want to.

By now, we have all received our real estate assessment notices, and have had time to file for a reconsideration. I want to remind everyone that there are some other options available to us as we consider our tax burden. There is a real estate tax break available to home owners over the age of 65, or who are permanently and totally disabled. Depending on income and assets, 100% of your real estate taxes could be forgiven by the city. Information is available through the city Finance Department or through my office at 320-2454.

Mayor Jones is proposing a biennial real estate tax payment plan, which will help many who pay taxes directly rather than through a mortgage. A version of the plan has been available for a number of years. Through the Real Estate Escrow program, homeowners can pay taxes monthly, quarterly or semiannually. Contact the Finance Department for information.

Please remember, if you are having difficulty this spring paying your taxes, don't fall behind. Contact the Finance Department in advance and try to work out a payment plan. Nobody wins when taxes are overdue and the account is referred to a collection agency.

We don't know yet what our city budget will look like when the process is over. Mayor Jones proposed a budget March 22, but we already know that the action of the governor and the General Assembly is putting more of the cost of government on the backs of homeowners, by passing costs along to localities. Mayor Jones has pledged that he will not seek a real estate tax increase, but we can expect dramatic service reductions. Council will have to work very hard to make sure our neighborhood priorities are not forgotten.

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Around the District

By Jerry Miller

Over the last couple of years, this area has experienced considerable "lifestyle" improvements. These improvements have not gone unnoticed by others that look to impact the area with developments or projects.

Below is a list of projects underway. By no means is this list comprehensive, but rather a snapshot of recent economic activity in the region.

Eastern part of District

The former Seven Hills business (next to Crossroads Coffee Shop) will be converted into an eat-in style restaurant by the current owner and chef of Patina Grill (in Richmond's Far- West End). Work is currently underway and the owner will announce an opening date as work progresses.

Work on the development at Westover Elementary School

is on hold pending a turn in the economy.

Central part of District

Widening of Forest Hill Avenue from the Powhite to Hathaway Road is on target with design work currently being completed by the State. Plans call for left turn lanes, bike lanes and sidewalks. Actual construction will likely occur in the next couple of years.

Rumors continue to swirl about the Stratford Hills Shopping Center. Late last year the developer spoke with the Huguenot Neighborhood Team and advised the team that the owners would like to provide a face-lift for the aging façade of the center. In order to finance that, they would need a major tenant to re-locate into the center at the corner. At the time, it was rumored that CVS wanted to move out

of the Foodlion center across the street into the corner of the Stratford Hills Shopping Center. To accommodate this, some of the existing tenants would have to relocate – namely Flowerama and Benny's BBQ. Recently adding to speculations, Benny's announced that the developer was not renewing his lease when it expires at the end of the year. So Benny's is looking for a new location and hopes to find one by the end of the year.

The Ukrops (soon to be Martins)/Target center has continued to maintain itself over the last year. While it lost a couple of tenants (Five Below, Moe's and I Sold It, it also continues to attract some new tenants (Verizon Wireless, Manpower Workforce Center, etc). The developer is still considering adding another phase once the economy rebounds. The new phase will be to the left of Ukrops. When originally designed, they wanted to bring a Petco to the site. Unfortunately, the center was locked in court hearings and other issues around deeds to the land. Most of that has been resolved now.

Planet Wings and the child care center next to it have closed. This will likely pave the way for some re-development of the two sites.

The Wal-Mart/Lowes center continues to be near full capacity. Recently the Wendy fast food business as well as the Chubby's gas station was demolished to make way for a new Burger King and a few additional retail shops. The entrance and position on the property will be reconfigured to address some of the traffic issues that drove Wendy's to close. Along with the fast food business, there will be a couple of additional shops built (tenants have not been announced).

Western part of the district

The old Stony Point Shopping Center has had some changes in tenants. Subway

and Bon Air Animal Hospital have left. Nuevo Mexican Restaurant will take the former Charley's restaurant spot. They expect to open in a month or so.

Across the street, Bon Air Animal Hospital relocated to a former bank building with a very interesting rehabilitation of the former bank. It now looks like a barn. This is a great re-use of the property.

Stony Point Fashion Park

You may have read an article in the Times Dispatch and the Hills & Heights blog that reference the fact that a financial firm put the development on a "watch list" of centers that may experience financial stress over the next year.

However, what the list failed to consider is that the developer was intentionally leaving a handful of units vacant to make way for a new concept in Richmond. Later this year, the Cine'Bistro will open with a full service restaurant and six 90 seat movie theatres. The owner of Cine' Bistro has several of these units in other upscale malls.

As we examine proposed developments, we should always ask: how this will impact my neighborhood?

For over 20 years the City had a Neighborhood Team process that address development issues. Teams like Old South, Midlothian and Huguenot were very active in this area.

The Mayor will be reinventing these teams over the next couple of months and will align them with Police Sector precincts. The effectiveness of this approach as it relates to reviewing proposed developments remains to be a huge question.

What we do know for certain is that citizens should stay involved and weigh in on any proposed developments. For more information on the Neighborhood Team process, please contact Jerry Miller at 323-6874 or Findmiller@aol.com



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one Saturday evening.

How does it work? The host or hostess provides some munchies and the guests bring bottles of wine to share. This is a great way to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones.

If you're interested in hosting, please e-mail Sarah McDonald at timsarahmcd@gmail.com. Watch this space or visit foresthillneighborhood.com to see when the next event is scheduled.

check out www.hillsandheights.org

The Flyer Profile:

Celebrity Pooch



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My name is Guinness and they tell me I am 14 years old. But if you were to meet me you would be convinced I was a lot younger.

Who's your human? Nathan and Chrissy are my humans.

Where and when did you get adopted? My humans adopted me at the Grand Forks, North

Dakota, Humane Society on August 22, 1997.

What's your heritage? I am a husky mix.

What's your favorite toy? I love my stuffed kitty "Awful Mad Kitty." He enables me to spend quality time with my humans by playing tug of war. I also love to toss him in the air and make him squeak!

What's your best trick? I can sit, lie down, and back up. I may not do any fancy tricks, but you have my undivided attention when you have something tasty to offer.

What are your best traits? No matter how tired I am, I don't want to disappoint my humans, so I put in the time and effort to ensure they get their daily playtime with me.

What else do you have to say about yourself? I am a very lucky dog to have been adopted by my humans. Life wasn't too good for me before they came into my life. We have lived in many wonderful places that include North Dakota, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and now Virginia. I absolutely love the snow and have thoroughly enjoyed the snow this year; I was sorry to see it end!

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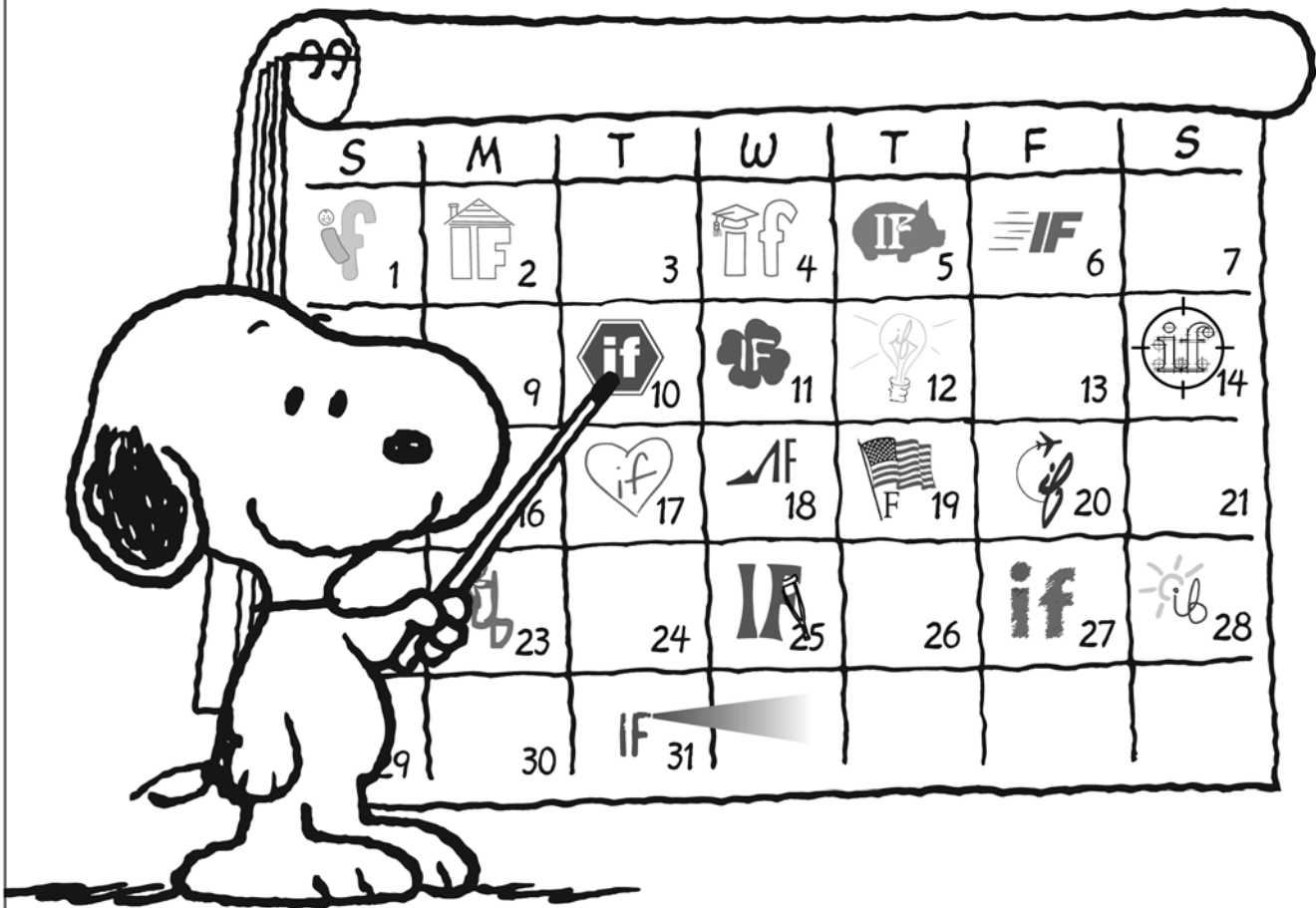
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Marjolein and Ben Cover Many Miles on Bike for 2

**By Martha Cooper
FLYER Editor**

Many of you have probably seen Marjolein de Wit at the South of the James Market or cruising through Forest Hill Park or James River Park on her mountain bike. She is always accompanied by her dog, Ben, a stray she adopted a few years ago.

Ben has to be one of the world's luckiest dogs. He gets to go with Marjolein everywhere and ride in her bike basket when she is not on her mountain biking trips. Marjolein figures he has run about 4,000 miles since he has been with her.

Marjolein, or rather Dr. de Wit, moved to Richmond from the Boston area in 2002 to assume a position at Virginia Commonwealth University. She is an intensive care physician

and works in the critical care unit at VCU Medical Center.

She majored in mathematics at Franklin-Marshall College and went on to medical school at Tufts University in Boston..

"I always liked science," she said, "and as a child, I was sick a lot. I can see medicine from the patient's side of things. I find it a privilege to take care of people, and very rewarding."

Marjolein selected her house on Springhill because of the old gas lantern out front, the slate roof, and most of all, the wrap around porch.

She opened up her house for the first house tour in Forest Hill. The proximity to work and the open and kind neighbors add to her appreciation of the neighborhood.

When asked about her



Marjolein de Wit and her trusty companion, Ben, on her familiar bike outfitted with a basket for Ben's traveling comfort. Photo: Brent Tennefoss

unusual first name, Marjolein explained that she was born in Holland and came to the US when she was three months old, at which time her father started working for the World Bank in Washington, DC.

Marjolein has traveled a lot and speaks French and Dutch. Currently, she says, "I am thoroughly happy to porch sit, visit with the neighbors, tube down the river, go to Crossroads, and to mountain bike."

Turn Your Trash Into Cash!

Forest Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale

Saturday • June 5th • 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 Craigs List showing our map and listing your address.

For Forest Hill Association members its **FREE**. For Non-Members the cost is just \$15 per household for the membership, but the deadline to sign up is May 23rd.

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

*Donuts and Coffee will be sold the day of the event by Good Shepherd Episcopal School.
Pre-Orders accepted, see article for more information.*

Visit www.foresthillneighborhood.com for more information.



COMMUNITY YARD SALE

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Last year we had a Diversity Thrift truck at the Stone House after the sale to pick your good condition items left over from the sale. We are trying to do the same again this year and we will have more information closer to the sale date.

Good Shepherd Episcopal School on the corner of Springhill and 43rd Street will once again be selling coffee and Krispy Kreme donuts as well as yard sale items in the church social hall.

Donuts can be pre-ordered by the dozen and picked up at Good Shepherd Episcopal School between 7:30 am and Noon. Contact Laura Dysart at lauradysart@verizon.net if you'd like to order donuts.

Committee Continues Historic Designation Effort

By Carolyn Paulette

The Historic Designation Committee is photographing each house and all of its secondary resources, such as sheds and garages, in the Forest Hill neighborhood.

If someone seems to be "casing" your house, she/he may be a member of the committee trying to fulfill the requirements for historic designation which include several photos, an architectural description, and a sketch map of each resource in the historic district.

The architectural descriptions then are entered into the Department of Historic Resources' data entry system. Committee members label and sleeve the photos and store

them with the sketch maps in DHR storage envelopes. It is an involved, meticulous process which takes months to complete. DHR must approve all of the materials.

The committee is still gathering this information and taking photos of the properties in Forest Hill. If anyone has information about the history of a house or the Forest Hill neighborhood, in general, he/she should send this information to Carolyn Paulette, cmp4312@yahoo.com by April 30th because the committee will be completing the research on the history of the area at that time. You may also call Carolyn at 232-6644 if you prefer not to send an email.

Nancy Kraus, a historic preservationist working with the committee, is writing the architectural descriptions and photographing many of the resources.

She also will provide a workshop on how residents of a historic district may obtain tax credits for renovations that follow DHR guidelines. This workshop will be held on Saturday, April 10th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church. Interested residents should sign up for the workshop at historicforesthill.com or contact Carolyn Paulette, 232-6644. The workshop is free, but Nancy would like to have a minimum of 10 residents committed to attend.

I Heart Tree 5K Draws Good Crowd in Spite of Bad Weather

By Zac and Katie Sheldon

Temperature was 26 degrees. Half of an inch of snow had fallen the previous night. Archer road was barely passable. Yet people came.

Over 130 brave individuals laughed in the face of Old Man Winter and participated in the Second Annual I Heart Tree 5K.

These 130 warriors came from far and near; they came with reason, they came with heart, they came because they heart tree. This race is firmly

rooted in being a community event with the sole purpose to bring people together in a season that due to weather has little of that.

The race took place on February 13, and although the race is not a timed event, the top male, female, and canine all received prizes purchased from neighborhood businesses.

The race was sponsor-free this year; however, there are many people to thank for the success of the event.

We would like to extend a

huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers, without whom the event would not have been possible.

A big thank you is needed for Captain Gary Ladin and Officer Stacy Rogers who coordinated our police presence on race day.

Also, we would like to thank the Stratford Hills Chick-Fil-A for coming out to cheer on the participants and to give out delicious yogurt parfaits.

Lastly, we would like to

thank all of you who registered and participated in the 5K and all of those who came out in the cold to cheer.

We hope to continue the I Heart Tree 5K as an annual Forest Hill Neighborhood tradition. If you are interested in volunteering next year or assisting in the organization of the event, please email us at ihearttree5k@gmail.com. And remember, here in Forest Hill, we do not let the snow push us around, we push the snow around.

Forest Hill Neighborhood Association

Date: _____

Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

☐ Household Membership \$15 ☐ 2 Years \$25 ☐ Corporate Annual Membership \$30

☐ **Yes**, I want to join the Neighborhood Watch and receive e-mail updates about crime and safety in our neighborhood.

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

☐ **No** emails please.

Pay by cash or check payable to Forest Hill Neighborhood Association
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