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## Second House Tour Draws Curious Throngs

By Sarah McDonald

FLYER Correspondent

We did it again! For the second year in a row the Forest Hill House Tour was a success. The gorgeous weather on Sunday, April 22, brought out about 400 people to see the tour's seven homes. A portion of ticket proceeds will benefit Phideaux Field/Forest Hill Presbyterian and James River Park through the Recreation and Parks Foundation.

A huge thanks to everyone who opened their homes: Dorna Braswell, Richard J. and Tara J. Hudgins, John and Liz Hawthorne, Grace LeRose, Dan Hunt and Doug Holmes, Chip Hardy and Kristin Bailey-Hardy, and David and Amy Broocke. Your cleaning, painting, pruning and mulching did not go unnoticed. Tour guests no doubt went away with many inspiring ideas for

their own homes.

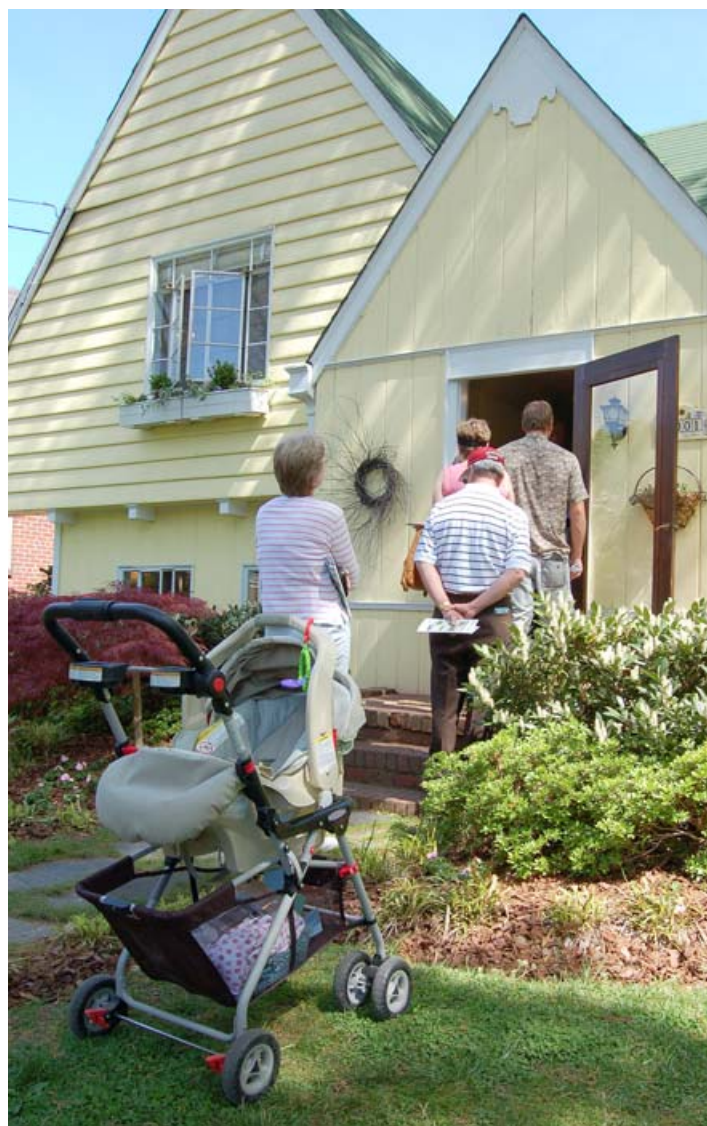
The Stone House and Good Shepherd Episcopal Church were open once again, too.

Thanks to the neighborhood association and Friends of Forest Hill Park volunteers who gave informative tours of the Stone House and helped to sell tickets.

And we hope everyone was able to stop by Good Shepherd for High Tea, which was once again spectacular. Look for more information on the church's 100-year anniversary in 2008 in the months to come.

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NO BUGGIES ALLOWED! But that didn't stop curious house tour guests from queuing up to have a look at the home owned by Chip Hardy & Kristen Bailey-Hardy on W 43rd Street. Photo: Brent Teneffoss

### Sunday in the Park with Friends

## Annual Event is July 15th; Food & Fun from Noon-4

Plans are set for this year's "Sunday in the Park with Friends" scheduled for July 15 from noon to 4 p.m. in Forest Hill Park. The free event will be co-sponsored by the Friends of Forest Hill Park and 4th District Council Representative Kathy Graziano. As in past years, the event will be an old-fashioned Sunday in the park with children's games, park tours, food, and music.

Special for this year will be the unveiling of two new park features, the reconstruction of

the 1890s gateway to Forest Hill Amusement Park on Forest Hill Avenue, paid for by the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association, and a memorial marker thanking the late 4th District City Councilman Joe Brooks, whose council discretionary funding and enthusiasm made possible so many park initiatives, including a children's playground in 1997.

The memorial plaque honoring Mr. Brooks, paid for by Friends of Forest Hill Park, marks the playground's 10th

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## Mayor Holds 'Town Hall' Meeting

By Grace LeRose

FLYER Correspondent

For the first time in modern memory, the Mayor and his entire cabinet met with citizens to answer concerns and questions. The Mayor has

been holding "town hall" meetings in every district, speaking directly with citizens in open question and answer sessions. On Tuesday, May 15, the Mayor came to St. Luke's

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# Recent Gifts Enhance the Historical Ambience of Stone House

**By Monica Rumsey**  
FLYER Correspondent

In the 1850s, when Forest Hill Park was the country estate of the distinguished jurist Holden Rhodes, the Stone House was his hearth and home at Boscobel. Over the years, the property changed hands several times and took on a public role, first as an amusement park and trolley terminus, and later as a city park.

Since the late 1960s, when the last park ranger and his family left the upstairs apartment at the Stone House, the rooms have felt less like a residence and more like a public meetinghouse. But with the recent gift of several furnishings, the Stone House has a more historic and homey character.

Last year, two members of Friends of Forest Hill Park

*GUESTS DISCOVER GARDEN SECRETS at a tour home owned by Dorna Braswell (above). A new sidewalk at the home of John and Liz Hawthorne (left) ushered visitors to their turn-of-the-century Victorian. Photos: Brent Tennefoss*

## HOUSE TOUR

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ated Westminster Canterbury's free shuttle service. And James River Press once again delivered an excellent product.

Want to commemorate the 2007 tour in your home? We still have some posters available.

And of course, the tour wouldn't have been possible were it not for the behind the scenes work of the House Tour committee: Taylor Falls, Johnnie Hubbel, Susan Winiecki, Sandy Thurston, Amanda Farnum, Richard Day, Bob Hyde, Sarah K. McDonald and Monica Rumsey.

Plans for the 2008 house tour are already in the works. If you'd like your house to be on the tour or you're interested in serving on the committee, come to the next neighborhood meeting.

The third time's a charm, so let's make the Third Annual Forest Hill House Tour even better.



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donated to Friends of Forest Hill Park an antique button-tufted loveseat and matching armchair and a "Jenny Lind" or spool bed, to place in one of the upstairs rooms. The bed recalls a style popular in the 1800s and would be appropriate in an 1850s home.

This spring, another member of Friends of Forest Hill Park donated an antique rope bed, also typical of the late 1800s, and a lovely old oriental silk carpet. The rope bed suggests the master bedroom in a second room upstairs, while the 9' x 12' carpet, spread out below the portrait of Holden Rhodes downstairs, sets the scene for an 1850s parlor.

Thanks to these donations, the old Stone House is starting to feel like home again.

**Next Meeting, Friends of Forest Hill Park**

Tuesday, September 25, 7 pm, Stone House, Forest Hill Park



AN ANTIQUE ROPE BED DONATED TO THE STONE HOUSE lends an authentic feel to an upstairs bedroom. Photo: Brent Tennefoss



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## **New Neighborhood Blog Fosters More On-line Community Involvement**

A new Richmond hood-blog, Hills and Heights, is now live on the web. Hills and Heights focuses on activities and events at the neighborhood level, and on larger events with direct impact on the community. You can visit the blog at this link: [www.hillsandheights.net](http://www.hillsandheights.net)

### **TOWN HALL MEETING**

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Church on Chippenham Park way to meet with residents of the Fourth district.

The church sanctuary was filled with concerned citizens who were somewhat tentative at this new mode of communication with City officials. But after a short comment from the Mayor about his initiatives and the first few questions, the room was lively with comments about the Mayor's battles with the School Board and City Council.

A young family that included two children had a poster board filled with pictures of their back yard that floods every time it rains. A discussion followed about the Mayor's proposal to create a Stormwater Utility to manage the run-off that causes so many problems in the Southside when a heavy rainstorm comes through. (Council had recently denied the Mayor's proposal). Most residents agreed something has to be done about storm run-off.

One resident asked for help with her furnace – she was put in contact with the Director of Social Services on the spot.

Many questions concerned the Mayor's comments about city schools. One speaker, who is a current teacher, defended the schools and objected to the Mayor's characterization of the system as a failure.

Another speaker, a retired

teacher, spoke of her own concerns about financial matters within the school system. A third speaker mentioned the recent account in the newspaper of the 46% graduation rate for City schools. The Mayor then commented that he thought the public should be "outraged" by that statistic.

Other comments from the evening concerned the lake at the bottom of Forest Hill Park. The questioner observed that the lake has been "studied" for over 20 years and no action is taken. The work this spring appears to be stalled.

When would it be finished the questioner asked? J.R. Pope, the Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that the Department planned to be finished with the lake restoration within the next 18 months. He spoke of his vision for the lake as place where people could picnic, paddle a canoe or ice skate in the winter.

Many other concerns were raised by residents at the meeting, including traffic problems, parking at the Pony Pasture, and the high rate of drug abuse and alcoholism in

the City. The meeting ended approximately 2 hours later with many people milling around afterward speaking with City officials.

The City and the Mayor are to be applauded for bringing the government to the public. I would encourage residents of the fourth district to attend any future meetings; it's a great way to get your problems in front of the responsible person. Action, access and accountability are the Mayor's catch words. Let's hold him and the City administration to them!

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Children "flocked" to see Shirley's Live Exotic Birds at the WHLAG Summer Reading Kick-Off and Bake Sale on June 9th! Children were able to make crafts, visit with the birds, sign up for the summer reading program and purchase baked goods to benefit the library.

It's not too late to sign up for the reading program which will run June 16 through August 11.

Michael Klee and Black Tie Magic will be at the Westover Hills Branch on July 12 at 10:30 a.m.

The Area Rehabber Klub will be talking about wildlife and bringing some furry friends to the library on July 23 at 3:00 p.m.

Visit the library at 1408 Westover Hills Boulevard to sign up for the reading program, get rewards for your summer reading, and get a full schedule of citywide programming at all Richmond Public Library branches.



## Westover Hills Library News

By Laura Dysart



*NO HARM CAME TO BIRD OR CHILD during the Summer Reading Kick-Off last month. Shirley Tellefson brought a selection of her colorful exotic birds to the event which elicited reactions from awe to surprise. Photo: Brent Tennefoss*



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## Byrd House Market is Open Evenings for Local Shoppers

**By Stacey Moulds**

*Byrd House Market Manager*

The Byrd House Market, Richmond's newest Farmers Market, invites Forest Hill families as well as neighbors and friends across the Richmond region to visit its market every Tuesday afternoon to experience an ever-changing array of fresh and local seasonal produce, including fruits, vegetables, eggs, meats, tea and coffee, breads, pastries, flowers, plants, and handmade arts and crafts.

Each week is a mini-festival providing shoppers the chance to meet the producers themselves, along with free kid's activities, live music and oftentimes cooking and other demonstrations.

Customers also have a chance to win a bodacious market basket in a weekly raffle contest.

Organized by the Farmers Market Advisory Council (FMAC) in partnership with the William Byrd Community House (WBCH), the Byrd House Market provides selling space each week for area growers, producers, crafters and artists in order to increase the economic and social vitality, livability and sustainability of the Richmond area. Evening hours make the Farmers Market experience especially accessi-

ble to working individuals and families.

In a creative approach to broaden Richmond's access to local and fresh foods, the

tion with horticulturist John Wise have also developed an Urban Gardening Gurus (UGG) program, to help create a knowledgeable group of

but a new set of classes will be held beginning in late summer at the William Byrd Community House library.

The start up of the Byrd House Market is made possible through a grant to the William Byrd Community House (WBCH) in partnership with the Farmers' Market Advisory Council (FMAC). The grant is one of ten projects supported by Project For Public Spaces' (PPS) highly competitive initiative to diversify farmers' markets nationwide.

In partnership with the Farmers Market Coalition (FMC), the grants are part of a three-year, \$3 million grant-making program, which began in 2005 and is funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Ford Foundation.

### About the Byrd House Market

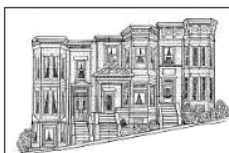
**The Byrd House Market is open every Tuesday, May through October, 3:30 to 7 pm, Rain or Shine. Free Parking.**

**The Market is located behind William Byrd Community House, at the corner of South Linden Street and Idlewood Avenue and is easy to get to from the Belvidere Street Exit off the Downtown Expressway/I-195.**

Market encourages youth programs, community gardeners and even the smallest of backyard growers to try their hand as market vendors. William Byrd Community House youth participate as market entrepreneurs selling lemonade each week and later in the summer will sell some of their produce from the adjacent Grace Arents Community Garden.

Together, the Byrd House Market and the Grace Arents Community Garden provide programs that allow children as well as adults to experience the steps from seed-to-market and enable all participants to have a better understanding of what they eat. The project partners in conjunc-

volunteers to serve as staff for the Byrd House Market and to help support the Grace Arents Community Garden. The spring UGG series has ended,



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## The Flyer Profile:

# Celebrity Pooch

### What's your name and age?

Winston. I am two years of age, or as we say in the dog world, "the age of enlargement."

### Who's your human?

Taylor and "She Who Must Be Obeyed." Taylor calls her Mommy.

### Where and when did you get adopted?

Many pounds (as in weight) ago in the snows of middle Ohio. A small (compared to my size) town called Frezziburg ... no ... Fraziburg!

### What's your heritage?

I am a descendant of a long line of Bull Mastiff giants from Merry Ol' England.

### What's your favorite toy?

My Hillary Clinton chew toy ... or perhaps the pair of socks you are now wearing.

### What's your best trick?

Waking up my humans in spite of themselves. Also, thanks to specialized and highly-evolved genetics, the ability to inhale food.

### What are your best traits?

I am handsome, noble ... and modest. I like chasing butterflies and running in my sleep.

### What else do you have to say about yourself?

I can tell time. Like ... it's time to go to the park! And don't let the long strings of drool fool you. I speak perfectly in several languages.

*Editor's Note: You can nominate your favorite canine for a Celebrity Pooch interview in a future issue of The Flyer by writing to [flyereditor@foresthillneighborhood.com](mailto:flyereditor@foresthillneighborhood.com).*

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## SUNDAY IN THE PARK

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anniversary.

Bands scheduled to perform during the day include Tinker's Dam, the Greater Richmond Pipes and Drums, and Good Fellas. Tours of the park and of the historic Stone House will be offered, and there will be a historical display inside the Stone House outlining its interesting history from a 19th-century residence set on a large plantation in Chesterfield County to its use as the City of Richmond Library's first Lending Station south of the river.

Free Activities: The Nature Scavenger Hunt and displays outside by the Audubon Society will help acquaint visitors with all the flora and fauna in the park. Children will be entertained with field

Unit will be on hand as will our own Fire Trucks #17 and #20 (emergencies permitting). The Maymont Foundation will also be offering horse-drawn carriage rides around the upper level of the park during

## Volunteers Needed!

**Anyone interested in helping with children's games, food service, publicity, or other tasks may contact Debra McClane at 233-3890 or [d\\_mcclane@hotmail.com](mailto:d_mcclane@hotmail.com).**

games, crafts in the Stone House, face-painting, and antics by Basa the Clown! The Richmond Police Mounted

part of the afternoon.

Free Refreshments: Hot dogs and watermelon donated by Ukrop's Super Markets, as well as ice cold bottled water provided by Spring Run Bottling of Mechanicsville.

Thank You! The past three

years have seen a growth in this event and the number of participants. This year, Friends of Forest Hill Park benefited from generous financial support of corporate sponsors Verizon, Dominion, and the Westover Hills Merchants Association. Our area neighborhood associations in Forest Hill, Woodland Heights, and Westover Hills have also offered financial assistance. We are grateful for all of the support that helps to sponsor this environmentally educational, fun, and free day in the park!

*Gentle Reminder: City ordinance requires that any four-legged family members who visit the park must remain on a leash at all times!*

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# Memorial Tree is Fitting Tribute to a Loved One

**By Monica Rumsey**

*FLYER Correspondent*

Early this spring, Friends of Forest Hill Park received a request to plant a tree in the park as a way of remembering a loved one.

The gesture was one that the Friends had often suggested as a way to commemorate a special person, event, or even a beloved pet: by planting a tree or buying a bench, along with a donation to Friends of Forest Hill Park. But until now we had not received any requests to do so.

That changed when we got a call from Amy O'Connor, whose close friend Charles Lewis had recently succumbed to a rare blood disease. Amy explains how it came about. "With the help of the Friends of Forest Hill Park, the pain of having lost a loved one was eased by the planting of a new life in the form of a beautiful tree at Forest Hill Park.

The process of selecting a sanctuary spot, planting a symbolic tree, and placing a memorial stone in memory of Charles E. Lewis after his

recent passing due to aplastic anemia was further motivated by the chance to help with the reforestation program at Forest Hill Park.

Friends and family of Charles Lewis decided to plant a Japanese snow cherry as a way to remember Charles' beauty, perseverance, and life. It is a touching, peaceful, and beautiful way to carry on the life of someone who meant so much to so many people.

Now, all of his friends and family can find meaning in the park beyond its natural beauty. When we want to take a few moments to remember Charles, we can visit his memorial tree at Forest Hill Park."

At the suggestion of Friends of Forest Hill Park, Charles' tree was planted in the original Azalea Garden section of Forest Hill Park, a garden that had provided the rootstock for the famous Azalea Gardens at Bryan Park.

To find out more about the memorial gift program at Forest Hill Park, please contact [friendsofforesthill@rrpfoundation.org](mailto:friendsofforesthill@rrpfoundation.org).

## Take Part in Your Community

The Forest Hill Neighborhood Association meets at 7 PM on the second Wednesday of each month at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church.

### Upcoming Meeting Dates

July 14th, 2007

August 8th, 2007

September 12, 2007

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# Bargain-Seekers Find Treasures Galore at Neighborhood Yard Sale

By Susan Campbell  
FLYER Correspondent

Did you notice a lot of extra activity in the neighborhood on the morning of June 2? That's because 28 yard sales (and maybe a few more) were going on all over the Forest Hill neighborhood. Household items, records, books, furniture, antiques, collectibles and lots more were spread out on front yards, side yards, driveways and porches. At one sale, everything was a \$1 each including furniture and musical instruments!

This was the second annual Forest Hill Neighborhood

Association Yard Sale and from the response, it won't be the last. The association plans to have a yard sale each year on the first Saturday in June.

Most of the participants reported brisk traffic, lots of sales and less clutter in their homes after the sale.

There seemed to be more activity south of Forest Hill Avenue this year because of a greater concentration of sales there. Last year's sale was more active on the north side of Forest Hill Avenue. Next year we can have both sides of the Avenue packed with sales.

The sale was advertised by



Photos: Brent Teneffoss





two large banners at key intersections at Forest Hill Park plus two stake signs. We also had an ad in the Richmond Times-Dispatch on Friday and Saturday, listing all of the participating addresses. And just to show that we keep up with the times, we listed the sale on our own website, on Craigslist and on the new neighborhood blog, Hills and Heights (see related article elsewhere in this issue).

And as the result of a quick-thinking yard sale participant, the sale was featured Saturday morning on NBC12.

Another of the yard sale participants created a map of all of the sales to hand out.

#### **Plan Ahead for Next Year**

So mark it on your calendar for next year – June 7. You can clear out your house and make a little money. Plus you get to sit in your front yard and enjoy your wonderful neighborhood!



### **First 'Music in the Park' show features Cashmere Jungle Lords; More Concerts Follow on July 8, August 12 & September 9**

*A CROWD OF OVER 200 took advantage of a beautiful Sunday afternoon on June 10 for the long-awaited appearance of The Cashmere Jungle Lords at the first concert of this season's Music in the Park series. The entertainment continues throughout the summer on the second Sunday of each month. Photo: Brent Tennefoss*



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### **Forest Hill Presbyterian Church**

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You can now visit the new Church web site for the latest news and events at this link: [www.fhpcrichmond.org](http://www.fhpcrichmond.org)

### **Good Shepherd Episcopal Church**

St. Monica's Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, July 28, from 8 AM -12:30 PM. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the upcoming 100th Anniversary Celebration of Good Shepherd. The church is located on the corner of 43rd and Forest Hill Avenue. For more information visit their website at this link: [www.goodshepherdichmond.org](http://www.goodshepherdichmond.org)

### **Savor the Vintage and a Little Nosh with New Monthly Wine Club**

The social committee brings you yet another way to meet your neighbors and have a good time: Wine Club.

We'll meet the third Saturday of the month every other month at rotating houses beginning at 7 p.m. Bring your favorite bottle of white, red or bubbly to share and the host will provide the rest. We'll make new friends, learn a little something about wine and the best part is that since you're already in the neighborhood you can simply walk back home when the party's over.

The first meeting, Saturday, Aug. 18, will be at the home of Sarah and Tim McDonald (1202 W. 46th St.). Call 291-1047 or e-mail [timsarahmcd@gmail.com](mailto:timsarahmcd@gmail.com) for more information or to RSVP.

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