

The Forest Hill Neighborhood  
Association Newsletter

Fall 2017

**Forest Hill Neighborhood Association meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month 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, [foresthillflyer@gmail.com](mailto:foresthillflyer@gmail.com).

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# Forest Hill Flyer

## The 43rd Street Festival of the Arts September 16, 2017



By Robin Cage

The 43rd Street Festival of the Arts is returning to the Forest Hill neighborhood for its 26th annual event. Seventy-five selected regional artists and craftsmen will show and sell their work. There will also be live music, local food, and special activities for children. Proceeds from t-shirt sales and donations at the festival will benefit CARITAS, our local homeless provider.

Many of the artisans have been with us since the genesis of the show, and we welcome them back. There are new artists, however, who come on board each year to provide variety and fine craftsmanship in many media. This year's juried outdoor show will include paintings, prints, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, glass work and more. Original works of art will be available for purchase and exhibitors will be on hand to discuss and sell their work.

The musical line up this year features

10-11 a.m.	Susan Greenbaum
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Illbillys
1-2 p.m.	Tin Can Fish Band
2:30-3:30 p.m.	Bluz Catz
4-5 p.m.	Janet Martin

This year's t-shirt has a truly local theme. Designed by Richmond printmaker, Aijung Kim, it is a graphic design of the James River and our iconic train bridge. We hope everyone will get one this year to add to their collection. Thanks to all who support this neighborhood event and the artists who present their work each year. We are hoping for a cool day after our blistering hot summer. Join us for a day of celebrating the arts in the streets.

*Robin Cage is the owner of 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](http://caritasshelter.org).*

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# The President's Message



By Whit Clements

The weather will soon start to cool off after a late summer heat blast. I can't wait for the fall—the leaves changing in the park, lessening of the crowds at the South of the James Market, hikes along the river with the

family, and some great upcoming events with the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association.

The FHNA is always looking for ways to keep the membership and residents of the area engaged and informed. To that end, your FHNA board looked for new options beyond the website ([foresthillneighborhood.com](http://foresthillneighborhood.com)) and monthly emails. Nextdoor is a good site, but didn't offer a centralized area for people to seek out FHNA-specific information. Tinder was just a bad idea but we got a couple of swipes @. Finally, we landed upon a Facebook group. You can find the FHNA group at [facebook.com/groups/FHNAARVA/](https://facebook.com/groups/FHNAARVA/). The group is meant to act as an information distribution point for the FHNA, sending out civic and FHNA news. FHNA members should feel free to post comments or questions about FHNA events and city activities, or suggestions for the neighborhood. This is a page that is in its infancy so you may see some changes over time in the way the page looks and what content is available.

The 43rd Street Festival of the Arts delights the neighborhood again this year on September 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Come and see artisans from all over the region and country display and talk about their works. The 43rd Street and Springhill blocks will be turned into a wonderful display of creativity for all to enjoy.

Thank you to all the neighbors, friends, family, and guests from the surrounding region who have come out to the Music in the Park concerts this season. We have been treated again to a wonderful and diverse line up of great musicians. There are still shows in September and October that are not to be missed!

Don't forget that we have FHNA elections coming up in November—there will be opportunities to join the executive board (president, vice president, secretary or treasurer), as well as board seats to fill. For questions or to express interest in running, please contact me at [clements.whit@gmail.com](mailto:clements.whit@gmail.com).

*Whit Clements is the current president of the FHNA and is excitedly anticipating fall hikes in the park and along the river.*

## Forest Hill Neighborhood Association 2016-2017

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**September 16th**  
**10:00am-5:00pm**

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## FHNA Elections

Ever want to be a larger part of the wonderful organization that is the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association? At the November 21 membership meeting, we will be holding elections for all the executive roles—president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary—as well as board positions. If you want to throw your hat into the ring or just have questions about the different roles, shoot an email to Whit Clements at [clements.whit@gmail.com](mailto:clements.whit@gmail.com) by October 1, 2017.

## Friends of Forest Hill Park Junior Recruiting

Need community service hours for school? The Friends of Forest Hill Park Junior is a group of dedicated middle and high school students who volunteer to make Forest Hill Park a better place. They collect trash in the park, monitor the bluebird boxes, fill the Little Free Library, and help plan fun events like the Halloween Howl. If you are a middle or high school student who loves the park, or know one who does, please consider volunteering. For more information, contact Laura Dysart at [lauradysart@verizon.net](mailto:lauradysart@verizon.net).

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# A Message from Our Council Representative

By Kristen Larson



While the frenetic pace of budget season has settled down this summer, the work of City Council never stops and I'm happy to have this opportunity to fill you in on some of what we've been doing:

South of the James Market - The SOJ Market is currently enjoying its 10th year of serving our community in Forest Hill

Park. This major milestone feels like a good time to evaluate how the market is functioning to make sure that we are meeting the needs of the neighborhood, our community, and our park. In recent weeks, I have met with representatives from GrowRVA, the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association, and the city administration to get a conversation started about how the market should work going forward. We want to make sure that traffic and parking works smoothly so that our neighborhood streets are safe. I believe that the result of these conversations will be an even stronger market that will continue to be a treasured asset for our district and our city. If you have any feedback on the SOJ Market, please feel free to contact me.

LED Streetlight Pilot Program - The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) will soon begin a program to pilot the use of LED streetlights and one of the test locations is in Forest Hill. You will see new lights installed on New Kent Avenue between Cedar Lane and 44th Street. This change is driven primarily for public safety as the cooler color temperature of the lights enhances visibility and benefits both drivers and police. These lights are also more reliable, require less maintenance, and are more energy efficient than the current models. A section of Forest Hill Avenue between Jahnke Road and Westover Hills Boulevard will also be included in this pilot program.

Panhandling - I have been working with my colleagues on the Education and Human Services and Public Safety standing committees, and with the Richmond Police Department to address the serious concern of panhandling throughout the city. Panhandling is an issue in a few places in the 4th district, especially on Forest Hill Avenue, around Sheila Lane. The city is limited in how we can address panhandling by the state code, but we are working to make sure that we connect those in need with appropriate services and that we have the right legislation that balances public safety and first amendment rights. Please know that it is illegal to solicit from a highway median, it is illegal to step into a travel lane to solicit from cars, and any kind of aggressive solicitation is illegal. If you witness any of these occurrences please call **911** immediately or the police non-emergency number **804-646-5100**. Also, we have

been advised by various experts that giving money to panhandlers is not advisable. Please direct your donations to organizations that can better meet the needs of these neighbors. You can learn more at

**[homewardva.org/panhandling](http://homewardva.org/panhandling)**.

Finally, thank you for your patience as we all endure the lane closures caused by the Forest Hill Avenue gas line replacement project. This work will be ongoing for the next 18-24 months. Please consider alternate routes when possible.

As always, please let me know if there is anything that my office can help you with. I always enjoy visiting with you at your Forest Hill Neighborhood Association meetings and I hope you will join me at my next 4th District Meeting on Thursday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. at the Huguenot Community Center. I look forward to seeing you and I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

*The Honorable Kristen Larson represents our neighborhood, the Southwest 4th District in Richmond. You can reach her at **[Kristen.larson@richmondgov.com](mailto:Kristen.larson@richmondgov.com)** or **804-339-8393**.*

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# From our School Board Representative



By Jonathan Young

Richmond Public Schools (RPS) has approximately 24,000 students enrolled this year. Did you know that we have enough classroom space, if we were to max out at the state's limits, to have 39,000? Not to say that any of my colleagues or I would propose maxing out at what the

Commonwealth will allow, but the statistic is nonetheless startling. Startling because of the implications as they relate to scarce resources. Startling because it demonstrates in a city with more than 200,000 residents how little demand there is for our schools. We have the exact opposite problem that the counties do. While the counties have more students than space for them, we have more space than we have students. We are operating school buildings with 1,000 empty seats here, 500 empty seats there, and 250 elsewhere.

Of the 10 proposals in my plan for big and bold transformation for our schools, at least two explicitly address this problem. Specifically, my plan for 1) consolidation, and 2) schools within schools both would reduce our infrastructure footprint, reduce our overhead costs, allow for prioritization of classroom instruction, and save substantial monies that can be reinvested in renovation/new construction. It's why this fall I will roll out a facilities plan that will include closure of three schools by no later

than 2018-2019. My plan would accrue annual savings of approximately \$1.5 million that can be reinvested in improving the conditions of our schools.

I advocated for closure of the George Mason Elementary School building and relocation to Franklin Military Academy, along with consolidation of Franklin Military Academy into the Community High School building. At Community High School we have 250 students in a space designed to accommodate 750. Franklin Military Academy has an enrollment of 435. My determination to close George Mason Elementary School and to relocate the school is based on more than dollars and cents. It is based on something much more important—morals and values. The condition of George Mason Elementary is truly unacceptable for our children and for their teachers/staff. They deserve better. Though I readily acknowledge that my plan(s) are not without their limitations and/or deficiencies, it is rather hard for me to defend one school of 250 students having a space that could accommodate 750 while another group of students, i.e. George Mason Elementary students, is suffering in a building plagued by rodents, perpetual urine smells, and collapsing ceilings.

I ran for office last year promising to take big and bold action, and popular or unpopular, I believe action is what we need and what our children deserve.

*Jonathan Young represents the 4th District on the School Board for the City of Richmond. You can reach him at 804-929-7006 or [jyoung7@rvaschools.net](mailto:jyoung7@rvaschools.net).*

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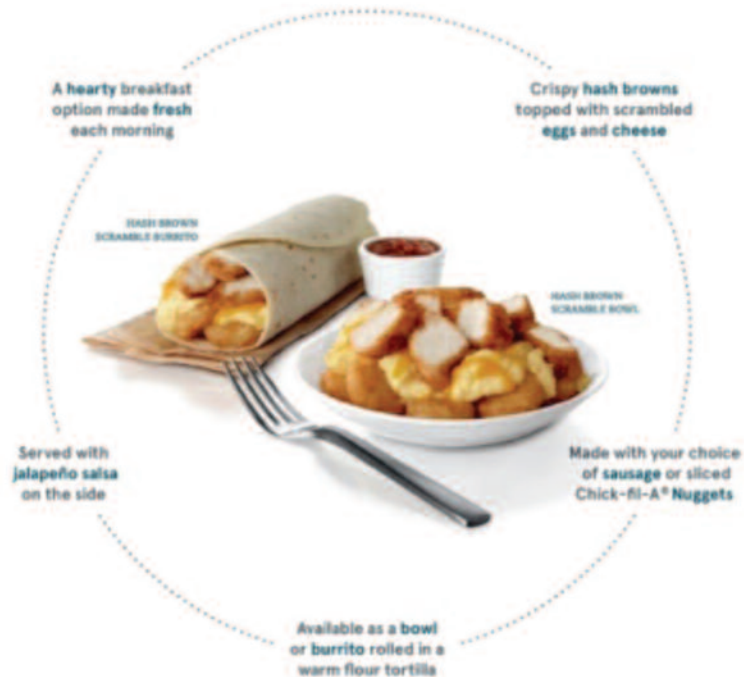
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# Crosswalk Rules

By Diane Pendleton

With school starting up again, it seems like a good time to review the state regulations regarding crosswalks. Simply put, the law is that if someone is standing in the crosswalk, cars are required to stop. Pedestrians always have the right of way. Many of us know from experience that cars don't always stop at

the flashing lights at the crosswalks at 41st and 43rd Streets, and other crosswalks in the neighborhoods are even more often ignored.

The local school crosswalks are now more important than ever. Patrick Henry Elementary has a crossing guard for a limited time in the mornings and afternoons, but even when she is not there, cars are required to stop for pedestrians. At Westover Hills Elementary there is a 15-mile-per-hour speed limit and two crosswalks on Jahnke Road, one at Boscobel Avenue and the other at Dorchester Road. Please keep this in mind as you travel. The crosswalks at Westover Hills Boulevard and Forest Hill Avenue have lights that ensure safe crossings.

One of the best things about our neighborhood is that we are always out and about—walking our dogs, our kids, ourselves – let's be nice to each other.

Here's the Commonwealth of Virginia law as it is currently written.

§ 46.2-924. Drivers to stop for pedestrians



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2. At any regular pedestrian crossing included in the prolongation of the lateral boundary lines of the adjacent sidewalk at the end of a block;
3. At any intersection when the driver is approaching on a highway or street where the legal maximum speed does not exceed 35 miles per hour.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, at intersections or crosswalks where the movement of traffic is being regulated by law-enforcement officers or traffic control devices, the driver shall yield according to the direction of the law-enforcement officer or device.

No pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic.

The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing, or turning at intersections shall change their course, slow down, or stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and expeditiously.

Pedestrians crossing highways at intersections shall always have the right-of-way over vehicles making turns into the highways being crossed by the pedestrians.

*Diane Pendleton is on the board of the FHNA. Next time, she plans to write about passing on the right in bike lanes.*

# Relics in Forest Hill Park

By Pat Wood

Strolling through Forest Hill Park is never dull given the stunning views of nature's bounty throughout the rolling hills, and the singular beauty of Reedy Creek's course into and out of the lake. But occasionally, the park offers up an extra bonus.

The network of bike trails that winds through the park provides enjoyment and physical challenges to all levels of mountain bikers. Bikers have used the trails for a number of years and, with use, the soil under the bike tires has shifted a bit and can reveal things previously hidden. Today, a careful glance down at a trail might offer a surprise and a short history lesson.

Some found treasure requires professional assistance to identify. Dan Mouer, notable archaeologist and Woodland Heights neighbor, determined that these steel relics probably have been residing in the park for 100 years or more. The large bolt could have been used in the construction of the trolley line or railroad spur that came into Forest Hill Park near the lake, but because of the area where it was found, on a

trail southeast of the former amusement park, the bolt more than likely was holding a park ride together. The smaller relic is a forged headless cut nail. These nails were used during the 1800s to nail floorboards and clapboard to houses.

This one-fourth-inch thick piece of clear glass has clock hands as part of its insignia. A little research disclosed that this was the symbol used by Dr. Pepper circa 1930. "Drink a bite to eat at 10, 2, and 4." Someone enjoyed this Dr. Pepper prior to World War II.

Forest Hill Park offers both stunning acreage and history to explore. The park land has served as a 19th century plantation, trolley car hub and amusement park, and a 20th century park for picnics, fishing, tennis, hiking and more. What might you find during your next visit?

*Pat Wood is the president of the Friends of Forest Hill Park. For more information on the group, go to [friendsofforesthillpark.wordpress.com/](http://friendsofforesthillpark.wordpress.com/) or*



## [facebook.com/FriendsOfForestHillPark/](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfForestHillPark/) Friends of Forest Hill Park

Friends of Forest Hill Park works with the city's Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities to maintain the park and the Stone House. We also coordinate family events for the community throughout the year such as Sunday in the Park, Halloween Howl, and Victorian Christmas. FFHP also sponsors removal of invasive plants from the park on the last Saturday morning of each month in the spring and fall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FFHP meets at the Stone House from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on September 21, October 19, and November 16. Everyone is invited to join FFHP at one of the membership meetings to volunteer to help maintain the park and the Stone House. FFHP provides students and adults with many opportunities to serve in the community. For more information, contact Pat Wood at [pathwood@hotmail.com](mailto:pathwood@hotmail.com).

# Keep Those Storm Drains Clean

As “leaf season” in Forest Hill approaches, it is even more important than ever to keep the drains that carry storm water runoff free of debris, leaves, and pollutants. Storm drains are essential for draining away excess water that tends to accumulate during excessive rainfall or snow melt. Anything that flows into the city’s storm drain system does not go to the treatment plant. It flows directly into the James River, and farther down, the Chesapeake Bay. Storm water polluted with debris, dirt, and leaves can cause public safety hazards, health risks, and environmental threats.

A walk around the neighborhood shows that our storm drains are in a variety of conditions—from totally blocked to pristine and clean. The goal for the neighborhood would be the latter, of course. Clogged catch basins full of trash and debris can attract rats and cockroaches, create odors, and become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Clogged catch basins can also cause local flooding, which can damage property.

Cleaning a clogged storm drain near your home can improve life for everyone. If you chose to clean a drain near your

property, do not put the debris down the drain. Shovel or scrape the debris into the trash or compost. If you cannot clean a drain on your own and wish to report local flooding, drainage, or maintenance

improvement issues, please submit the issue to SeeClickFix, or call **804-646-4646**. For more information on the city’s storm drain system, go to [richmondgov.com/PublicUtilities/StormwaterUtility/index.aspx](http://richmondgov.com/PublicUtilities/StormwaterUtility/index.aspx).



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## Music in the Park Continues in September and October

Load up your picnic baskets and grab your chairs! Join your friends and neighbors in Forest Hill Park at the two remaining Music in the Park events for the 2017 season! Cool weather, hot music! Please remember that glass containers and alcohol are not permitted in the city’s parks.

**September 10, 5-7 p.m., Full Moon Fever**  
**October 8, 5-7 p.m., The Slack Family**

Special thanks to Forest Hill, Westover Hills, and Woodland Heights Neighborhood Associations; the office of Kristen N. Larson; Target Marketing; Grow RVA; and the fine folks of the City of Richmond Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities.

# *At the Westover Hills Library*

## Mark Your Calendar for these Cool Autumn Events!

### *MEDITATION WORKSHOP.*

Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m.

The scientific community has recently been exploring the use of meditation as a healing modality. Join Gerry Gorman, long time meditator, as he discusses the extraordinary effect of meditation to reduce stress-related responses, improve concentration, and enhance clarity of thought and mental equilibrium. He will also present a simple, yet powerful, meditation technique that can enrich one's life personally, professionally, and spiritually.

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#### *S.T.E.M. Thursdays*

Combine science technology and fun at these creative sessions for kids in grades two through six. Please call **804-646-8833** for reservations. Thursdays, October 12 and November 9 from 4:15-5:15 p.m.

#### *Richmond Origami*

Join Richmond's beginning-to-advanced paper-folding club! All levels of folders are welcome. Children younger than 10 should be accompanied by an adult. Saturdays, September 23, October 28, and November 21 from 1-4 p.m.

#### *LEGO Club*

What could you build if you just had the right Legos? We provide the Legos—you provide the imagination! For grades kindergarten through sixth with a parent. Lego Club meets Tuesdays, September 18, October 17, and November 21 from 4-5:30 p.m.

#### *In Stitches!*

Enjoy conversation and project ideas while completing your knit, crochet, cross-stitch, smocking, or other hand craft works. Open to older teens and adults, the meetings are every Thursday from 2-4 p.m.

#### *Fiction Focus*

Come join our senior book club! We meet the third Friday of each month February through October. Books and discussion questions are provided. This group is sponsored by Richmond Public Library and the City of Richmond Office on Aging and Disabilities. We want your insights into the books we read, so please join us on September 15 and October 20 from 10 a.m. to noon.

#### *Family Storytime*

Early literacy story time with music, books, and rhymes for children ages three to eight years old accompanied by an adult. Thursdays at 11 a.m. There will be no Storytime October 5.

**All Richmond Public Libraries will be closed September 4, October 9, and November 10, 23, and 24.**

## International Film Festival at Your Library

The Westover Hills Branch Library will be hosting a film festival this fall. Join us on Monday evenings at 6:15 for a free film and refreshments with a different country or culture featured each week. Most films run 90 minutes, some films are subtitled.

September 11 – France – “Breathless”

September 18 – Germany – “Run Lola Run”

September 25 – Italy – “The Bicycle Thief”

October 2 – Japan – “Rashomon”

October 16 – Russia – “Tangerines”

October 23 – Sweden – “Autumn Sonata”

October 30 – Spain – “Death of a Cyclist”

Interested in sponsoring refreshments for the festival? A \$50 tax-deductible donation will cover one week. Please contact Library/Community Services Manager Tara Franzetti at [tara.franzetti@richmondgov.com](mailto:tara.franzetti@richmondgov.com) for details.

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# Know Your Neighbor

## Meet Tara Franzetti at Westover Hills Library

By Judith Warrington

It's a few minutes before 10 a.m. on a Tuesday morning and four people are already waiting for the library to open. When the door is unlocked, a staff member welcomes them inside to the cool and the quiet of the Westover Branch of the Richmond Public Library.

One of the library's newest staff members is Tara M. Franzetti, the branch's Library Community Services Manager. Named as one of *Style Weekly's* "Top 40 Under 40" in 2016, she recently arrived from the East End Branch where she helped to revitalize the library by bringing in new programs to meet the specific needs of the community. One of her goals for Westover is to make the library an even more vital and accessible resource for people of all ages.

"It is the smallest branch with one of the highest circulation totals. There's no room for what people don't want. Space is a balancing act," she says, and she has already started to make things happen.

Franzetti's first day at Westover was July 5 and some people might say she was meant to be there. She says it herself, revealing that it was the first library she visited when she and her husband, Paul, moved to the Richmond area from northern New Jersey. What impressed her most about her first visit to the Westover Branch was the staff. Since then, she has found a lot more with which to be impressed! While she admits that she does not yet know all the challenges that the library faces, she has identified some opportunities.

Those opportunities include creating more adult programs and getting the word out about everything the library has to offer.

"We're bursting at the seams with media," Franzetti says and lists some of the many services available. Thanks to the Internet, the library can squeeze a vast world of resources into its offerings. A Richmond Public Library card provides access to such riches as ABCmouse, learning programs for children; LearningExpress Library with online courses and practice tests for SAT, GED, U.S. Citizenship, LSAT, real estate exams and more; the Legal Forms Library; Value Line, an investment research tool; and Zina, digital magazines. OneClick Digital, an e-audiobook service available courtesy of the Library of Virginia, expands the public library's offerings by providing access to a thousand new titles and classics. One of the library's newest additions, hoopla and hoopla for Kids, are digital media streaming services that offer movies, music, audiobooks, and eBooks, anytime and anywhere.

In a more traditional brick and mortar way, the library retains its community focus. There's a police officer who takes part in Storytime and a home-schooled teen who shares his love of origami by teaching a monthly class that is well attended by both children and adults. The library offers free meeting space to



neighborhood associations and community groups, when available. There are also regular classes, workshops, reading groups, special events, and even a free notary service.

One new program that Franzetti is bringing to the Westover library involves working with Sprite's HERO, Inc., a nonprofit Humane Education and Research Organization that manages the Paws to R.E.A.D.® in the Richmond area. This innovative program gives young readers the opportunity to develop their skills by reading aloud to an attentive and nonjudgmental certified therapy dog.

When asked about her number one goal for the Westover library, Franzetti does not hesitate: "My goal is for every member of the community to have a reason to come here, whether for books, programs, or for a quiet place. Everyone can find something they are interested in. And if not, I want to know why." She invites suggestions from the neighborhood and encourages the community to tell her what they would like to see at the library by stopping in, calling, or emailing her at [Tara.Franzetti@richmondgov.com](mailto:Tara.Franzetti@richmondgov.com).

September is Library Card Sign Up Month and Franzetti encourages everyone in the community to sign up for a library card, renew their card, and come in—or log-on—to see what the small, but bustling Westover Branch has to offer.

*Judith Warrington has lived in the Forest Hill neighborhood for many years, but not long enough to remember when the Stone House served as a library for the community.*

# Circle November 7 On Your Calendar and Vote

By Robley Jones

We have yet another opportunity to participate in our democracy on November 7, 2017 in a state and local election. Almost all of Forest Hill votes at Precinct 402 at the Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, 4401 Forest Hill Avenue. Voting hours are 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you need to check your voting location you can do so at [elections.virginia.gov/voter-outreach/where-to-vote.html](http://elections.virginia.gov/voter-outreach/where-to-vote.html).

If you are not registered to vote, you can register online at [vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation](http://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation), but you must register by October 16, 2017. If you need to vote absentee, you must do so by 5 p.m. on October 31, 2017.

The following candidates are running:

## Governor

Democrat Ralph S. Northam  
Republican Edward W. "Ed" Gillespie  
Libertarian Clifford D. Hyra

## Lieutenant Governor

Democrat Justin E. Fairfax  
Republican Jill H. Vogel

## Attorney General

Democrat Mark R. Herring  
Republican John D. Adams

## House of Delegates 69th District

Democrat Betsy B. Carr  
Libertarian Jacob A. "Jake" Crocker

## Richmond City Commonwealth's Attorney

Michael N. Herring

## Richmond City Sheriff

Democrat Antionette V. Irving  
Independent Nicole D. Jackson  
Independent Emmett Johnson Jafari

## Richmond City Treasurer

Democrat Nichole Ona r. Armstead  
Independent Michelle R. Mosby  
Independent L. Shirley Harvey

In addition, there is a referendum to vote on. According to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, "If passed, the proposal would require Mayor Levar Stoney to present the Richmond City Council with a fully funded plan to 'modernize' Richmond's school facilities without relying on a tax increase. It stipulates that Stoney must do so within six months of the change taking effect, or else inform the council that his administration cannot do so."



The information above is reflective of what was posted on the Virginia Department of Elections web site as of August 14, 2017. Any omission is unintentional. If you are willing to serve as an election officer, a position is open at precinct 402. Please contact Robley Jones at [robleyj@aol.com](mailto:robleyj@aol.com) for information.

## Leaf Collection Procedures to Change

Be aware that the city is planning new procedures for leaf collection this year. The details have not been released by the city yet, so be on the lookout for more information from local officials. The FHNA will do its best to help get the word out on the new procedures as soon as they are available.



## Pedestrian Flashing Light to be Replaced

There is good news from the city regarding the downed pedestrian light at W. 43rd Street and Forest Hill Avenue. According to the city's Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering approved the purchase of new pedestrian signal in July. Delivery of the equipment takes about 30-45 days. The city anticipates that the signal will be replaced no later than the end of September. Be safe out there!

# FHNA Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, September 5**

**Sunday, September 10**

**Saturday, September 16**

**Tuesday, September 19**

**Saturday, September 23**

**Thursday, September 28**

**Saturday, September 30**

**Sunday, October 8**

**Tuesday, October 17**

**Saturday, October 21**

**Saturday, October 28**

**Sunday, October 29**

**Wednesday, November 1**

**Tuesday, November 7**

**Saturday, November 18**

**Tuesday, November 21**

**Tuesday, December 19**

**School starts!**

**Music in the Park, Full Moon Fever, 5-7 p.m.**

**43rd Street Festival of the Arts, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**FHNA Membership Meeting, 7 p.m. at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church**

**Neighborhood Walking History Tour, Stone House, 9:30 a.m.-noon**

**4th District Meeting, Huguenot Community Center, 6:30 p.m.**

**Friends of Forest Hill Park invasive species removal in the park, 9 a.m.-noon.**

**Meet near the stone pyramid across from Brookside Road.**

**Music in the Park, The Slack Family, 5-7 p.m.**

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**Halloween Howl in the park, 1-3 p.m.**

**Deadline for information and ads for the Winter issue of the Forest Hill Flyer**

**Election Day. Your vote counts!**

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**FHNA elections**

**FHNA Holiday Social at the 43rd Street Gallery, 5-8 p.m.**

## Your Neighborhood Wants You!

Please join the FHNA and become part of a friendly and active group that works for the good of the neighborhood.

### Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Household Membership \$15

☐ 2 Years \$25

☐ Corporate Annual Membership \$30

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

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

☐ **No** emails please.

☐ **Yes**, I'm interested in volunteering with FHNA!

Pay online at [www.foresthillneighborhood.com](http://www.foresthillneighborhood.com)

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