

The Forest Hill Neighborhood  
Association Newsletter

Summer 2018

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

## Successful 5K Brought Out the Neighborhood

The change from Saturday to Sunday this year didn't keep the dedicated athletes from coming out to run in the Forest Hill 5K on March 18, 2018. A total of 218 runners, some with dogs or strollers, donned complimentary tee shirts and waited eagerly for the starting bicycle to lead them off. After a lovely run through the neighborhood, the winners were awarded gifts at the finish line. Those who earned prizes were

First Dog—Risoli and his human Mark Feldpausch

First Kids—Frances Heller and Cole Pridgen

First Woman—Katie Pokorny

First Man—William Radigan at (18 minutes, 21 seconds.)

Other prizes included a Thirsty's gift certificate awarded to Craig Curwood who was wearing the oldest Run for the Hills tee shirt, and Thirsty's gift certificates and Girl Scout cookies to the folks who finished "in their own time."

Congratulations to all the winners and to the many participants who made this year's race a huge success. Because of you, the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association raised more than \$5,000 to give back to the neighborhood through programs and events, especially Music in the Park each year. Thank you to the volunteers and the numerous folks who cheered on the runners. You made a fun run even better!



*They are off!*



*The first man to cross the finish line, William Radigan, accepts his prize from Stacey Maples, the 5K's head honcho.*



*First place woman, Katie Pokorny (right) with Stacey Maples, dashed across the finish line in 20 minutes and 46 seconds.*



*The runners were cheered on by the enthusiastic folks from the Henrico Keyettes. Thanks ladies!*

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# The President's Message



By Whit Clements

The question comes up from time to time about what the purpose of a neighborhood association like ours is. The answer has two parts. First, the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association (FHNA) strives to create and support events that make our neighborhood a more enjoyable place to live. Second, the association works as an advocate for the people who live in the Forest Hill area. We do this as members of

the city, Forest Hill, and even our own streets.

For example, the advocacy of the FHNA expands beyond our neighborhood when it is deemed necessary to help support other neighborhoods in the city. At the May meeting, representatives from the Oregon Hill Neighborhood Association came to discuss a zoning change that was made which they felt is negatively impacting their neighborhood. This zoning change also has the potential to impact the way development can occur along the stretch of Forest Hill Avenue contained within our neighborhood. After the presentation from the Oregon Hill representatives, FHNA members voted to support Oregon Hill's opposition to the zoning changes. The FHNA letter of opposition to the change will combine with letters from the Church Hill Central Civic Association, Fan District Association, Ginter Park Resident's Association, and Westhampton Citizen's Association as well.

In our own community, the FHNA along with Councilperson Larson was able to secure funding from the city for a traffic study. The study is the first step in addressing the safety and traffic volume issues experienced by the residents of Forest Hill Terrace—the part of the neighborhood south of Forest Hill Avenue and bounded by Roanoke Street and Westover Hills Boulevard. In another local improvement, the Westover Hills Merchant Association has started up again thanks to the efforts from the Westover Hills Neighborhood Association. We have a representative on the committee to provide a voice for the FHNA in the discussions of that group and to give us feedback on initiatives and news.

We also work on the individual street level. Last month I was able to attend a neighborhood walk in Woodland Heights hosted by their safety committee. The goal was to identify and report infrastructure issues to the city via the 311 online reporting systems. These were things such as broken or uneven sidewalks, missing signs, clogged storm drains, and potholes. This is something that we will be looking to start here in Forest Hill in the coming months as a way to get more issues identified and logged so that they can be addressed by the city.

From city at large to our own corners, together we can make changes to benefit us all!

*Whit and his family are excited about moving into their next house and the new views of the neighborhood from it.*

## Forest Hill Neighborhood Association 2018-2019

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More than 700 copies of the Flyer are hand delivered each quarter. In addition, extra copies are printed and delivered to neighborhood sites and events throughout the year. Distribution Manager for the Flyer is Diane Pendleton. She makes sure all of our delivery folks receive their "stacks" to deliver.

The intrepid volunteers who put your Flyer on your doorstep are Joanne Boise, Whit Clements, Jennifer Curran, Colleen Dee, Bob Hamrick, Jacqui Jones, Robley Jones, Phil Licking, Michele MacPhee, Luke McCall, Mary McNeil, Carolyn Paulette, Carolyn Reece, Nancy Thompson, and Christine Waldron. Thanks so much for all you do!



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# A Message from Our Council Representative



By Kristen Larson

Spring is always a busy time for City Council as we work through “budget season,” but I am happy to have made it to the other side and am glad to be looking toward summer as I bring you this update.

During this year’s budget cycle, I proposed an amendment to fund a

home security camera incentive program to encourage residents to increase our citywide coverage. Under this program, residents would receive a rebate if they install home cameras and allow the Richmond Police Department (RPD) access to the footage if a crime is committed in the area. The program could provide RPD with more resources in investigating crimes. RPD will spend next year studying how similar programs have been administered in other cities. We will work with the city administration to research and navigate any legal and logistical hurdles, and hopefully launch the program next summer.

I also submitted a budget amendment to fund several

transportation studies in the 4th District including one focused on the area of Forest Hill between Forest Hill Avenue and Reedy Creek from Roanoke Street to Westover Hills Boulevard. The study will identify traffic patterns and develop a plan to address speeding and cut-through traffic. In other traffic news the Department of Public Works is currently finalizing plans to improve the intersection of West 48th Street and Dunston Avenue, and plans to install a traffic-calming circle this fall.

Please join me at our next 4th District meeting on June 14 at 6 p.m. at Huguenot Community Center (7945 Forest Hill Avenue.) Our agenda will include a legislative update from members of our delegation to the Virginia General Assembly, as well as an introduction to the new city auditor, and an update from the city assessor. Also, please mark your calendars for our 2nd Annual 4th District Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 26 at 4 p.m. at Forest Hill Park (by the Old Stone House) featuring Gelati Celesti!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Please contact me or my office anytime we can assist. I can be reached at [kristen.larson@richmondgov.com](mailto:kristen.larson@richmondgov.com) or on my cell phone at 804-503-1313. My liaison, Bryce, can be reached at [bryce.lyle@richmondgov.com](mailto:bryce.lyle@richmondgov.com) or on our office phone at 804-646-5646.

*The Honorable Kristen Larson represents our neighborhood, the Southwest 4th District in Richmond.*

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Hey, high school seniors! Don't forget to apply for the FHNA Community Service Scholarship! The deadline is July 1, 2018. All materials must be postmarked by that date. The \$500 scholarship will be awarded to the recipient by the FHNA during the August 2018 membership meeting.

If you are interested in the Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Community Service Scholarship, you can find all the details and the application on the FHNA website at [foresthillneighborhood.com](http://foresthillneighborhood.com).

A full article about the scholarship is in the Spring 2018 issue of the Flyer, also available on the website. If you would like to receive a printed copy of the application in the mail, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: **FHNA Community Service Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 13201, 1021 Hioaks Road, Richmond, VA 23225-9998**. We will send an application back to you. For any other questions, contact [foresthillflyer@gmail.com](mailto:foresthillflyer@gmail.com).

## New Natives in Forest Hill Park

By Pat Wood

Because of the efforts of dozens of volunteers during the past year, masses of English ivy, Japanese honeysuckle, and other non-native plants have been removed from Forest Hill Park in the old azalea garden. Although invasive plant removal continues, enough space has been created to allow the planting of new native perennials and trees, which is what Friends of Forest Hill Park (FFHP) did recently.

The group purchased the plants from Reedy Creek Environmental, a local cultivator known for growing plants native to the Richmond area. That aspect is important because of Virginia's varied topography—mountains to piedmont to coastline—three very different weather and ground zones.

Now that warmer weather has arrived, the newly planted

cultivars will boast new leaves and blooms over a period of months for everyone to enjoy, including the creatures that live in and visit the park. The plantings include perennial flowers such as golden ragwort, cardinal flower, river oats, blue mist, and gray goldenrod. Shrubs such as hazelnut, beautyberry, and spicebush are new additions. The new plantings also include chestnut oaks, southern red oak, poplar, and other hardwood natives.

In addition to the plantings in and around the old azalea garden, Friends of Forest Hill Park recently planted 75 hardwood seedlings on the hills northeast of the lake. The tree stock in that area is sparse and some trees are near the end of their lives. Hills without ample vegetation can have erosion, so replenishing the tree stock is vital. The Virginia Department of Forestry grows native seedlings each year and makes them available at reasonable cost to non-

profit groups that wish to help reforest Virginia. FFHP bought Allegheny chinquapin, southern red oak, chestnut oak, silky dogwood, and hazelnut trees. Six energetic volunteers spent time on a March weekend getting the young trees in the ground.

This has been a productive planting season in the park, one that will improve the health and beauty of Forest Hill Park for many years to come.

*Pat Wood is the president of Friends of Forest Hill Park. You can contact her for more information at [friendsofforesthillpark.org](http://friendsofforesthillpark.org).*



*The planting crew from left to right: Carol Ridderhof, Carolyn Paulette, Mary Godsey, Dave Ridderhof, Bill McKelway, and Suzette Lyon.*



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# More Run for the Hills Moments



*There was a large contingent from the True Timber team, both two-legged and four-legged. Thanks!*



*Mark Feldpausch and his pal Risoli, a Beagle/Jack Russel mix, crossed the finish line in 21 minutes, 7 seconds.*



*Whit Clements, our fearless leader, pushing his offspring.*



*Taylor Neil, Wendy Padgett, and Krista Simmerman (not pictured) braved cold and skinned fingers to dress up the Start/Finish line.*



# From Our School Board Representative

By Jonathan Young



Did you know that Richmond Public Schools (RPS) will again this year finish in the black? As of May 1, 2018, we are anticipating a \$3.5 million surplus for the fiscal year. When accounting for past years' surplus, our schools have nearly \$15 million on hand. That is good news, but the logical questions regard 1) how is it

that we have such a large surplus when RPS has so many needs yet still cries pauper; and 2) how will we spend the money? Between now and when this article is published perhaps the latter inquiry will be addressed, but in the interim allow me to share my proposal.

First, it is no surprise to anyone that too many of our buildings are in awful condition. My colleagues and I have for more than a year lamented said condition contending that new construction along with renovation should constitute a priority. Yours truly developed a plan thereto that leveraged cuts to downtown bureaucracy along with consolidation of facilities, but my colleagues in their infinite wisdom decided against it. Now that we are sitting on a pile of cash, it would defy logic not to use at least some of the money on expediting construction of new classrooms. My plan for the surplus is to allocate 75 percent of

all surplus dollars to facilities. If RPS continues to generate year over year the kind of surplus that we have been advised by our CFO to expect, the annual dollars would approximate \$2.5 million a year. That is a significant investment in bricks and mortar.

Second, no asset is more important than our teachers. Though my colleagues rightfully invest a lot of time in talking about compensation, did you know that we have underfunded our teachers' pensions? RPS has an unfunded liability. I believe that is neither morally right nor prudent business. My plan would be to use 25 percent of all surplus dollars on funding our teachers' retirement.

The truth is that altogether we will spend about \$350 million on schools this year. Considering we have a little more than 24,000 students, the expenditure per student far exceeds our neighbors. That would be okay if we had a fully-funded retirement plan for our teachers, and that would be okay if our students were not going to school in run-down buildings, and that would be okay if we weren't losing six out of 10 Latino/Latina students to drop-out, and that would be okay if we were providing a 21st century relevant education for all 24,000. My point is to say that 1) we are spending a lot of money but often in the wrong places (say downtown); and 2) that money alone will not fix our problems but rather wholesale radical change in how we do business will. My recommendation, get the heck out of the way of our teachers and let them teach absent micromanagement and interference!

*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).*

## Celebrity Pet Meet Misha, the Gallery Pooch

Meet the dog who considers the 43rd Street Gallery her second home—Misha. Her humans are Robin Cage and Cyane Lowden. Robin owns the gallery, and you can find her there most days behind the counter or creating her wonderful pottery. Misha has been with Robin and Cyane about 10 years.

Misha was rescued from the Rockbridge County SPCA. She had been either lost or abandoned with her litter of puppies. She spent some time surviving in the mountains before being found.

Misha is mostly border collie. She is black and white and has the two most famous border collie traits—she loves to run and has THAT stare. But she is probably mixed with some Labrador, which makes her gentle and easy going.

Robin and Cyane note that Misha does NOT herd them or others (must be the Lab.) Her favorite activity is chasing squirrels, which she can catch—even while on a leash. And she loves to walk with her humans—anytime, anywhere.

Misha considers coming to the gallery an interesting break from sleeping all day at home. She loves to greet the customers and always welcomes a treat or two. So next time you visit the 43rd Street Gallery, you might want to have a treat in your pocket.



*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.*



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### Special Events

#### **Movie Mondays, June 18-July 30**

Join us every Monday during our Summer Reading Program. We'll show a family-friendly movie at 4 p.m. Popcorn provided.

#### **Special June Programs**

##### **Time Management: Pitfalls and Pointers, Monday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for a presentation by your neighbor, Tim Lutero, on time and task management. During the 60-minute session, Tim, who has many years of project management experience, will give pointers and tips on how to make the best use of your time and get organized. Free and open to all.

##### **Summer Reading Program Kick-off, June 16 from 2-4 p.m.**

Join us for a fun, event-filled day to kick-off our Summer Reading Program. Pick up your reading BINGO card and get started! Westover Hills Library will be hosting a Family Game Day! Come and enjoy indoor and outdoor games. Activities include board games, bean bag toss, giant bubbles, and more! Snacks and juice will be provided.

##### **A.W.A.R.E, June 22 at 3 p.m.**

Want to learn about animals in our area? Want to see them up close? Join us for this wonderful opportunity to learn how to care for animals in need of rescue. A.W.A.R.E is an animal rehabilitation and rescue group in the Richmond area. All shows have LIVE animals. You will be amazed!

##### **Thrift Store Art Challenge, June 26 at 4 p.m.**

Have a favorite fandom? Why not create some fan art? Come take part in the growing trend to upcycle thrift store art by adding your favorite character into an old piece of artwork. Space is limited and registration is required. Call **804-646-8833** to sign up.

##### **Recyclable Sculptures, June 27 at 4 p.m.**

Do you like creating with items you can find around your house? Join us to learn about what we can recycle in Richmond. Then use some of those items to make a creative, recyclable sculpture. Your art project will give recyclables a new life and close the loop! For ages 6-12.

##### **Chris Campbell, June 29 at 3 p.m.**

Singer, songwriter, musician, and ventriloquist Chris Campbell presents an exciting, interactive musical performance that everyone will enjoy! Sing along with Chris and meet some of his fantastic friends. Fun for the whole family. Great for ages 3-10.

##### **Maymont: Animals in Your City, June 30 at 10:30 a.m.**

Join Maymont staff to learn about wildlife that share Richmond with us! Discover the signs and finds that animals leave as they move through the city. Animal artifacts will be available to investigate and touch! For elementary-aged children.

### **Special July Programs**

##### **Tricycle Gardens Cookbook Program, July 6 at 4:30 p.m.**

Bring the whole family for this Storytime brought to you by Richmond's Tricycle Urban-Ag-Culture. Learn about healthy eating and enjoy a tasty snack made with locally grown foods.

##### **Children's Museum of Richmond, July 12 at 11:30 a.m.**

Join CMoR staff for a guided exploration of hands-on learning through play, learn more about CMoR events, and find out how you can become part of the CMoR family. Hope to see you there! For toddlers and preschoolers with an adult.

##### **DIY Zen Garden, July 13 at 2 p.m.**

Teens, we know you sometimes have stress in your lives. Stop by the library between 2 and 4 p.m. to make your own Zen Garden, and hopefully get a little stress relief in the process!

##### **Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens**

##### **Patterns in Nature, July 18 at 6 p.m.**

Did you know that patterns exist everywhere in nature? Nature is made of patterns created by lines, shapes, and color. Come explore the power of patterns with Tarneshia Evans from Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Children will use natural loose parts to create patterns and we'll take a short walk inside and outside of the library to observe and describe the shapes and patterns we see! For ages 5-8.

##### **Screen Printing with Studio Two Three, July 19 at 2 p.m.**

Join us as Studio Two Three hosts an hour-long workshop for elementary-aged children where kids will get to explore methods of screen printing with Richmond-centric designs and monoprinting their own creations!



***Cupcake Wars, July 24 at 4 p.m.***

Do you think you have what it takes to win a competitive cupcake decorating contest? Teens, join us for this special event where we put your artistic skills to the test. Space is limited and registration is required! Call 804-646-8833 to sign up.

***Recycling Storytime, July 26 at 11 a.m.***

Enjoy an interactive recycling Storytime with recyclables and a quick art project

***VMFA Five Senses Storytime, July 28 at 10:30 a.m.***

Come to Storytime and enjoy an exciting exploration of your five senses. After listening to stories read by RPL staff, join early childhood educators from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts for a hands-on art project. During this interactive program, activate your senses to create a sensational artwork of your own. For young children to age five.

***Special August Program******Summer Reading Program Finale, August 4 from 2-4 p.m.***

Celebrate the end of our Reading Adventures in your city! Westover Hills Library will be hosting a Family Game Day! Come and enjoy indoor and outdoor games. Activities include board games, bean bag toss, giant bubbles, and more! Snacks and juice will be provided

## Ongoing Events

***Teen Scene***

Join us once a month for a movie just for teens. Popcorn provided!

The third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

***Evening Storytime***

Join us for a fun-filled, interactive and engaging Storytime! Storytime aims to instill a love of reading with songs, rhymes, and wonderful books and activities for ages birth to 5 years with an adult. Wednesdays June 6 and 27; July 25; and August 1 and 29 at 6 p.m.

***Saturday Storytime***

Join us for a fun-filled, interactive and engaging Storytime! Storytime aims to instill a love of reading with songs, rhymes, and wonderful books and activities for ages 0-5 years with an adult. Saturdays June 2, 16, and 30; July 14; and August 11 and 25 at 10 a.m. July 28 Storytime will be at 10:30 a.m.

***RVA Origami***

RVA Origami folding meetup! All skill levels welcome. Basic supplies provided and no registration is required. Fourth Saturday of the month from 1-4 p.m.

***In Stitches***

Enjoy conversation while completing your hand crafts such as knitting and crocheting. For older teens and adults. Thursdays from 2-4 p.m.

***Paws to R.E.A.D. ®***

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***STEM***

Combine science technology and fun at these creative sessions for kids in grades 6-12. Second Wednesday of the month at 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 the third Monday of the month at 2 p.m.

***Book Babies***

Join our Storytime designed to be fun and educational for both children and adults! Enjoy our interactive story, music, finger plays, and rhymes for infants up to 17 months with an adult. Thursdays, 10 a.m.

***Toddler Time***

Welcome to our interactive Storytime designed to be fun and educational with music, plays, stories, rhymes, and wonderful books. For ages 18-36 months accompanied by an adult. Most Thursdays at 11 a.m. (No Toddler Time on July 26.)

**Richmond Public Libraries will be closed July 4 and September 3, 2018**



# Join the Friends of Forest Hill Park Junior

The Friends of Forest Hill Park Junior (FFHPJ) is a group of middle- and high-school students interested in volunteering for our beautiful park. The FFHPJ built and painted the Little Free Library in the park and help stock it. They oversee planning and running the Halloween Howl Dog Parade event held the last Saturday in October that benefits Ring Dog Rescue and Friends of Forest Hill Park. The group also assists with events such as Victorian Christmas with Santa.

The FFHPJ meets monthly in front of the Stone House (weather permitting) on a Saturday to plan events, fill the Little Free Library, monitor the Bluebird Trail, or do a park clean up. A member does not need to attend every meeting or event to stay active—just do what they can. Volunteer hours can be used for school-required community service hours.

If you are interested, know of a student who is interested, or have questions, please contact Laura Dysart at [lauradysart@verizon.net](mailto:lauradysart@verizon.net). She can put you on the email distribution list so that you will be updated on any schedule changes and upcoming events and meetings.

# Bluebird Trail Update

Forest Hill Park has 10 houses on the bluebird trail reserved for native species of birds. Volunteers monitor these houses regularly in order to promote the blue bird and native bird species populations. So far this spring we have two bluebird nests with eggs, and three chick-a-dee nests with eggs.

Trail monitors remove the nests of invasive species, such as sparrows, from the boxes, as well as maintain predator guards that protect against wasps and ants. Volunteers also record the nests, eggs, hatchlings, and number of birds fledged in the park each year and report to the Virginia Bluebird Society so that scientists can track our bird populations.

The bluebirds were declining in urban areas, resulting in monitored bird trails in Virginia and other states as well. If you are interested in volunteering on the trail please contact Laura Dysart at [lauradysart@verizon.net](mailto:lauradysart@verizon.net).

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What yard has that special flower?*

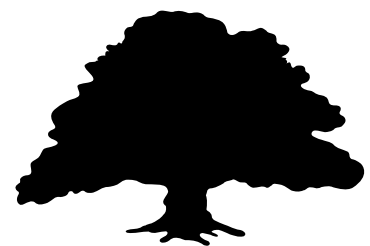


Walk! Bike! Drive!

Meet at the Stone House on July 22 at 4 p.m. and compete as an individual, family or team. You will be given a list of items that can be found in our neighborhood. Use your cell phone to snap a selfie with you or a team member of each item on the list.

There will be a one hour time limit. All the teams that return with the minimum items found will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Chick-fil-A gift card (must be present to win). The team with the most items captured, or the first team that has captured all items, gets an extra drawing entry!

The hunt is free to all Forest Hill Neighborhood Association members and \$2/person for non-members. Join the FHNA now if you haven't!



**Forest Hill**

**July 22  
4 to 5:30 pm  
at the  
Stone House**

# Forest Hill Spring Classic Bike Races a Success

By Carolyn Paulette

Friends of Forest Hill Park and Coqui Cyclery presented the first Forest Hill Spring Classic on Sunday afternoon, April 15, in Forest Hill Park. The competitors ranged from two years old to 18 years old. Prior to race day, Coqui Cyclery sponsored training sessions for the young enthusiasts. Even with a rainy weather postponement, 100 bikers competed in four different races on

the trails of Forest Hill Park. Three racers won in each of the four races. The proceeds from the race event will be used for conservation projects in Forest Hill Park. Because of the warm reception given the bike races, Friends of Forest Hill Park plan to make the Forest Hill Spring Classic an annual event.

*Carolyn Paulette is a member of Friends of Forest Hill Park and a board member of the FHNA.*



*The large turnout for the first Forest Hill Spring Classic shows how popular racing is for all ages in Richmond!*

*Emma Blankenship is all smiles after she earned second place in the 7-13 age category.*



*Cyrus Cooke shows off his medal and prizes after his race.*





*Ready, Set, Go! The youngest of the bikers line up on their strider bikes.*



*Gabe Ramirez, third place; Travis Baker, first place, and Jay MacDonald, second place were the first across the line for the 14-18 age category.*



*Friends, Carlin Walder and Avery Shaw enjoyed the face painting and the juggler at the park during the Spring Classic.*

## Get Your Volunteer Hours Here!

Do you need to pick up those last few community service hours before the end of the school year? The FHNA will come to your rescue! We need folks to join the fun and be important at various neighborhood events like Music in the Park, Run for the Hills 5K, and other events. Flexible hours, great company, and social interaction. Adults welcome too! Contact [foresthillassoc@gmail.com](mailto:foresthillassoc@gmail.com) for more info.

## Tell us about your Celebrity Pets!

Or let them speak for themselves. At the Forest Hill Flyer, we love hearing about the neighborhood's nonhuman residents. Spotlight your furry, scaly, or feathered friends by contacting [foresthillflyer@gmail.com](mailto:foresthillflyer@gmail.com).




# FHNA Calendar of Summer Events

Saturday, June 9	Forest Hill Walking History Tour, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Learn about the homes and environs of Forest Hill. Meet at the Stone House. For more info, go to <a href="http://friendsofforesthillpark.org">friendsofforesthillpark.org</a> .
Sunday, June 10	Music in the Park. Paulo Franco & The Freightliners (Alt Country), 6-8 p.m.
Thursday, June 14	4th District Meeting, 6 p.m., Huguenot Community Center, 7945 Forest Hill Avenue
Tuesday, June 19	FHNA Membership Meeting, 7 p.m. at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church
July	No membership meeting in July
Sunday, July 1	Deadline for FHNA Community Service Scholarship
Sunday, July 8	Music in the Park, Villages, (alt country jam band), 6-8 p.m.
Sunday, July 22	Scavenger Hunt, Meet at the Stone House, 4-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 1	Deadline for articles and advertisements for the Fall Forest Hill Flyer
Sunday, August 19	Music in the Park, King Django (reggae), 6-8 p.m.
Tuesday, August 21	FHNA Membership Meeting, 7 p.m. at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church
Sunday, August 26	2nd Annual 4th District Ice Cream Social, 4 p.m. at Forest Hill Park
Sunday, September 9	Music in the Park, Mozo (blues), 5-7 p.m.
Sunday, October 7	Music in the Park, Skydog (Allman Brothers tribute band), 5-7 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.

<b>Forest Hill Neighborhood Association</b> <b>Membership Form</b>		Date: _____
Name(s): _____		
Address: _____		
City/State/Zip: _____		
Phone: _____		Email: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Household Membership \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Years \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Annual Membership \$30
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> , I want to join the Neighborhood Watch and receive email updates about crime and safety in our neighborhood.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> , please send me email updates on current neighborhood events.  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> emails please.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> , I'm interested in volunteering with FHNA! Pay online at <a href="http://www.foresthillneighborhood.com">www.foresthillneighborhood.com</a> or by check made payable to Forest Hill Neighborhood Association ATTN: FHNA Treasurer P.O. Box 13201 • 1021 Hloaks Rd. Richmond, VA 23225-9995
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For more information visit <a href="http://www.foresthillneighborhood.com">www.foresthillneighborhood.com</a>		

**FREE**  
Forest Hill  
Pint Glass and Decal  
when you join!