



## BACK TO SCHOOL!

... *What problem in the world do you want to help solve?* ...



**Top Row, L-R:**

Jermontae, age 8: "Robbery"  
Kaiden, age 6: "More education"  
Miquael: "Training more good teachers"  
Darreion, age 12: "Reducing fighting in school"

**Second Row, L-R:**

Kayla, age 16: "Hunger"  
Shammarr, age 13: "Stopping violence and helping the homeless."  
Dominic, age 10: "Stopping bullying at school"



**Others (not shown):**

- James: "Helping Hurricane Harvey victims"
- Antonian, age 12: "Encouraging people to just give back"
- Orlando, age 11: "Stopping people from littering"
- Toshina, age 12: "Resolving problems with North Korea"
- Angela (mother of a Chimborazo Elementary student): "Feeding hungry kids"
- Rahquan, age 14: "Electing a new president"
- Eric, age 16: "Cleaning up the earth"

### Navigating Community Change: Sharing a Vision of Inclusion

When communities become linked through relationships and networks of trust, positive changes can begin to take place. In Greater Fulton, decades of gathering, collaborating, and building relationships across Fulton, Fulton Hill, and Montrose Heights have been bringing about many of these very changes. We have a thriving civic association, a business association, community centers, community gardens, a health clinic and dental office, parks, history projects documenting the legacy

of Fulton, and a youth-led farm stand. They have created and supported a close-knit community of neighbors who know each other. These connections have built the character and spirit of Greater Fulton.

In many communities across the U.S., changes such as these spur interest from corporations, institutions, and organizations that seek to capitalize on these developments through real estate investment, business development, and maximizing

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### GREATER FULTON MEDICAL CENTER'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY



Greater Fulton Medical Center (GFMC), a member clinic of the Capital Area Health Network (CAHN), celebrated its one-year anniversary September 1, 2017. One short year ago, GFMC opened to a distinguished crowd of community members, future patients, Richmond City Council Woman Cynthia Newbille, who was instrumental in generating city support of the medical center, and leaders of Youth with a Mission, which owns the clinic building and partnered with the board and administrators of CAHN to make GFMC a reality.

Dr. Reynolds-Cane, along with Nurse Practitioner Carolyn Schmutz, provides medical care to adults and children at GFMC Monday through Friday. Both are honored to serve the Greater Fulton community and to be involved in community initiatives.

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Dr. Dianne Reynolds-Cane and Carolyn Schmutz, NP

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Mike Madia

*Greetings from your new Greater Fulton Civic Association President, Mike Madia!*

I'm honored to have been chosen to serve as President of the Greater Fulton Civic Association and have high hopes for the future of our community. One of my priorities is to get to know my fellow Greater Fulton residents and make sure everyone is aware that the Civic Association exists and that it's here to help bring people together and provide the resources the community needs.

Hopefully, this outreach will also increase attendance at our bimonthly Civic Association meetings, which are a great opportunity to learn about what's going on in our community, share our hopes and concerns, and fellowship with our neighbors. Another of my goals as President is transparency: listening to residents and actively addressing their feedback.

My aim is to help Greater Fulton maintain clean and safe neighborhoods, develop and sustain a thriving business district, and come together for fun – be on the lookout for more details about Block Parties and Game Nights in early 2018!

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Dr. Reynolds-Cane, from Detroit, Michigan, believes, "God put us on earth to help each other," something she realized while growing up in an impoverished yet thoughtful and respectful neighborhood. It is only natural for Dr. Cane to want to help the Greater Fulton community by providing medical services and participating in Resource Center meetings, as well as meetings to improve parental involvement in children's education. GFMC patient numbers have increased from only a few patients daily to nearly filled schedules for both providers every day.

During the past year GFMC has provided access to:

- Diabetic Self-Management Education Program classes,
- Dental clinics,
- Behavioral health providers,
- Patient transportation services,
- Target BP - an American Heart Association program,
- Virginia Coordinated Care services,
- Access Now specialty services for the uninsured,
- Medication discount cards to patients challenged by today's prescription medication costs,
- Childhood immunizations, flu, and tetanus shots,
- Vision screening,
- Referral services for x-ray and specialty medical care, and
- Back to school physicals.

Greater Fulton Medical Center is a great first stop for all adult and pediatric primary medical care. Location: 1718 Williamsburg Rd., Richmond, VA 23231. For more information, call 804-780-0840 8am-5pm, M-F, or visit [cahealthnet.org](http://cahealthnet.org) to schedule an appointment.

**Billing FAQs:**

**What type of insurances do you accept?**

We accept all major insurances, including Medicaid, Medicare, Anthem, Cigna, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Aetna, and Southern Health.

**What do you offer for anyone who is uninsured?**

We offer a Sliding Fee program for all persons who are uninsured.

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**The Greater Fulton Civic Association Meetings**

Oct 10 • Dec 12 • Feb. 13 • April 10 • June 12

7-8 pm • Refreshments • All are welcome!

Neighborhood Resource Center, 1519 Williamsburg Road

General meetings are held on the second Tuesdays of even months (Oct., Dec., Feb., April, June) at the Neighborhood Resource Center, 1519 Williamsburg Road at 7 pm. The Executive Committee meets on the alternate months, second Tuesdays, at 7 pm. • The newsletter is distributed to 2,000 residents and businesses. This issue: Editor: Kara Zinchuck; Assistant Editors: Amy Wight and Brenda Vickers. Photo Editor: Greta Banister; Layout: Al Davis. Advertising: Polly Chamberlain, Carl and Mary Ellen Otto. Printing by Bamboolnk. Published by: Greater Fulton Civic Association, PO Box 38112, Richmond VA 23231.

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profit. Often the practical results of this outside interest include rising housing costs, increases in rent, and higher property taxes for residents. Many of those who have lived and worked in the community for decades can be the most adversely affected by these changes. What effect does this have on the tight networks of community relationships? In many cases, it begins to fracture and impede them. If residents begin to be priced out of the community, a pattern develops that changes the collective character of the neighborhood. It begs the question “how do residents, community members, and neighbors need to work together to navigate this community change?”

Certain signs foretell what may be coming to Greater Fulton. Community leaders from the Civic Association and the Neighborhood Resource Center have noticed some of these patterns emerge and are interested in working alongside residents to craft a community vision in response to these issues. The vision for how to navigate these changes must come from the residents themselves - we need you!

The first stage will involve setting up action teams to gather information about what is happening in our community and learn how other communities have addressed this issue. The second will be taking that information and presenting it in a community gathering, where residents can dialogue, share concerns, and learn more. The third entails bringing all of the information together to collaboratively craft a community vision to share with city representatives, non-profit organizations, and business owners. This phase is also where we will begin to implement our community vision to ensure all residents can live and thrive in a connected Greater Fulton that they help shape.

The NRC Executive Director, former NRC staffer Jason Sawyer, and NRC Board Member Chuck D’Aprix have been meeting to help look at options for a plan going forward. Please join us at the Neighborhood Resource Center on Monday, Oct. 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. to begin the work. All are welcome.

A word from Jason Sawyer, Greater Fulton’s Future Community Organizer: “When I engaged neighborhoods as a community organizer to hear authentic stories of community, my life was changed. I changed my career path and made it my life’s work. I do not know what would have happened had I failed to talk, listen, and spend time with people in those neighborhoods and in Greater Fulton. Outside forces can often shape community events. Greater Fulton has the power to shape its own destiny, map its own future, and tell its own story. You are an important part in this new chapter of Greater Fulton’s history.”

You are invited to get involved! Please contact the NRC at 864-5797 or info@nrccafe.org, the Civic Association members, or Chuck D’Aprix, Greater Fulton’s Economic Development study author chuckdaprix@gmail or text him at 804-244-6303.

# Powhatan Swimming Pool

## UPDATE

When you have experienced the very best, it is difficult to accept less than that. That’s how it is with the swimming program at our Powhatan Hill swimming pool in Greater Fulton.

For more than 30 summers we had a variety of swimming options. These included classes for all ages – even for adults who had never had a chance to learn to swim. Instruction included how to save yourself in threatening water emergencies. There were practice times for those on the swim team to polish their skills in the strokes they would need for the swim competition at the end of the summer. Our Powhatan Swim Team was City champion for many years.

Parents felt secure with the lifeguards’ training and careful supervision. There was a lively and fun-loving time for all ages who came to enjoy the warm days.

**Since new aquatics employees have been running the Powhatan pool, concerns and complaints have been on the rise. Swim program options have been declining and have become almost non-existent. There are concerns with water/chemical safety and the level of attention employees have given to swimmers’ safety.**

With no explanation, our past Pool Manager, Mr. Alvin Trent, who ran these great programs and kept swimmers safe, has



Alvin Trent

not been returned to Powhatan Pool for several summers. Many parent requests and letters from the Greater Fulton Civic Association have asked, even pleaded, for his return. But our inquiries have been met with “it’s a personnel matter, so we can’t discuss it.”

If you are a parent or resident concerned with the safety of our children and youth, you may contact City employees in the Dept. of Recreation and Parks who select staff for the swimming pools:

- Jerrod Booker, Head Lifeguard: 646-8088 or 646-4347
- Ray Chavis, Recreation Program Coordinator: 646-1084
- Deborah Morton, Director of Recreation and Parks: 646-5714)

Executive Committee members who have been directly working with City employees and Mr. Trent include Rosa Coleman and Mary Ellen Otto.

**Care-A-Van Dates for 2017**  
**October 30 • November 20**



# Want more local jobs & services?

Here is a step in that direction! – Economic Development Study Underway

Five years ago, LISC (the Local Initiatives Support Corporation), in conjunction with the Neighborhood Resource Center and other neighborhood organizations, undertook a comprehensive assessment of Greater Fulton. The plan, entitled Greater Fulton’s Future, addressed a number of community issues. One area addressed was economic development in the community – particularly the commercial district at the intersection of Government and Williamsburg Roads.

The economic development working group came up with several recommendations. Some of them have been implemented; others have not. After five years, many in the community felt it important to revisit the economic development plan.

Enter Greater Fulton resident Chuck D’Aprix, a 30-year economic development professional who

specializes in the economic revitalization of downtowns and commercial districts. Through his firm Downtown Economics, he has graciously agreed to update the economic development plan on a pro bono basis. Chuck serves on the Board of the Greater Fulton Business Association and will present his findings to the Association before releasing them community-wide.

This summer, with the help of student interns, Chuck has undertaken a full-scale study of the commercial district with an eye toward realistic recommendations that can be implemented. As he says, “we don’t need one more study – we need implementation plans.” One major focus will be on the attraction of new businesses for our commercial corridor. He also will be offering recommendations on how to make the commercial district more “business friendly.”

However, Chuck needs your help! He is looking for input on what types of businesses you would like to see in the neighborhood. He asks that you be realistic in your recommendations (for example, it is highly unlikely that we could attract a Target or a Kohl’s or similar national chains). We are looking for unique businesses that reflect the character of Greater Fulton.

Chuck is also going to be presenting a plan that will outline how local residents can start a business with assistance from the City, local banks, and other funding sources.

So put on your thinking caps, and send your suggestions to Chuck D’Aprix at [chuckdaprix@gmail.com](mailto:chuckdaprix@gmail.com) or text him at 804-244-6303.

***Together we can chart a new course for our commercial district in Greater Fulton!***

## Youth Police Academy

On six Tuesdays and Thursdays during the summer, neighborhood youth gathered at World Overcomers Church to learn more about their police officers, tips about gun safety, and drug and gang awareness.

Officer Tejada, of the Community Care Unit at the Richmond Police Department, arranged for speakers and field trips to the Police Aviation Unit at the airport, to the Division of Emergency Communications and to the Richmond Ambulance Authority to learn CPR.

The speakers on drug and gang awareness were especially informative. Lt. Armstead spoke on the danger of drugs available to youth today and Officer Williams gave an account of how easy it is to become involved with a gang.

Officer Kimberly Cheatham-McClarín also participated in the academy.



TaQuan Grant, Morgan Whitehead, Jalana Fleneury, Antonio Fleneury, Danielle Whitehead, Officer Tejada

Brandon Walton, Food and Outreach Coordinator at the Neighborhood Resource Center, arranged with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture to provide free wholesome lunches to the students. Jason Muckle delivered healthy meals each day at 11:00 am. According to Morgan Whitehead, the favorite lunch

was Tikka Masala chicken that was served with: rice, aloo gobi (potato and cauliflower) milk, and pineapple.

Thanks to all who helped or participated. We have lots of suggestions for the next academy. Stay tuned.



call 804-210-7188 to reserve a space

# Greater Fulton Flea Market

October 7 • 9am to 2pm  
(rain date October 14)  
1637 Williamsburg Rd at  
Calvary United Methodist Church



## Historic Fulton Memorial Park Update

We are excited to report that the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Historic Fulton Memorial Park will be here soon. It is estimated to be taking place early this coming year: in either winter or spring of 2018.

For more information, contact Regina Chaney at RChaney@homeofva.org or 804-402-9716.



## ALERT!

Have you received a letter or an offer in the mail to buy your house? Be cautious. Get advice from one or more realtors if you are considering selling your home. Secure a realtor you trust to handle the process. Selling your home is a big decision.

There is a variety of development going on in and near Greater Fulton. Because of this, property values, and therefore property taxes, will likely be on the rise over the long term. Take this into consideration as well if you are thinking about selling your home.



## Neighborhood Resource Center's Run to the River *presented by Artisan Hill* 8k run to benefit NRC Fulton October 29, 2017

Starting at Stone Brewing, runners will tackle three challenging hills, race through historic neighborhoods over cobblestone streets, run beside zombies and a graveyard and dash along the scenic banks of the James River. The event will also include a free spaghetti dinner on Oct. 27, a Fun-Run Mile, Halloween themed children's events and post-race party at Stone Brewing. **Please join us!**



[www.runtotheriver.org](http://www.runtotheriver.org)



# POWHATAN HILL COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

5051 Northampton Street at Williamsburg Road • 646-0973 • Fax 646-4618

Fall/Winter Hours: Monday through Friday: 1:00pm-10:00pm • Saturday depending on programming & scheduled youth football or baseball games; • Sunday: Closed  
Staff: John R. Williams, Center Supervisor • Shanjia Scott & Wayde Fleming, Recreation Instructors • Kristen Brown, Recreation Aide • Marquis Mosby, Recreation Aide

## NEW THIS FALL!

### AFTER SCHOOL FUN CLUB

Beginning on Monday, September 11th, we will have an After School Fun Club. The Fun Club will take place Monday through Friday from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.. Students enrolled in the program will receive homework assistance and participate in various recreational activities. The program is for ages 5 through 15.

### BOYS' & GIRLS' BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

For youth sports we will be registering participants for girls' and boys' basketball beginning in late October. The fee for City of Richmond residents is \$25.00 (\$45.00 for non-City residents). A copy of the child's birth certificate, report card, or school schedule (for school verification) and proof of City of Richmond residency (current utility bill or rent receipt) will be needed.

### BECOME A COACH!

We ask that anyone interested in coaching (volunteering) contact the center. All coaches go through criminal background checks and will be certified by the N.Y.S.C.A. (provided by the City of Richmond). Only serious applicants need apply to volunteer.



Chiefs Mid-Jet Purple play Mid-Jet Gold

### IMPORTANT DATES

September 11, 2017 - First day of After School Fun Club  
October - December 2017 - Youth Basketball Registration  
November 7, 2017 - Election Day. Center will be closed for regular programming but open as a voting precinct.

CENTER CLOSED on the following dates: Monday, September 4th, for Labor Day; Friday, November 10th, for Veterans' Day; Thursday, November 23rd, and Friday, November 24th, for Thanksgiving; and Monday, December 25th, and Tuesday, December 26th, in observance of Christmas

### DAILY PROGRAMMING

#### MONDAY, WEDNESDAY

3:30 - 6:00 p.m. After School Fun Club (no transportation)  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Soccer Practice  
6:00 - 7:45 p.m. Football Practice  
6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Cheerleading

#### TUESDAY

3:30 - 6:00 p.m. After School Fun Club (no transportation)  
6:00 - 7:45 p.m. Football Practice  
6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Cheerleading

#### THURSDAY

3:30 - 6:00 p.m. After School Fun Club (no transportation)  
6:00 - 7:45 p.m. Football Practice  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Character Club

#### FRIDAY

3:30 - 6:00 p.m. After School Fun Club (no transportation)

**ACTUAL SCHEDULE MAY VARY DUE TO ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING**



Chiefs Mid-Jet Gold: City Runner-Ups



## THE POWHATAN HILL COMMUNITY CENTER



Chiefs Minors Baseball are City Runner-Ups



J.V. PeeWees win the City Championship



PeeWees are the City Runner-Ups

## COMMUNITY



The Gravity Rail comes to Powhatan Park. Inspired by the excitement of ziplines and roller coasters, the new Gravity Rail lets kids safely cruise through the air, over dips and around curves – no harness required! Thanks to Recreation and Parks Deborah Morton and Marlie Smith for bringing the Gravity Rail to the park.



## GREATER FULTON CLEAN TEAM



L-R Clean Team members: Wesley Anderson, Chuck D'Aprix, Damon Pelletier, Norman Roscher, Mick Morin

## *Greater Fulton Clean Team on the Move*

The Clean Team of Greater Fulton is dedicated to reducing trash, litter, and dumping in our neighborhood. A sub-committee of the Civic Association, the group already counts a number of successes.

There are several activities in which the Clean Team is involved. First, the group schedules regular neighborhood clean-ups in various parts of Greater Fulton. These Saturday morning events target a certain section of the neighborhood, and volunteers fill countless trash bags with debris of all types. There will be clean-ups on September 9th, October 7th, and November 4th.

The second major initiative encourages people to “adopt a block” and commit to keeping it clean! In order to assist with that effort, the Clean Team will provide a “trash picker” free of charge. Just email us, and we will have one delivered to your front door. We have already distributed over 60 trash pickers, and people are actively engaged in keeping their blocks litter free. We have seen significant changes on many a block!

We also are actively working to place more trash barrels around the neighborhood in order to encourage folks to drop litter in a receptacle rather than on the sidewalk. We will be labeling the barrels with our Clean Team logo and will be asking local artists to paint them in order to provide some additional “pizzazz” to the containers. If you are interested in painting one – just drop us an email.

There are also issues related to dumping in the neighborhood. Everything from tires to appliances and countless items in between can be seen in alleyways and even on the street. Working with the City we have put together a volunteer “strike team” to remove those types of items. If you see them, drop us an email, and we will work to get them removed.

Even overgrown grass on sidewalks can be an issue – a group of volunteers helped to remove grass from the sidewalk on Williamsburg Road recently. The effort was successful and even caught the attention of the City, who went on to finish the rest of the sidewalk.

We are about to undertake a public information campaign on the importance of keeping the neighborhood clean. This will include door hangers with essential information along with City Hall contact numbers. Williamsburg Road is a gateway to our neighborhood. We have started going door-to-door to remind residents that they are responsible for maintaining the area from their property to the street line. We could use some help in that effort.

For more information about the Clean Team of Greater Fulton, please contact Chuck D'Aprix at [chuckdaprix@gmail.com](mailto:chuckdaprix@gmail.com) or text him at 804-244-6303.

**Together we can  
have a cleaner, greener  
neighborhood!**





Artisan Hill as seen from the Fulton Hill Properties building (formerly Robert Fulton School) looking towards the Recreation Center

# Studio Row is now Artisan Hill

What began in 1997 with the purchase of the former Robert Fulton Elementary School will soon become Greater Fulton’s first mixed income, mixed use multi-family housing development.

Twenty years ago, Margaret Freund, the founder of Fulton Hill Properties, had a vision to create a development around the former Robert Fulton school, now known as Fulton Hill Studios, while keeping it an enclave for creative talent in Richmond.

Upon completion of the Greater Fulton’s Future Initiative community visioning process in 2015, the timing seemed right. Now, thanks to support from nearby neighbors, area churches, the Greater Fulton Civic Association, and the Neighborhood Resource Center, this development will soon become a reality.

What began with a working title of “Studio Row” is now Artisan Hill. Artisan Hill reflects the values we continue to share with the arts community, as well as the topography of the historic school. It’s our intention that the arts will continue to be a part of the Greater Fulton community.

Construction of Artisan Hill began in late July and should be completed in the beginning of 2019. Fulton Hill Properties will also be renovating the historic school in November, which will be completed in spring 2019.

Artisan Hill will have 204 apartments in two new buildings, and there will be 33 units in the renovated Fulton Hill Studios.

In addition to incredible views of the James River and the City skyline, the development will include one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments, live/work artist studios, offices, and a market. The amenities include a 75-foot pool, movie viewing room, dog pool, athletic field, gym, rooftop deck, garage parking, ceramics studio, café, and indoor and outdoor social areas. The renovated school will continue to house a gallery space where community meetings can be held, and the new gym in the historic building will offer memberships to the public. Additionally, historic Carlisle Avenue will be re-opened to public access once the project is completed, with new lighting and sidewalks. There will also be a new field for the “peewee” soccer training and other athletic activities.

Apartment amenities include washers and dryers in each unit, granite countertops, hardwood floors, carpeted bedrooms, private balconies and ample closet and storage space. For ten years, ten percent (10%) of the units at Artisan Hill will be offered to people earning 60% of Area Median Income (AMI) or less. Twenty percent (20%) of units will be offered to people earning 80% of AMI or less for 30 years.

A committee of neighbors continues to meet and advise the development and construction process. Please visit [www.artisanhill.net](http://www.artisanhill.net) to learn about this project and sign up for updates.



**STONE**  
BREWING CO.

## Bistro & Jobs Coming at Stone Brewery

Phase 2 of the Stone Brewing project is the construction of the Stone Brewing World Bistro and Gardens, which will be located in the Intermediate Terminal Building on Main Street between Williamsburg Avenue and Nicholson Street. The project is expected to open at the end of 2018 and will be a farm-to-table restaurant and beer garden. It will include dining, a small brewery, and event and community spaces.

When it is fully operational, approximately 200 jobs will be created. Jobs will include standard restaurant positions. Stone Brewery will run hiring workshops, so stay tuned for when those dates get scheduled. Interested applicants should look at job descriptions online for our California bistro to learn what skills and requirements will be desired. As the Bistro will open in late 2018, there is over a year to hone one’s skills! It is definitely an opportunity to be proactive now and not wait until the hiring begins.

For those who want to know what the Bistro will look like, conceptual architectural renderings of the building are available at Stone Brewery now. Come by to take a look.

For more information, please contact Juliellen Sarver, Community Relations Manager, Stone Brewing, at [juliellen.sarver@stonebrewing.com](mailto:juliellen.sarver@stonebrewing.com) or 804-489-5900 x3661.





“WE SERVE THE WHOLE FAMILY.”

Through recent research related to our strategic planning process you told us that NRC-Fulton is the “heart of Fulton” and that our community center is the “grandmother of the neighborhood”... warm praise indeed. And we thank you.

With a renewed commitment to service, NRC-Fulton is addressing a changing neighborhood through a deeper involvement with the community. Our recent strategic plan emphasizes sustainability and a resolve to work more closely with you on the needs and issues of the area. Several initiatives emerged from the planning process:

- Expand our food outreach program to include additional partners. With a summer pilot program completed, we see the potential, and know that we have capacity to feed more people.
- Strengthen our preschool. We are seeking additional partners to make the preschool more sustainable, and we welcome the community’s input and involvement.
- Stronger fundraising. We are planting the seeds of new funding opportunities. These are taking root and will bear fruit later in the year.

Fulton is undergoing rapid and important change – you can be a part of this change. This is a way for you to participate in the growth of your community and to give back – volunteer, donate, or serve on our board. We are very interested in hearing from our neighbors and invite you to stop by to see our newly renovated center donated by our wonderful sponsors and volunteers.



Homework help



Computer access

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Oct. 29, 2017 – Run 2 the River (back by popular demand!)
- Nov. 23 & 24, 2017 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 18, 2017 – Jan. 1, 2018 – Schools close for Winter Break
- Feb. 19 – Presidents Day – Schools closed

**DAILY PROGRAM HOURS**

- Monday – Wednesday**  
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Montessori Preschool  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Adult Services  
2:30 – 6:00 p.m. Out-of-School Time  
3:45 – 4:45 p.m. Free Supper for 18 and younger
- Thursday**  
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Montessori Preschool  
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. NRC Works Orientation  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Chew & Chats  
12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Adult Services  
2:30 – 6:00 p.m. Out-of-School Time  
3:45 – 4:45 p.m. Free Supper for 18 and younger
- Friday**  
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Montessori Preschool  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Adult Services  
2:30 – 6:00 p.m. Out-of-School Time  
3:45 – 4:45 p.m. Free Supper for 18 and younger

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK AT  
Neighborhood Resource Center of Greater Fulton

**NRC Services to the Community**

- Youth Programs
- Out-of-School-Time
- Cooking Classes
- Gardening
- Field Trips

**NRC Works – Financial Opportunity Center**

- Financial Literacy Training
- One-on-One Coaching (Employment, Financial, and Benefits Assistance)
- Job Search Resources
- Hiring & Networking Events
- Debt & Credit Counseling Assistance
- Free Tax Preparation
- Computer Basics Training

**Pathways to Financial Freedom**

- Financial Wheel/Goal-Setting
- Conquering A Spending Plan
- Understanding Your Money Personality
- Beginner’s Credit Crash Course
- Incentives

**The NRC Kitchen & Garden**

- Preschool Meals – Breakfast, Lunch, and Snacks Daily
- Nutrition and Healthy Cooking Classes –

- For Out-of-School-Time & Community
- Healthy Supper for Out-of-School Time and Community (18 and under)
- Natural Gardening – Classes on Food Production and Gardening Methods
- Pop-Up Dining Experiences for the Community
- Food Pantry – 2nd & 4th Thursdays

**Office Services**

- Phone, Fax
- Copying, Scanning Services
- Internet Access
- Computer Lab for Job Seekers
- Notary Service

**Volunteer Opportunities**

- Individual & Corporate
- Community Service
- School Projects

**Additional Services**

- Weekly Farm Stand
- Sound Recording Studio
- Community Gathering Facility



# Growing in Fulton



Lots of food available in the Farm Fridge

**T**he Garden Program at the Neighborhood Resource Center of Greater Fulton is growing! Last July, the NRC canvassed the neighborhood about local community gardening. We learned that many members of the community couldn't get out of their homes to garden for themselves. Thus the plans for the Garber Street CSA Garden began. A CSA, which stands for Community-Supported Agriculture, usually entails an annual fee per customer for delivery of produce to his or her front door on a weekly basis. The mission of this garden is to provide elderly and homebound community members with access to healthy produce. Are you interested in receiving produce delivered to your doorstep for a small fee (less than \$50 a year)? See below for contact details! The garden will be constructed this fall and will be maintained predominantly by volunteers.

In conjunction with the CSA garden, the NRC is starting the Fulton Growers Club. Members of the club will have access to free or reduced-cost workshops, assistance from experienced gardeners, and a heightened sense of community connectedness. Are you interested in gardening in your yard? Anyone can get help with building and maintaining a garden in his or her backyard, and the Club has need-based funding to help those who can't afford materials. Membership in the Fulton Growers Club requires 2 hours of volunteering per week to build connections with other neighborhood gardeners. This volunteer time is essential to keeping our programs running and will serve as a great way to get exposed to all aspects of garden maintenance. After 4 weeks (or 8 hours of volunteer time) we will help you install your garden upon submission of a written agreement that you will complete the remaining 8 weeks (16 hours) of volunteering.

Interested in volunteering? Volunteers of all ages, knowledge levels, and abilities are welcome! We welcome one-time or regular volunteer commitments. So if you are looking to set up ongoing volunteer engagement, fulfill volunteer hours, or just come out one time, that's all welcome!

**If you are interested in getting involved in the CSA Garden, participating in the Fulton Growers Club, or volunteering in the gardens in general, email alex@nrccafe.org to get signed up!**



## Bus Rapid Transit Update

The GRTC Pulse is the bus rapid transit line that is under construction and will run between Orleans Street at Rocketts Landing and Willow Lawn in the Near West End. Two stations will be accessible to residents of Greater Fulton: the Orleans Street station at Rocketts Landing and the East Riverfront station near Main Street and Nicholson Street. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of 2017 or the beginning of 2018.

In order to better connect residents of Greater Fulton to the BRT, the GRTC routes 52 and 53 will be replaced by routes 4a and 4b. Additional route information can be found at [www.grtc.com](http://www.grtc.com) and at [www.rvarapidtransit.org](http://www.rvarapidtransit.org).

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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<b>Non-Emergency Police (Henrico)</b>	<b>501-5000</b>
<b>Crime Stoppers</b>	<b>780-1000</b>
<b>Sector 111 Lt. Johnny McRoy</b>	<b>646-3602</b>
<b>ABC Violations</b>	<b>804-213-4400</b>
<b>Truancy (youth skipping school)</b>	<b>646-abcd</b>
<b>24-hour Abuse &amp; Neglect Hotline</b>	<b>800-552-7096</b>
<b>Pro Bono Legal Assistance</b>	<b>804-648-1012 ext. 6047</b>
<b>Central VA Legal Aid Society</b>	
<b>EMERGENCY HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>CITY HALL CALL CENTER</b>	<b>311</b>
(to report problems with city services)	
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	
<b>Greater Fulton Medical Center</b>	<b>780-0840</b>
<b>Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC)</b>	<b>864-5797</b>
(PreSchool, Employment, Education)	
<b>Powhatan Hill Community Center</b>	<b>646-0973</b>
(Youth sports & Education)	
<b>BUS SCHEDULE &amp; ROUTES (GRTC)</b>	<b>358-4782</b>
<b>GAS &amp; WATER: CITY Public Utilities</b>	<b>646-4646</b>
<b>POWER OUT: Dominion Energy</b>	<b>866-366-4357</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTS OUT</b>	<b>646-4646</b>
<b>TELEPHONE OUT: Verizon</b>	<b>800-837-4966</b>
<b>TRASH &amp; RECYCLING</b>	
<b>East Richmond Rd. Convenience Center</b>	<b>646-4706</b>
(yard waste, hazardous waste, tires)	
<b>Hopkins Road Transfer Station (all waste)</b>	<b>232-8488</b>
<b>Recycling Bins and Schedule</b>	<b>340-0900</b>
<b>ANIMAL CARE &amp; CONTROL</b>	<b>646-5573</b>
(lost, stray, abused animals & illegal breeding)	

# 2017 National Night Out at Wynwood Apartments



Gunny Seidell at Wynwood Apartments

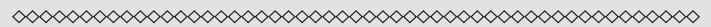
Wynwood Apartments recently celebrated its third National Night Out on August 1st. The property management set the event in motion “Pool Side” with a huge pizza party! It was a fabulous night out with friends, which enabled us to make the claim, “We took a BITE out of crime during our National Night Out”!

our neighbors in the Greater Fulton area. The collaboration between Wynwood Neighborhood Watch and the Greater Fulton Neighborhood Watch is progressing.

Wynwood Apartments, located at 1267 Nelson Street, were built in 1975 and have 120 units (two story buildings) at the

The Wynwood Neighborhood Watch was established in December 2013, after Joey “Gunny” Seidell completed the Richmond Police Department’s Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Academy. During their first year, they had monthly Watch Meetings, which allowed them to hit the ground running. They now have “Neighborhood Watch Warning signs posted (thanks to RPD) and meet quarterly. They also take great pride in working alongside

secluded end of Arcadia Street. They are a “usually” quite complex with nice families and a pleasant atmosphere.



**For more information about Wynwood Neighborhood Watch, contact Joey “Gunny” Seidell at [GySgt5821@gmail.com](mailto:GySgt5821@gmail.com).**

## City Changes Leaf Collection Policy

The Department of Public Works is asking residents to bag their leaves this fall in an environmentally responsible way – this means in a biodegradable paper bag.

The bags of leaves will be picked up on recycle day every other week. Residents may put out a maximum of ten bags each recycle day. In November and December there will be a ten-day period when the City will pick up as many bags as are put out.

Starting in October, there will be a fee-based, on-demand vacuum service



for those who request it. Those who want the service must call 646-LEAF or mail in a form and pay \$30. They will be given a work order number and a one-week window when the contractors will come and vacuum up leaves that have been raked to the front of the property line.

Bobby Vincent, Jr., Director of Public Works, said, “I want to make sure people understand that we want you to bag. Vacuuming is an option, but we need you to bag.”

# Gillies Creek Park Happenings

## GOATS

Welcome a new goat to the expanded grazing area beside the corn hole courts. Elisabeth and Sweet Pea were lonely, so a



third goat, an un-named male, has been added to the kudzu eating party. The fenced in area has been expanded to help keep up with the growth of the offending weed and to provide more shade areas during the hot days they are working.

The goat visitation work periods are Monday-Friday on days when the weather is accommodating. When not at work in Gillies Creek Park, they are working in their home enclosure in the county.

Please do not feed the goats. They have a job to do eating the weeds and supplements are provided when needed.



## TREES

It seems planting trees in Gillies Creek Park is relatively easy; keeping them alive is another story. The area was a creek many years ago, as sharks teeth and the lack of top soil attest. Some of the trees planted over the last few years have survived. However, some of

the older trees continue to die and must be removed. A thank you goes to the Richmond Tree Stewards and Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay for their assistance in dealing with this problem.

## CLEANING THE OLD CREEK

When Gillies Creek was diverted into a concrete storm drain in the 60's, there ceased to be a continuous source of water flowing into the part of the creek now within the park. Rain and back flow from the James River, along with some mysterious residual sewer system sources, provide the only water to sustain the old portions of the creek. Vegetation is

trying to cover the creek and collects trash. This results in a mosquito breeding problem for the area. The immediate need is to clear the weeds and remove the trash from the old creek. Long term solutions are being investigated.

## PARK ACTIVITIES

The BMX track races on Sundays after 12 noon. Please stay off the track when it is wet.

The soccer/football field is used by James River Sports and Social Club for co-ed tag football and coed kickball.

The Disc Golf course, horseshoe pits and corn hole courts are available without fee. Just bring your disc, horseshoes, or corn bags.

## While walking to the Powhatan Pool on an August afternoon...

"Hey, Mr. Dee!"

"How you doing, Shawn?"

I had just picked up a flattened NewPort pack to add to a McDonald's cup and french fries box.

"Why do you say it's bad luck to drop trash?"

"Because I pick up trash everyday while walking my dogs - or walking to the pool - and I'm the luckiest person I know."

"You mean you're rich!"

"No, I mean I'm lucky! Lots of rich people have very bad luck. They probably drop trash too!"

I point to the street sewer. It has a fish stamped on a metal disc stuck on it.

"See that sewer drain? That's REALLY BAD luck to put trash in there!"

"My uncle puts his motor oil down his sewer. He says the concrete sucks it up."

"Guess what that fish sign means."

Shawn shrugs.

"It means whatever goes down the sewer drains right to our river - to the fish. You like fish?"

"I do like fish. I like fishing. My uncle, he has good luck catching fish."

"It would be bad to eat motor-oily fish, don't you think? And worse luck to get a \$2,000 ticket for dumping oil down the sewer."

"Oh that would be bad."

We are quiet, almost to the pool, and Shawn runs over to a pile of cigarette butts by the curb.

"Look at this, Mr. Dee!" He has picked up 2 quarters and some dimes. He shows them to me. He leaves several pennies with the butts. I take the pennies and scoop the butts into the McDonald's cup.

"Find a penny, pick it up, and all the day you'll have good luck! Looks like we both have good luck today, Shawn!"

The Clean Team of Greater Fulton Civic Association is working with the City to affix "NO DUMPING - Fish" medallions to street sewers. If you would like to have one on your street or for more info., email Chuck D'Aprix at [chuckdaprix@gmail.com](mailto:chuckdaprix@gmail.com).

### School Board Loss

7th District School Board Representative Nadine Marsh-Carter resigned due to the unexpected death of her husband, David Carter. We are saddened to learn that Mrs. Carter is leaving the School Board. We are grateful for her compassionate service to our children, and we send our heartfelt condolences and prayers to her and her family.



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