



# CHURCH HILL NEWSLETTER

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APRIL 2008

## THE JAMES RIVER: EXCERPTS FROM ANN WOODLIEF'S PRESENTATION AT THE JAMES RIVER SYMPOSIUM.

BY JOHN JOHNSON, FRIEND OF THE JAMES RIVER  
PARKS.

What makes the James River special? First of all it is over 600 million years old and is 434 miles long, (if you add its headwater streams). It's now a thriving river and has had both good and bad times serving human habitation for over four thousand years. It is also the only major American river which flows entirely within the boundaries of one state, (which theoretically means we Virginian's can manage it better than dealing with other

State's agendas). However, according to The Washington Times, despite these positive attributes of the James, the James River itself is only half as healthy as it could be and has an estuary score of 52% in the combined areas of wildlife, habitat, pollution and restoration and protective actions. (If you remember your school days ... 52% was not that great). However, the James is a leader in pollution reduction when compared to the other Chesapeake Bay tributaries, (Potomac, York, and Rappahannock).



Human interactions began with the Indians. The river was the core of their lives and they lived by its rhythms. They caught the migratory fish each spring when there was little else left to eat. They harvested and eventually planted crops that were nourished by the flood waters along the rich river banks, island and broad plains. Next were the colonists who were so engrossed in their dreams of conquering the wilderness to become wealthy, that they failed to pay much attention to the characteristics of the river. For hundreds of years from 1607 to the 1990's - humans have often treated the river as an antagonist, ignoring its realities, and using it thoughtlessly. In the 18th century, the river, especially at the Fall line was noted for three things: power, frustrating geology and floods. The rocks of the river, especially in the Fall Line, blocked their boats from those natural resources upstream. While they found uses for this geography by building mills to grind the wheat into flour - the best wheat was grown upstream, beyond the tobacco fields of the tidewater. So as early as George Washington's time, they began planning how to redirect and reshape the river, in short, how to build canals to bypass the rocky obstructions and open up those western resources and markets. After investing millions of dollars and a number of lives, (mostly of slaves), in the James River and Kanawha Canal, in 1824 the canal was finally completed to Lynchburg and then eventually 220 miles to Buchanan.

People and canal boats may have been moving up the river, but the fish were not so lucky. Soon after the American Revolution, the river had been cut in half with manmade obstacles, (dams, water directing devices), all with effects felt

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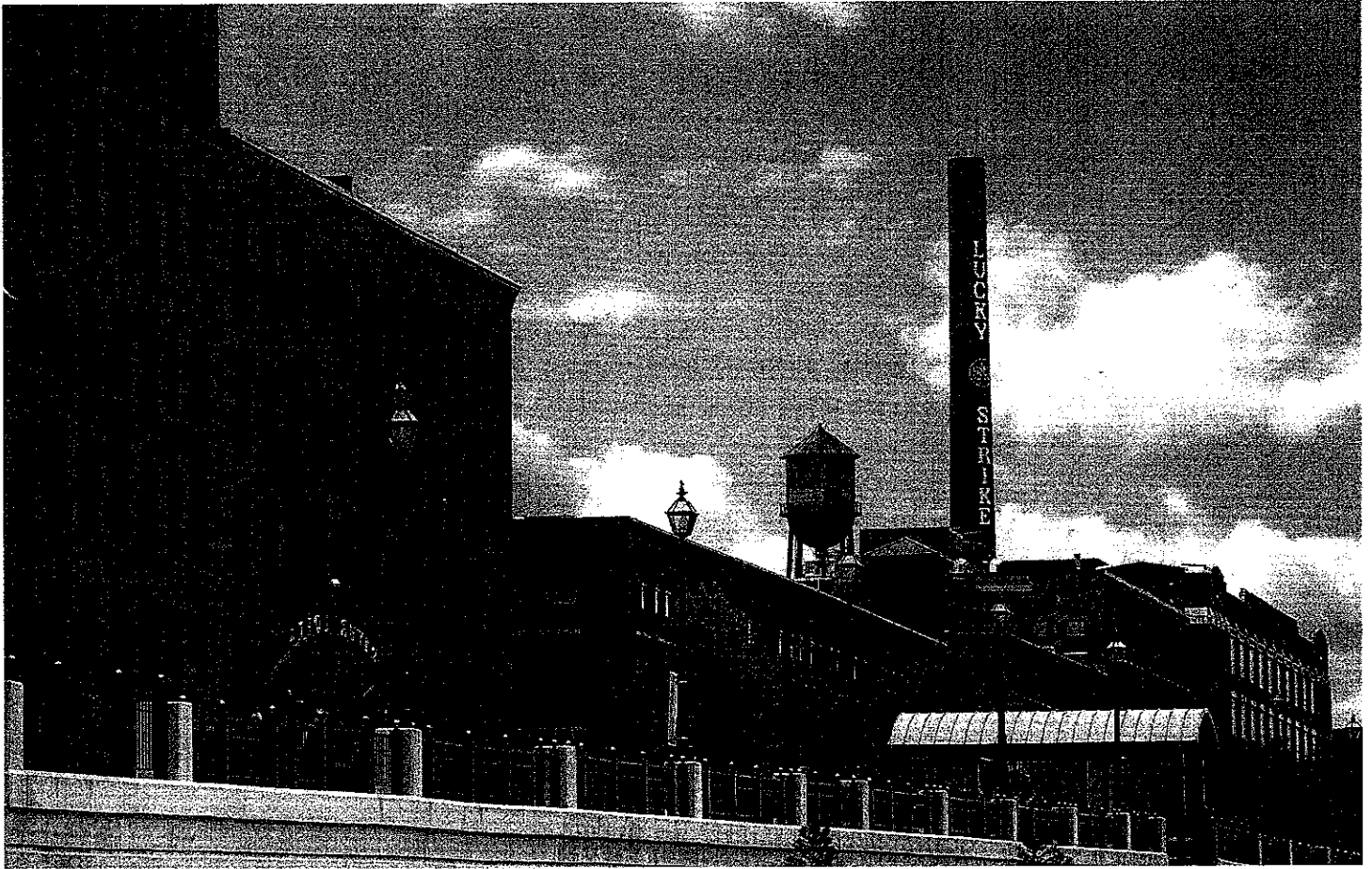
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NOTE: A discount of 10% is provided for pre-paid advertising for three or more months. Ad copy may be changed as long as it is received before the usual deadline.

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The Church Hill Newsletter is distributed by volunteers throughout the Church Hill neighborhood (North and South of Broad Street) and to many of the apartments in the Shockoe Bottom area (including Tobacco Row, Superior Building, and the Poythress Apartments). We also distribute through several local restaurants and area merchants. A total of 1400 issues are distributed each month.

## EDITORIAL POLICY

The newsletter is published monthly except for a combined November/December issue. All official opinions of the CHA are found in the minutes of the meetings. All other opinions expressed in the newsletter are the opinions of the individual author. All submissions are welcome. The editorial policy does not permit personal attacks, profanity or anonymous submissions. Submissions may be edited for space. Final approval rests with the Board of Directors. Please submit all articles/letters as e-mails to [newsletter@churchhillrichmond.com](mailto:newsletter@churchhillrichmond.com)



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Our new Interim Rector, Alan Mead, and his wife Pat are living on Church Hill

**SPECIAL EVENT IN APRIL**

**Saturday, April 19, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., St. John's Parish Hall–  
*The Richmond Sacred Harp Singers***

Drift in and out at your leisure, even if you do not read music, and join us for a unique musical experience. No admission will be charged. All are welcome.

**“Liberty or Death” Reenactments**

The Patrick Henry Committee invites you to join us for historical reenactments of the Second Virginia Convention of March 1775. In the presence of Washington, Jefferson and other notable Virginians, Patrick Henry delivered his passionate call for liberty, uttering the immortal words *“give me liberty or give me death!”*

**Summer Sundays Memorial Day Weekend, May 25 through Labor Day Weekend, August 31**

- 1:00 p.m. Free tickets are distributed at the front door.
- 1:15 p.m. Seating begins
- 1:30 p.m. Patriotic music program perform on the organ by Mr. Robert Copeland.
- 2:00 p.m. Reenactment program begins.

**Guided Tours 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and 1:00-4:00 Sunday**

Our Gift Shop contains a unique assortment of historical mementos and gift items. Visit us soon to pick up your copy of “Liberty or Death,” an educational PBS program with Pulitzer Prize-winning historians discussing the events in Virginia that led to the American Revolution and a reenactment of Patrick Henry’s famous speech.

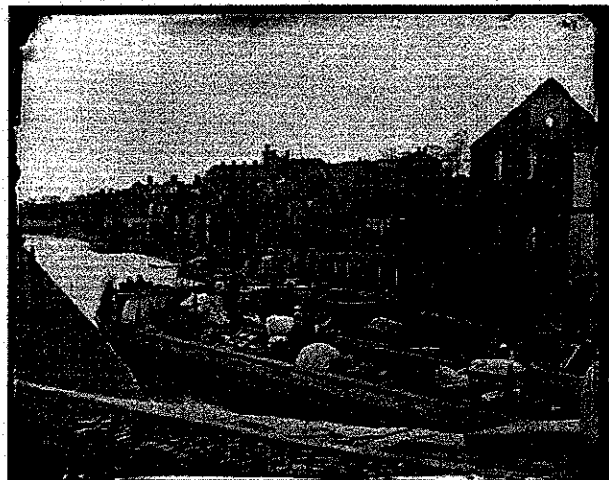
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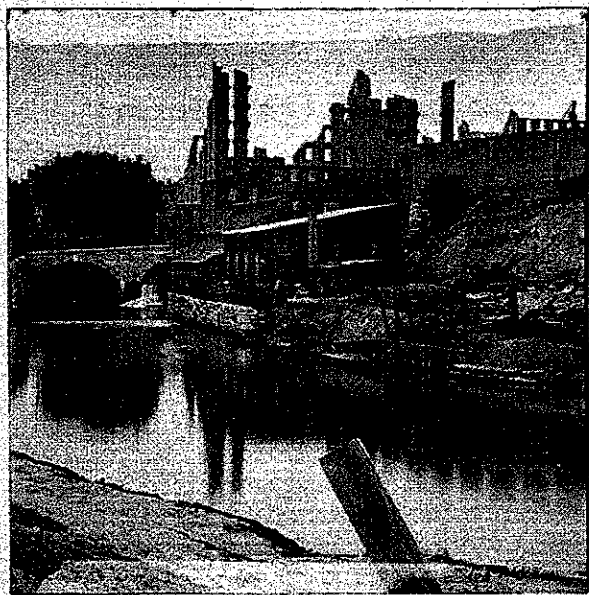
## The James River Continued...

up and down the entire river. For years, even centuries, the migratory fish had come each spring up the river to lay their eggs. Striped bass as large as 40-50 pounds were reported cruising the river, and people above the Fall line depended heavily on the fish's massive migrations. Yet in 1789 or so, Thomas Jefferson was responsible for a dam blocking the James River. Others diverted water for the earliest canal, but all of this also changed the ecology of the river. The fish would run past Richmond as more dams and canals were built and more sewage dumped in the river at the Fall Line. Man tried to fix the problem by introducing to the upper James in the 1880s--black or smallmouth bass, trout, even salmon (all who declined to reproduce). The lesson is that decisions were not always made with regard to long-term or ecological consequences for growth, economic progress and commercialization.



Then came another unfortunate use of the river – the “great flush”. In the 19th century, people decided it was cheap and handy way to pipe their wastes to the river and out to sea. By late 1900 the river had become intolerable from Lynchburg to Richmond to the Bay. The river was also virtually inaccessible—as it was in the hands of private owners below Richmond. The James was blocked by canals and later by the railroads upstream. Downstream, the sewage kept pouring in the river and chemical companies sprang up below the Fall line attracted by the cheap disposal available in the river. To illustrate the severity of this problem in 1912 the recorded attitude and words of the VA legislators proclaimed the following, that: "The rivers of Virginia are the God-given sewers of the State". As a result, by the middle of the 20th century the river was barren below Richmond at some points so acidic that paint would burn off boats. The river was nearly dead.

It wasn't until 1958, through concerned citizen and environmentalists that sewage treatment was begun in earnest and with the passage of the Clean Water Act, sewage treatment started and factories and chemical companies cleaned up their act. By 1976 the river began to move from its deathbed, to grave and finally stabilized. Once the old bad habits had been broken and effective sewage treatment plants built, the river started making a come-back. Additionally, the State Water Control Board began to work hard to enforce EPA regulations, and cities like Richmond, Lynchburg, Petersburg and others were able to tap federal funds to build new and better treatment plants.



Virginian's now are better educated and sensitive to the fact that all rivers (and our James River) are a living natural resource. Though some folks are still a bit uneasy about the health of the river - positive signs are pointing the way to a cleaner, healthier and viable river. The once nearly dead river is now filling up again with anadromous fish, (shad, rockfish, and in the lower James catfish rather than sturgeon). Recently, the James is said to be the best smallmouth bass river in the country, (even including the river within the Richmond city limits).

We are a society of institutions, and many groups, official and concerned citizens that need to consistently work to see that the river stays clean and healthy. We must be careful not to be complacent, and also to operate at the ideal location whereby we are not abusing it, over using it, and/or loving it to death. Regardless we need to treat the river with a vision of the future to include the network of streams, which circulates through the Commonwealth and provides habituate to a variety of flora, fauna and home to many living creatures.

# TIMELY & NOTEWORTHY



## “SURVIVOR DAY” TRAINING OFFERED TO RICHMOND RESIDENTS

Richmond Ready is a concept the City adopted to ensure planning, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation are not just actions taken by public safety officials and private partners, but also the private citizen. Being prepared can reduce fear, anxiety, and losses that accompany disasters. This training is designed to prepare citizens with information and planning tools in the event of a widespread disruption of public services, commerce, and transportation due to a local emergency. The issuance of a free Survival Kit following this 4 hour training session will give each household an edge of confidence in being prepared for an emergency. Our citizens must be ready and able to deal with such events.

### Event Details:

Location: Landmark Theatre - 6 North Laurel Street

Date: April 26, 2008

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm (Light refreshments will be provided.)

Registration: Begins at 8:30am

Parking: Parking is available at the VCU garage on your own.

Survivor Day is open to all City of Richmond residents.

Pre-registration is required. If you don't have a MyRichmondGov account, you will be asked to set one up online at [www.richmondgov.com/departments/emergencymanagement/survivorday.aspx](http://www.richmondgov.com/departments/emergencymanagement/survivorday.aspx). You may also pre-register by calling a City of Richmond Account Representative at 646-7000. To ask about special accommodation, such as disability assistance, you may call 646-7000.

## NEW COFFEE SHOP OPEN CLOSE TO HOME

GlobeHopper Coffeehouse & Lounge is officially now open for business at 2100 East Main Street. Located between Shockoe Bottom and Church Hill, they serve coffee and lite fare in a comfortable lounge environment seven days a week. You are invited to the Grand Opening events Thursday, April 3 - Sunday, April 6. Enjoy drink specials (including our real Irish coffees) live music, and cozy back patio! Keep GlobeHopper in mind for small business or community organization meetings. Groups of 6-8 can be accommodated comfortably without notice. Visit [www.globehoppercoffee.com](http://www.globehoppercoffee.com) for more information.

## ARE YOU GREEN?

The big “buzz” word these days is about sustainable design, ecology, & preservation (all of which I participate in and firmly stand behind). However, for many of us the thought can be rather intimidating, especially when we read articles that promote organic or sustainable products we can only dream about purchasing because the costs are so high.

Most of us are already “green” and don’t realize it! Listed below are ten suggestions to test your greenness. You are “green” if you:

- Don't litter
- Skip the stairs & use the elevator (Hmmm...I could use one of these at home)
- Wash and reuse plastic sandwich, snack and storage bags
- Bring your own mug to your favorite coffee spot
- Use live indoor plants (great toxic chemical air cleaners)
- Shut off your computer and monitor when you're not using it
- Cluster many errands into one trip
- Get a library card and borrow books
- Get off junk mail lists ([www.directmail.com/directory/mail\\_preference/](http://www.directmail.com/directory/mail_preference/))
- Recycle glass, paper, newspaper, cardboard & metals

Wasn't that simple? And, it didn't cost one dime. If each of us picks only two or three items on this list we will keep our neighborhood clean and “green”.

Florence Donald, Allied ASID, CAPS

## CHURCH HILL ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Come see what Church Hill Academy students have been doing this past year. Read essays on the City of Jericho, learn how they found DNA in strawberries, hear them speak Latin and explain how they learned fractions through cooking. The students are proud of their work and ready to show you what they have learned.

Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

3:00-4:00pm St. John's Church Fellowship Hall for light appetizers and introduction to the staff and vision

4:00-5:00pm Carpool or caravan over to the Church Hill Academy located at 601 N. 31<sup>st</sup> Street to meet students and tour the current school building

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## CHURCH HILL HERBS AND FLORIST TO KICK OFF SEARCH TO FIND AMERICA'S FAVORITE MOM

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In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mother’s Day, Teleflora created a new reality television series and partnered with NBC to find “America’s Favorite Mom.” Teleflora and NBC are looking for inspirational mothers from all walks of life in five categories: single moms, working moms, stay-at-home moms, unconventional moms and military moms who may be serving overseas or holding down the home front for those serving our country.

Now through April 30, proud Richmond residents can visit [AmericasFavoriteMom.com/florist](http://AmericasFavoriteMom.com/florist) to nominate their mothers for this prestigious award. When you click *Register Now*, please select “Church Hill Herbs and Florist” under “Florist Name.” As part of the interactive experience, residents also can vote for their favorite mom and she can win exclusive online prizes.

The top 15 nominees from the five categories will appear on NBC’s highly rated “Today” show and viewers will have the chance to vote for their favorite mom at the end of each show. The winning mom from each category will be featured on Teleflora Presents America’s Favorite Mom,” a grand finale, NBC television special airing on Mother’s Day, May 11, 2008.

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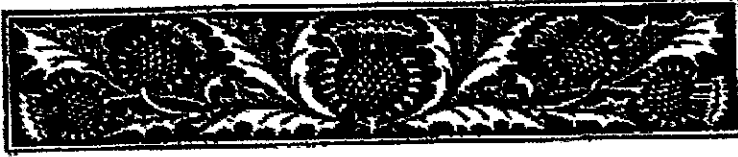
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40-minute historically narrated tours of the James River & Kanawha Canal along the River District's Canal Walk. Tour begins every hour on the hour. Private charters also available. For more information call 804-649-2800 or visit [www.venturerichmond.com](http://www.venturerichmond.com).

#### *Thursday Fresh Market*

*(Opens April 17<sup>th</sup>)*

17<sup>th</sup> Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 8:30am-2pm  
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#### *Saturday Bohemian Market*

*(Opens April 19<sup>th</sup>)*

17<sup>th</sup> Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 9:00-4pm  
An eclectic mix of farm fresh, homegrown produce blended with the highest quality handmade and homemade products, accented with a few vintage classics for all free spirits doing some weekend wandering in Shockoe Bottom. Free parking. For more information call 646-0477 or visit [www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com](http://www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com).

#### *Sunday Vintage Market*

*(Opens April 20<sup>th</sup>)*

17<sup>th</sup> Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 9:00am-4pm  
It's not old, it's *retro*! Sundays bring out the best mix of vendors in Shockoe Bottom: antiques, collectibles, jewelry and the finest arts & crafts made by local Richmonders. Free parking. For more information call 646-0477 or visit [www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com](http://www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com).

### Special Events in April

#### *Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>*

##### *Martinis for Mutts*

Element Lounge, 119 N. 18<sup>th</sup> St., \$10 donation, 6-9pm

Cheap martinis all night, light buffet, a raffle and silent auction. Great music, mingling and merriment all for a good cause! \$10 donation at the door benefits AARF (Animal Adoption Rescue Foundation). For more information call 804-327-9948 or see [www.aarf.org](http://www.aarf.org).

#### *Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>*

##### *Earth Day Celebration and James River Fish Festival*

South side of the Mayo Bridge (14th Street) at the James River and Flood Wall, Free admission, 10am-4pm  
Peace, Love and Planet Earth - this year's event encourages Richmonders to make every day Earth Day. Enjoy food, art, dance, environmental exhibits, earth-friendly goods, plenty of kid's activities and live music! The health of the Earth is within everyone's mission! Free parking at Plant Zero and Art Works (4th and Hull St.). For more information call 804-291-1400 or see [www.earthdayrichmond.org](http://www.earthdayrichmond.org).

#### *Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>*

##### *9<sup>th</sup> Annual James River Outdoor Coalition Gear & Equipment Swap*

17<sup>th</sup> Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 9am-1pm  
Get great deals on gently used kayaks, canoes, tents, bicycles, hiking & climbing gear, etc. Silent auction with gift certificates from local restaurants, vendors and more! Proceeds to benefit JROC's effort to maintain and improve the James River environs. For more information call 804-320-6131.

#### *Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>*

##### *Canal Boats and Cobblestones Walking Tour*

Meet at the James Center Clock Tower at 10<sup>th</sup> & E. Cary Streets, \$10 fee, \$9 in advance, \$5 for History Center members, 2-4pm

Explore the architectural treasures and preservation efforts along the James River and the Canal, which was developed in the 1840's in order to bypass river rapids. Includes Shockoe Slip, the Turning Basin and the River District. For more information call 649-0711, option 4.

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If you would like to renew your Church Hill Association membership, come to the next meeting or fill out the form in the Newsletter and mail it to us to avoid the lines. A book, *Living with History*, is included with your membership as well as an expanded number of discounts at local businesses. If you have already joined for 2008-2009 and have not received your book or your new membership cards, we will be at the meetings and you can pick them up there – or call us and we will make arrangements for you to receive them. Don't wait 'till the last minute – start enjoying your membership benefits now! Church Hill phone directories are also available for brand new members at the meetings. Call Lee Ann & Bill Pickering at 643-1025 or e-mail [billpicker@msn.com](mailto:billpicker@msn.com).

## CHURCH HILL ASSOCIATION BOARD TAKING NOMINEES

The Church Hill Association Board of Directors is taking nominations for new members for the 2008-2009 Board. There are five positions open as described below. Please contact Erika Gay at [egay@venturerichmond.com](mailto:egay@venturerichmond.com) if you are interested in any of the Board positions.

### Nominees

Vice President – one year term that is required to move up to the President position for an additional year

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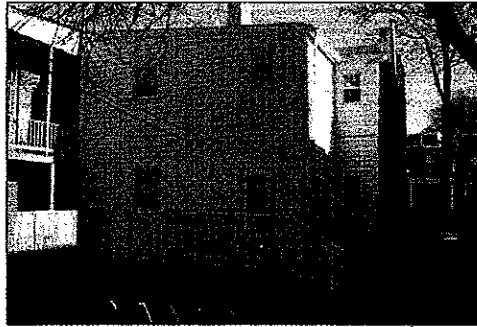
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Sunday Is "Hill Café Baked Spagetti" only	\$7.95

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## Appetizers

Hill Café House Made Chips served with a creamy cracked peppercorn dressing.....	\$4.95
Thai Chicken Lettuce Wraps julienned carrots, cucumbers, leaf lettuce with a sweet and dipping spicy sauce....	\$7.95
Vegetarian Black Bean Cakes pan seared and served with cilantro and homemade dill crème fraiche .....	\$6.95
Mozzarella and Tomato Napoleon fresh mozzarella, basil and tomatoes served with balsamic reduction.....	\$6.95
Flash Fried Crispy Calamari lightly dusted and flash fried served with a chipotle aioli.....	\$6.95
Artichoke and Spinach Fritters coated with panko, lightly fried and served over our house marinara .....	\$6.95
Sesame Seared Ahi-Tuna served chilled and rare with pickled ginger, wasabi and soy sauce .....	\$7.95
Fall Off The Bone BBQ Ribs slow braised and served with our chipotle honey rib glaze .....	\$6.95
Roasted Garlic Hummus Platter with roma tomatoes, pepperoncinis, black olives and grilled pita bread.....	\$6.95
Flaming Saganaki and Grilled Pita Bread soft kasseri cheese served flaming served with lemons wedge .....	\$6.95
Chesapeake Crab Dip tossed with lump crab meat and served with flash flour tortillas.....	\$7.95
Maryland Crab Cakes three pan seared mini crab cakes and topped with key lime remoulade .....	\$8.95
Pan Seared Sea Scallops with an apple wood smoked bacon buerre blanc and micro greens.....	\$9.95
Southwestern Chicken Quesadilla with black beans, shiitake mushrooms, spinach and tomatoes.....	\$8.95

## Sandwiches

Served with a pickle and a choice of fries, potato salad, pasta salad or slaw.

Classic Burger grilled to temperature with lettuce and tomato on a Kaiser .....	\$6.95
Black Bean Burger vegetarian burger seared and served on a Kaiser with dill crème fraiche.....	\$6.95
The Hill Burger grilled and topped with caramelized onions, bacon and cheddar, served with barbecue sauce ....	\$8.95
Cajun Chicken Wrap spiced rubbed chicken breast, tomato, onions and monterey jack in an herbed tortilla .....	\$7.95
California Smoked Turkey with avacado, havarti cheese, bacon and a tomato aioli on multigrain bread .....	\$7.95
Pulled Pork Barbecue hand pulled slow roasted pork with cole slaw and homemade barbecue sauce .....	\$6.95
Chicken Salad BLT with golden raisins and tarragon on toasted multigrain bread .....	\$6.95
The French Dip thinly sliced roast beef served on a grilled sour dough sub roll with au jus dipping sauce.....	\$8.95
Blackened Ahi-Tuna lightly blackened ahi tuna served with a lemon aioli on a grilled kaiser roll .....	\$7.95
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Vegetarian Wrap fresh spinach, portobello's, roasted red peppers and caramelized onions in a flour tortilla .....	\$6.95
Maryland Crab Cake pan-seared to a golden brown and served with a key lime remoulade on a kaiser .....	\$9.95

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Served with two side dishes. Macaroni and cheese, green beans, mashed potatoes or sautéed spinach

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Pan Seared Chilean Salmon with asparagus, mashed red skinned potatoes and a balsamic reduction.....	\$17.95
BBQ Baby Back Ribs in a chipotle honey rib glaze with red skin mashed potatoes and sautéed asparagus.....	\$17.95
Grilled Shrimp and Scallops with braised baby bok choy and purple cabbage, rice and soy butter.....	\$18.95
Pan Seared Crab Cakes with red skin mashed potatoes, sautéed asparagus and a key lime remoulade .....	\$20.95
Blackened Rib Eye topped with a tomato and avocado salsa with asparagus and mashed potatoes.....	\$20.95
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# CHA BOARD MEETING



## MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2008

### BOARD MEETING

By CHA Secretary, Logan Vetovec

President Jim Daab called the meeting to order at 7:05pm at the 2300 Club.

The attendees were:

- ✓ PRESIDENT, Jim Daab
- ✓ VICE PRESIDENT, John Johnson
- ✓ SECRETARY, Logan Vetovec
- ✓ ASSISTANT TREASURER, John Whitworth
- ✓ DIR. AT LARGE, Tony Monteleone
- ✓ DIR. AT LARGE, Beth Sarrett
- ✓ DIR. AT LARGE, Rob Pate

**Treasurers Report:** John Johnson presented the February Treasurer's Report. At February 28, the CHA has \$47,000 cash in the bank. Cash receipts for the month were \$1718, expenditures were \$2048, for an increase in cash of \$330.

#### Committee Reports:

**Zoning:** The Zoning Committee moved to add Michael McPeak as a committee member. The Board approved this motion. The Board reviewed the Zoning Committee's role per the CHA By-laws. This was then compared and contrasted with the role of CAR.

**Newsletter:** No report.

**Holiday Festival:** Committee Chairs are needed for the 2008 Holiday Festival.

**Clean and Safe:** The Next Alley Rally will be determined after the Giant Yard Sale.

**Membership:** No report.

**Old Business:** The board approved a motion to donate \$500 to the Church Hill Dog Park.

**New Business:** The Board held a general discussion on the CHA By-laws. A committee, advised by our legal liaison, was established to review the by-laws and make suggestions to the board.

Having no further business the meeting was concluded at 8:36 pm.

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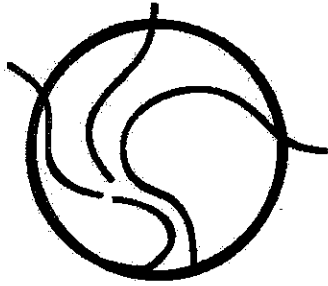
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# CHA GENERAL MEETING



## PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2008 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Submitted by Logan Vetrovec, Secretary

The meeting was called to Order by: The President of CHA, Jim Daab, at 7:08 PM, in St. John's Parish Hall. The proposed minutes were approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Flanders provided a monthly update on finances.

Zoning: Beth Sarrett reported that Michael McPeak is the newest ZC member and that the next meeting will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The CAR agenda will now be uploaded monthly to the CHA website, [www.churchhillrichmond.com](http://www.churchhillrichmond.com).

Membership: Bill Pickering announced that our membership is now around 210.

Clean and Safe: The next Alley Rally will be in late May or early June.

Newsletter: Interesting articles and pictures are needed, as well as advertisements.

Holiday Festival: Susan Nolan volunteered to chair the Holiday Ball. Chairs are needed for the Festival, Vespers, and House Tour.

Announcements/Old Business/New Business: A nominating committee is forming for 2008/9 officers of CHA. Those interested in the nominating committee or running should contact Erika Gay.

Volunteers are needed to chair the CHA summer meetings, which are picnics.

Alli Allgood from Friends of Libby Hill Park and the Planter's Society announced that 6 new trees will be planted on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Please come by from 9-1 and help mulch.

Susan Nolan passed around a petition for signatures urging the City to take action on the Master Plan. Please sign the petition at Captain Buzzy's.

Trish Bermal announced that the Virginia Treatment Center for Children is in need of Easter Baskets. If you would like to contribute, information can be found on the CHA website.

Jeremiah Wilchers from CHAT announced the open house for Church Hill Academy on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please come visit the neighborhood's newest high school. An East End Fellowship group is forming on Sundays at 2 PM at Franklin Military Academy.

Jason Creech reported that the City is putting out bids for construction for the Church Hill Dog Park and work

should begin in April.

The Irish Festival will be held March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact John Johnson if you would like to volunteer at the CHA booth.

April 19<sup>th</sup> is Earth Day and City Arborists will be available to answer questions. This group will be invited to the next CHA meeting.

### Presentations:

David Herring is seeking to build a second floor apartment above his carriage house at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Marshall. The following motion was passed: *To support Herring's request as presented and approved by CAR and to support his effort to acquire a special use permit.*

Traffic Control and Planning Report: Thomas Flynn, from the City Division of Traffic Engineering, answered questions posed by the membership. Brooke Hardin from the Division of Comprehensive Planning was also present. They will be invited to report again in 6 months and will present ideas for the area. The next presentation will be announced in the newsletter prior to the meeting. The following motion was passed: *The board will consider forming a Transportation Committee.*

Next Membership meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 7 PM, St. John's Parish Hall.



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**Church Hill Association  
Treasurer's Report**

**February 2008 Activity**

**Cash/Value as of February 29, 2008**

SunTrust - Corporate Checking/Money Market

\$ 24,737.76

SunTrust - CD's

22,372.27

**Total Cash in Bank/CD**

**\$ 47,110.03**

**Cash/Value as of January 31, 2008**

\$ 47,440.37

**Change in Cash**

**\$ (330.34)**

**Cash Receipts**

Holiday Festival

0.00

Newsletter

1,365.00

Membership

280.00

Donations/Grants

0.00

Planters Society

0.00

Interest Earned All Accounts

73.21

**Total Receipts**

**\$ 1,718.21**

**Cash Expenditures**

Holiday Festival

0.00

Ball - Beverage Ticket Printing

(132.30)

Newsletter (Jan & Feb 2008)

(1,916.25)

Planters Society

0.00

Operating Expenses

0.00

Meetings/Membership

0.00

New Member Social

0.00

Welcome Packets

0.00

Picnics

0.00

Insurance

0.00

Supplies (Stamps/Envelp/Misc)

0.00

Website

0.00

Financial Review/IRS Filings (990)

0.00

Donation and Project Expenses

0.00

Preservation

0.00

Community Relations

0.00

Planters Society

0.00

**Total Expenditures**

**\$ (2,048.55)**

**Change in Cash**

**\$ (330.34)**

Respectfully submitted

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# ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING



## APPROVED MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2008 CHURCH HILL ASSOCIATION ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Church Hill Association Zoning Committee met Monday, February 25, 2008 at the Nolde Bakery Condominiums' Conference Room. In attendance were Martha Broughton, Mort Casson, Laura Daab, Ruth DeBoer, Lee Ann Gudorp, Tom Sanders, Beth Sarrett and Michael McPeak (interested neighbor). The meeting was called to order by Chairman Beth Sarrett at 7:05 PM.

### 1-21-2008 Meeting Minutes (Gudorp)

The Minutes were approved as amended.

### Liaison Updates

#### Board of Zoning Appeals (Sarrett)

There were no relevant items on January docket received prior to meeting.

#### Committee for Architectural Review (Sanders)

[Note, the Zoning Committee reviews the Committee for Architectural Review (CAR) agenda for items of concern. CHA bylaws preclude the Zoning Committee from taking a public position on land use issues without the approval of the full membership.]

2502 E. Leigh Street

Remove vinyl siding, repair & restore wood siding install new entranceway.

The Committee deferred to CAR judgment.

3320 E. Broad Street

Replace front door, window replacement.

The Committee deferred to CAR judgment.

119 N. 19th Street

Demolish existing block building. The Committee deferred to CAR judgment.

2306 E. Marshall Street

Construct a new second story to the existing garage, replace existing windows with new to match opening, remove existing fence along the alley, remove existing bead-board sliding carriage house doors, install new exterior doors using salvageable materials from existing carriage house doors for exterior cladding, install interior and exterior lightning. After recounting that the Committee's recommendations had been

communicated to the Board.

3113 E. Broad Street

Renovate existing two-story brick structure, replace damaged addition with new one-story addition, install new iron fence around the property. The

Committee deferred to CAR judgment.

208 N. 32nd Street

New hardy plank siding, new deck, conversion of window to door. The

Committee deferred to CAR judgment.

### Planning Commission (Broughton)

Martha reported that twice consideration of changes to Route 5 near Rockett's Landing has been put off. She reported that City Planners and the Department of Economic Development differ as to what they want. Martha reported that the Planning Commission will look more closely into Form Based Zoning as outlined in the new Downtown Master Plan. Martha said there was some talk of changing the required ratio of residential to commercial in some zoning designations.

### Meetings to be attended

None were identified.

### Old Business

Discussion on the relevance of the Zoning Committee and its future

The topic was postponed until next meeting.

### New Business

#### House Plaques

Beth reported that John Johnson was looking into a process whereby residents could buy house plaques at a set fee. She said that Mr. Johnson plans to talk to CAR about the design.

#### New Member

Michael McPeak expressed interest in joining the Zoning Committee and told the Committee some things about himself. After his departure the Committee voted to recommend to the Board that he be accepted as a new member.

### Next Meeting

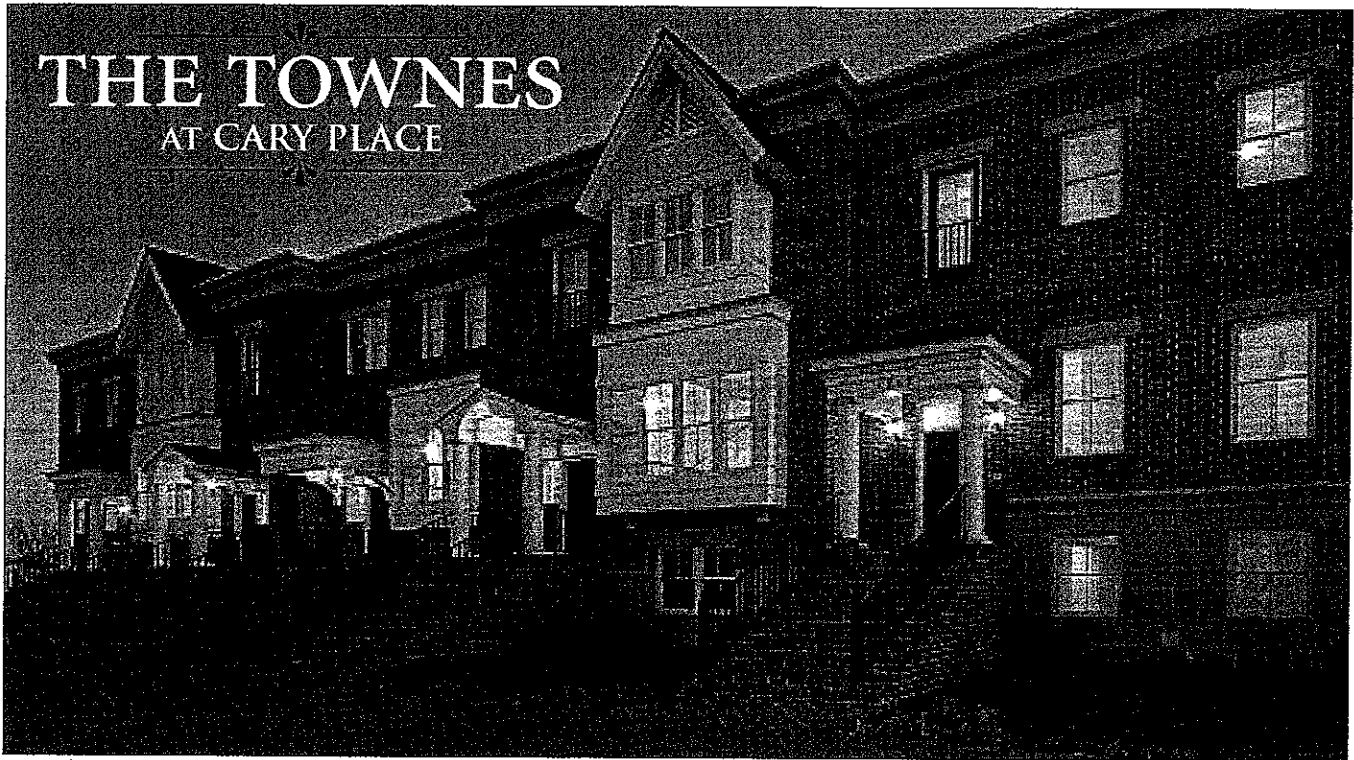
Monday March 24, 2008 at 7 pm in the Nolde Bakery Condo's Conference Room

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Submitted by Tom Sanders, secretary.

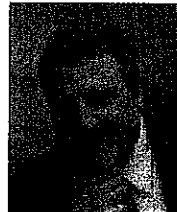
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## Four Way Stops in Our Neighborhood

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1. There would be a large increase in number of accidents. This prediction proved to be correct. The number of accidents on Broad Street jumped 17%.
2. There would be a large increase in the number and severity of the injuries. This prediction also proved to be true. The number of injuries increased 40%.
3. The stop signs would make adjacent streets much more dangerous. This prediction proved to be correct. People cut over to adjacent streets to get around the stop signs. They speed up to make up for lost time. The intersection of 25<sup>th</sup> Street and Franklin had no accidents for the three years prior to the four way stop signs. The year after the four way stop signs were installed there were 13 accidents, T-Bone, car crushing accidents.
4. The four way stop signs would be a tremendous inconvenience for the entire neighborhood except for a few people living along Broad Street. When I lived on Chimborazo Park I had to go through 12 dangerous four way stops intersections to get anywhere. I moved. There are currently numerous for sale signs around Chimborazo Park.
5. The stop signs encourage drivers to drive faster between the signs to make up for lost time. They also space the traffic evenly rather than in groups. These two factors make it much more dangerous to cross the street for the elderly and people with children.
6. The braking and accelerating of every car is noisy and dramatically increases the amount of exhaust.

The use of four way stop signs for traffic calming purposes is a violation of federal law.

The Department of Public Works proposed a safe and convenient alternative plan for calming the traffic. The city council decided that the home owners knew more about traffic engineering than the traffic engineers and ordered the engineers to change their report. The author of the report refused and lost his job. The city council ordered that the signs be installed making our neighborhood more dangerous and less convenient. The city council continues to install four way stop signs adjacent to the homes of requesting home owners, making it ever more and more difficult for the residents located in the back parts of the neighborhood to get in and out of the neighborhood, driving up our insurance rates, harming businesses, and generally leaving a trail of blood and broken glass across the entire neighborhood.

The objective is to make Venable Street a calm street. It is not to make Venable Street dangerous. It is relatively straight forward to calm the traffic on Venable Street without making it dangerous. The professional traffic engineers know how to do that. The city council does not. The local home owners do not. We should ask Ms. McQuinn to have the traffic engineers design a safe and effective solution to the problem and insist that she follow their advice.

Submitted by:

Charles Field, P.E. (Professional Engineer)

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