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By, Kim McKay and Jenny Bonnin

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# *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*



## **Our Neighborhood Parks**

Despite the reduced budgets and some limits to funding in Richmond, good and positive things are happening or about to happen in our parks as a result of citizen and civic association involvement in conjunction and with the City and the City Park and Recreation Department. The City Parks and Rec and other City offices are working with the Church Hill Association, the Union Hill Civic Association, Friends of Libby Hill, Friends of Chimborazo Playground, Jefferson Hill, Chimborazo Park and Taylor's Hill to improve our public spaces. If you haven't been out and about recently you might not have seen some of the beginning improvements or be aware of all the positive plans just about to begin in our area. Here is a brief summary of some of these possible improvements. Once we start our regular membership meetings again in August we will have Parks and Rec and City Planning come to our CHA meeting and provide details on all of these improvements and plans and also engender your input and comments on the ideas.

Taylor's Hill or Richmond Hill and the Overlook at the western end of Grace Street is about to undergo a face lift and stabilization (following Gastone). There is a proposed walking gravel trail/path 6 feet wide with appropriate water drainage made from the Overlook heading southwest around Taylor's Hill and down to the intersection of 21<sup>st</sup> and E. Franklin Street. Presently there is an overgrown growth of brush and tangled vines along that hillside that has damaged thru erosion. The intent is to stabilize the hill and improve drainage from the Overlook and create a nice contoured walking path on along the hillside. The intent is to also stop the pooling of water that presently accumulates after almost any rain at the Overlook. Additionally, we are working on getting some new park benches at the Overlook with appropriate/update signage (to replace the damaged one), to improve the great view of downtown and our City from Church Hill.

Next are fledgling plans to improve the area below Chimborazo Park between the new dog park, Chimborazo Playground Park and the old CSX abandoned train tunnel. City Parks and Rec are presently cleaning up the debris and stabilizing the Chimborazo hillside since Gastone. They are working with citizens and folks on the possibility of creating a free flight habitat for birds in the present, (what could only be described as a tangles mass of vines, trees, debris and underbrush), that exist in that area now. The intent (yet to be fully realized - with neighbors, friends and the City), is to create a natural walking path thru the area connecting eastern lower Chimborazo with western Chimborazo and opening access (clean up the old train tunnel area which now is full of standing water, garbage and dumped debris). All such plans and ideas are in the beginning stages and through the cooperation and good will of our citizens and friends in the area could someday create a real improvement to the neighborhood and City. Additionally, this community park plan would also go a long way to nurturing and supporting appropriate park system along the James River from Rocketts Landing to Great Shiplock Park, instead of other less desirable building plans.

Chimborazo Playground Park has opportunities and an application new playground partnership with KaBOOM, a national non-profit that helps communities build play spaces. If they are successful and win the bid, KaBOOM on July 9 will begin design day at 4 pm. Children in the community will have the opportunity to design their "Dream Playground." Afterwards, parents and other community members will meet to turn their pictures into reality. Then perhaps on Sept 10 will begin building day. Volunteers from our community will help build the playground. It's like an old-fashioned barn raising, and the play equipment goes up in one day. Let's hope something like this is a reality for Chimborazo Playground Park.

Jefferson Park and the stabilizing of the southern and eastern slopes post-Gastone: The City is planning on working on the park hillside in the future and use that work and lessons learned and template to eventually work on Libby Hill, Taylor's and Chimborazo hills to stabilize and fortify the slopes so that more sliding and deterioration of the hillsides do not take place. They will be utilizing ideas and a process to engineering and planting appropriate foliage to beautify the hillsides and reduce/prevent erosion or mud/hill slides following heavy rains.

All these are relatively new plans and ideas that are in differing stages of progress. If you would like to help with any these projects or be a point of contact for our community please let me know and we will hook you up with all the appropriate officials and other civic associations.

Thanks for your support and involvement in our community.  
John Johnson, President, CHA



# TIMELY & NOTEWORTHY



**SPECIAL CLASS, BEGINNER'S YOGA**  
Neighborhood Resource Center, a nonprofit working to improve the Greater Fulton Hill community. Wednesdays at 7pm. Relax, renew and do something great for the community! All proceeds benefit the Neighborhood Resource Center. Suggested \$10 donation. Call 864-5797 or visit [www.nrceafe.org](http://www.nrceafe.org) for more information. The Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) is located at 1519 Williamsburg Road in Fulton Hill.

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House Tour Co-Chairs: Bénédicte Whitworth and Eugenia Anderson-Ellis

**NOTICE:** Would you like to be a docent for the 2009 Church Hill Association Holiday House Tour? It's not too early to save the date: Sunday, December 13 from 12pm to 5pm. Please call Bénédicte at 644-6559 or email at [CHAbene@comcast.net](mailto:CHAbene@comcast.net) to sign up.

## CHIMBORAZO PARK PLAYGROUND

Phase 2 of the application process for a new playground is in the works, in partnership with KaBOOM!, a national nonprofit that helps communities build play spaces. Working closely with the Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Facilities and the RRPf on the application, we should find out soon if we are successful and win the bid. If so, KaBOOM! will want to move forward quickly. Mark your calendars for:

**July 9 - Design Day, 4pm** - Get out your crayons - All children in the community will have the opportunity to design their "Dream Playground." Kids will get to draw pictures of what their ideal playground will look like. Afterwards, parents and other community members will meet to turn their pictures into reality. Working the KaBOOM! project manager, we'll work to design a playground that's accessible and incorporates as many of the features the kids have requested as possible.

**Sept 10 - Build Day** - We need 75 volunteers from our community to help build the playground. It's like an old-fashioned barn raising, and the play equipment goes up in one day. We'll need volunteers to help with planning leading up to build day. We need 10-12 volunteers (KaBOOM! has asked specifically for mostly parents) to help out. We need a few folks also with basic carpentry skills. Please consider volunteering and spread the word.

## JULY GARDENING TIPS

**Planting** – Starting now through early August, seeds of hardy fall-flowering annuals can be started – pansies, sweet alyssum, sweet William, money plant, cosmos, zinnias and marigolds. Remove crowded plants and poor performers from containers and replant with fresh seedlings. You can sow seeds now for the next round of cool weather [vegetable] crops – cabbage, kale, Brussels sprouts, broccoli and chard. You can plant container-grown trees this month and balled-and-burlapped shrubs, too. Replenish mulch to keep roots cool and to maintain moisture.

Excerpted by Trish Bernal from "Month by Month Gardening in the Mid-Atlantic"; by Andre and Mark Viette; Cool Springs Press; 2004

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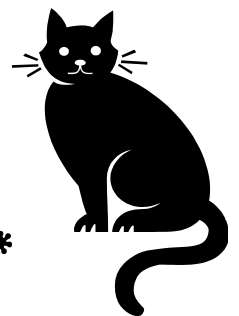
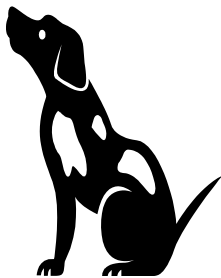
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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



## CHIMBORAZO HOSPITAL, MEDICAL CENTER OF THE CONFEDERACY

--BY CHARLES L. COOKE, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Chimborazo Civil War Medical Museum is located in the 3200 block of East Broad Street and is a part of the National Park Service's Richmond Battlefields Park. The hospital was known in its time as the flagship Medical Center of the Confederacy—the equivalent of today's Mayo Clinic, Massachusetts General, or Johns Hopkins.



The 5,000 bed hospital operated as an army facility from 1861 to 1865. More than 67,000 people were treated there with an overall mortality rate of 9%. Large city hospitals today have a mortality rate from 10% to 15%. A good part of this amazing performance in the 1860s was the fact that Chimborazo was a behind the lines convalescent hospital, not a battlefield hospital where the mortality rate at times exceeded 50%. The possibility of such a hospital was due in large part to the fact that for the first time railroads played a part in warfare. An injured soldier had to have something good going for him to be sent, for example, from either Petersburg or Fredericksburg for treatment. Richmond was very much a transportation center, with five railroads coming into the city. A system of army hospitals, up to 28 of them, was established in the City of Richmond. Chimborazo was the first, the largest, and the best known.

The Surgeon General of the Confederacy, Dr. Samuel Preston Moore, asked Dr. James B. McCaw to set up the hospital. Dr. McCaw was a Richmond native and even in his late 20's and early 30's had gained a reputation for being an extremely well read physician with good judgment to go with his knowledge. Dr. McCaw accepted the challenge with a condition. The hospital was to be a separate military post with McCaw as commander. This meant that McCaw did not have to take votes as to how to operate the hospital. He was not a tyrant or a dictator. That role was reserved for the Surgeon General. This designation also freed Dr. McCaw from many of the problems with the Confederate bureaucracy, surely one of the worst ever.

McCaw selected the site, a 46 acre flat top hill, on a bluff overlooking the James River. This assured good steady breezes for adequate ventilation; and, being outside the city gave a quiet peaceful place for a hospital. McCaw supervised construction of the hospital, which, at its peak, had 150 one story wooden buildings with a 5,000 bed capacity. There was a central bakery for all Richmond hospitals capable of turning out 10,000 loaves of bread daily. The hospital had a canal boat, The Chimborazo, which went up and down the river and the Kanawha Canal purchasing supplies. There was a large dairy herd for milk, cheese, and butter. There was a huge chicken flock for eggs, chicken, and chicken soup. (The latter was and continues to be a vitally necessary item for treating any illness.) A brewery capable of producing 400 kegs of beer was on the premises. Vaults dug into the hill for cooling beer are still in existence but are bricked up due to the hazard of cave-ins.

Hospital grounds were policed regularly and were clean. There was one method of punishing nonperformers during the 1860's. A poor job could result in a night locked in the dead house with corpses. Keep in mind that there was no refrigeration nor was there embalming—the odor would be overwhelming. This penalty was quick, inexpensive, and very effective. It was rarely necessary to repeat the procedure.

McCaw selected the staff for Chimborazo, which, at its peak size, had 42 surgeons on the staff. He had a huge list of applications from surgeons wanting to work there. If he happened to select a surgeon who either would not or could not perform, he quickly sent them elsewhere.

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Chimborazo was the headquarters for the publication of the only medical journal produced in the South during the Civil War, *The Confederate States Medical & Surgical Journal*. McCaw was the editor, as he had edited two medical journals before the outset of the war, spreading his reputation far and wide. He was good at languages, both modern and classical, and insisted on good writing—far superior to writing in present medical journals. The CSM&SJ published much excellent material, especially considering the difficult circumstances of the day. For example, there was a splendid description of a yellow fever epidemic in Wilmington, N. C., and the epidemiological and clinical manifestation of the disease were nicely described.

The effects of injuries by various projectiles were described and furnish clear explanations of why these were so destructive. There were practical suggestions for testing for impurities in anesthetics and reviews by leading medical figures in Europe. For example, Sir James Paget, knighted by Queen Victoria for his description of Paget's disease of bone and Paget's disease of the female breast, appears as an author in the journal.

The best source for information on day to day events in any hospital is always the night head nurse. There is a superb head nurse (or Matron as they were called during the mid-19th century) report from Chimborazo. It is a small book by Phoebe Pember entitled *A Southern Woman's Story*—about 120 pages long and beautifully written. Mrs. Pember was keenly observant and had a sharp sense of humor. For example, she recounts the story of a hospital "rat" (a 19th century term for a malingerer) who announced that he was going to take forcefully the key to the whiskey locker and get all the whiskey he wanted. She was equal to the insult. She pulled her revolver and ordered him out. He wisely left and did not return. (Moral: Do not smart alec the head nurse! You get into trouble every time.)

At the end of the war, Richmond was taken over by the Federal Army. The medical section of the army entered the city by East Broad Street. When they came to Chimborazo, Dr. McCaw and his staff, in full dress uniforms, greeted them. Then McCaw recognized the medical director of the Federals as Dr. Alexander Mott, his medical school classmate at Bellevue Medical School, New York University. They were invited in and offered Southern hospitality, and a good time was had by all. McCaw was offered the rank of Brigadier General in the Federal Medical Corps so he could continue to operate the hospital. He declined the offer, saying that as long as Lee had an army in the field, it would be treason.

After the war, the buildings were used as living quarters for freed slaves who had nowhere to go. Others were used as a freedman's school to teach illiterate former slaves to read and write. Later, some lumber from tumbling down buildings were salvaged by members of Fourth Baptist Church on Church Hill and were used to renovate their church, where it still stands.

But back to the head nurse for the last word. Mrs. Pember came back to see her section of the hospital and found the beds empty. She wrote that the lame had thrown away their crutches, the blind could see to get out, and that, in short, all the New Testament miracles were reenacted at Chimborazo. [Her wise crack about the New Testament might go over your head if you forgot her Jewish faith.] She did not miss a thing.

Here are two books, available in the library or in the bookstore at the Museum of the Confederacy, for your reading pleasure:

Carol Green, *Chimborazo, The Largest Confederate Hospital* (University of Tennessee Press) based on her PhD dissertation and very well done.

Phoebe Pember, *A Southern Woman's Story* (Bradford Publishing Co.), one of the best narratives of all Civil War literature.

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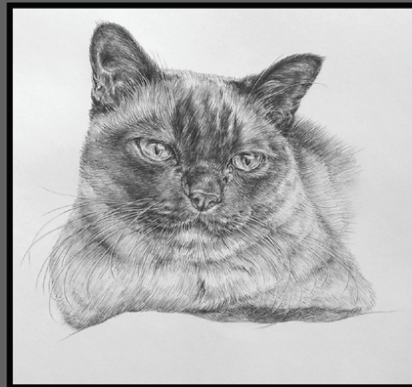
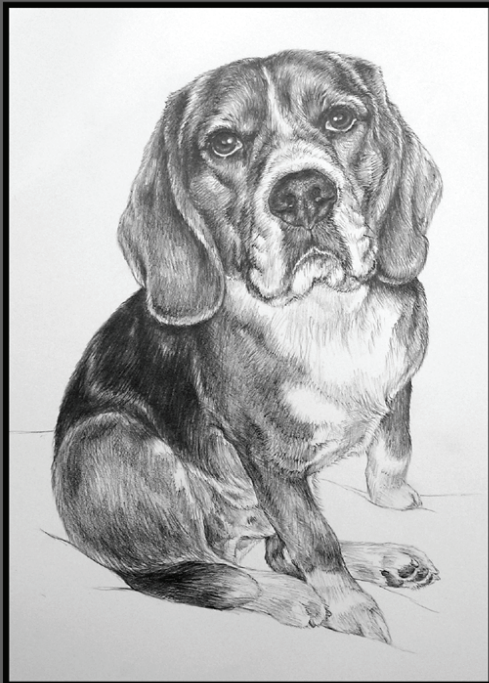
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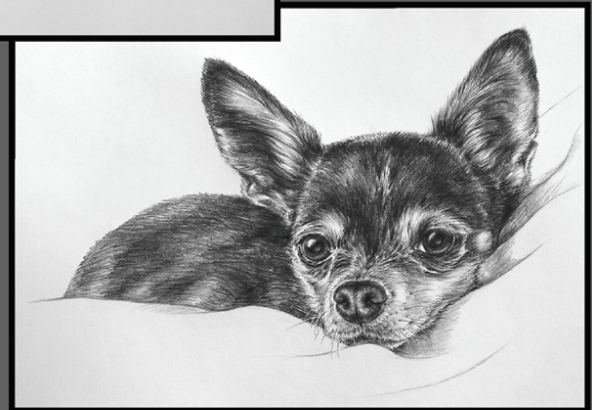
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**Sundays through August 31<sup>st</sup>**

St. John's Church (2401 E. Broad St.), donations appreciated, 1pm tickets begin being distributed, 1:30pm patriotic musical program begins, 2pm reenactment begins  
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!" For more information call 804-649-7938 or visit [www.historicstjohnschurch.org](http://www.historicstjohnschurch.org).

### Special Events in July

**Saturday, July 11**

#### Shockoe Tomato Festival

17<sup>th</sup> Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 11am-5pm  
A fun-filled family event for our Favorite Fruit! In glorious plentitude, you'll find tomatoes in every conceivable form, an array of Market vendors, live music, tomato-themed children's activities, crowd entertainment, and back by popular demand, the Tastiest Tomato Contest! For more information call 646-0477 or visit [www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com](http://www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com).

**Friday, July 18**

#### The 80's Was the Greatest, Old Skool Concert

Brown's Island, Tickets \$25 before July 10, Gates open at 4:30pm, Show 6pm-10:30pm  
Scheduled artists: Naughty By Nature, Doug E Fresh, Slick Rick, Chubb Rock and Trouble Funk Go-Go Band. The best 80's outfit and dance contest at 5:30pm. Food & merchandise vendors on site. Purchase tickets at Ticketmaster.com, Ticketmaster locations and Richmond Landmark at 804-646-0546. For more information visit [www.80swasthegreatest.com](http://www.80swasthegreatest.com).

**Saturday, July 25**

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Duck Race

Brown's Island, Free admission, 11am-4pm  
A premier family event with as many as 20,000 ducks racing down the canal. Enter your ducks into the race by calling Big Brothers Big Sisters at 804-261-4940, or visit [www.bigbrobigsis.com](http://www.bigbrobigsis.com)

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# CHA BOARD MEETING



## MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2009

### BOARD MEETING

By CHA Secretary, Pam Prescott

President John Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:04PM at the 2300 Club.

The attendees were:

PRESIDENT, John Johnson  
SECRETARY, Pam Prescott  
TREASURER, John Whitworth  
ASSISTANT TREASURER, Susan White  
DIR. AT LARGE, Tony Monteleone  
DIR. AT LARGE, Mike McPeak  
DIR. AT LARGE, Aimee Perron Seibert

#### Recognitions/Announcements

The first summer CHA picnic will be held at Reed's Square on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Angelica Volkel will be hosting the June picnic and will be extending an official invitation to our neighborhood policemen and firemen this year. Thanks Angelica!

#### Business

Treasurer's Report John Whitworth presented the Treasurer's Report for May 2009. At May 31, the CHA had \$38,100 cash in the bank. Cash Receipts for the month were \$369; expenditures were \$1,075 for a decrease in cash of \$706. The Association has approved further donations totaling \$14,500 which have not yet been paid. If these are taken into account our free cash balance falls to \$23,600.

#### Committee Reports

Zoning: No Report

Newsletter: No report

Membership: No Report.

Clean and Safe: No Report

Holiday: The Holiday committee is moving along with the planning of the Holiday Ball to be held at the Holocaust Museum this year.

#### Presentations

None

#### New Business

John Johnson advised the Board that City Parks and Rec have expressed an interest in helping out with the proposed Aviary Park below Chimborazo Park.

#### Old Business

The question regarding the CHA commitment to 1000 copies of the new book *Church Hill: The St. John's Church Historic District* was discussed. As you remember the CHA pledged \$2000 in support of the project. John Johnson has spoken with the Historic Foundation of Richmond (HRF) and straightened out the misunderstanding. The CHA is under no obligation to purchase any books.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

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### ***JULY EVENT CALENDAR***

19<sup>th</sup> A SPECIAL INVITATION & WELCOME  
OF OUR NEW RECTOR, THE REV. LAURA INSCOE.  
WE ESPECIALLY WELCOME ALL THOSE IN CHURCH HILL  
AS SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO BEING AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN  
THE COMMUNITY.

### **Patrick Henry Committee Events**

For more information, please call our Visitor Center at 804-648-5015

#### **“Give me Liberty or Give Me Death” 2009 Summer Reenactment Series Special July 4 performance!**

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!*”

1:00 p.m. Free tickets are distributed at the front door.  
1:30 p.m. Patriotic music program  
2:00 p.m. Reenactment program begins.

#### **Poe Graveyard Tours**

**Every Wednesday in 2009, 11:00am – 11:30am**

The cemetery of St. John's Church is the final resting place for Elizabeth Arnold Poe, Edgar Allan Poe's birth mother, as well as Thomas W. White, the founder of the *Southern Literary Messenger* and Edgar's employer between 1835 and 1837.

#### **St. John's Church Visitor Center Gift Shop**

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# ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING



## MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22 CHURCH HILL ASSOCIATION ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING, 7:00pm

**Members Present:** Ruth DeBoer, Bill Hartsock, Michael McPeake, Beth Sarrett, Charlotte Kerr

**Members Absent:** Martha Broughton, Diane Worthington, John Sydnor

### Introductions

**Secretary Volunteer for 6/22 Meeting:** Ruth DeBoer  
Committee Chair called the meeting to order. There was not a quorum of the committee for the May meeting, so no meeting was held.

**Reminders:** The CHA newsletter deadline is always the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month (with exceptions of Nov & Dec).

A general concern was voiced by the Committee Chair that attendance to the Zoning Committee meetings continue to be low. Once again, if any member of the CHA is interested in serving on the Zoning Committee, at least two positions are open that need to be filled.

**April 27, 2009 Meeting Minutes** – Approved.

**Presentations** - No Presentations were made.

### Liaison Updates

#### Board of Zoning Appeals (Sarrett)

Two items mentioned on the June docket were discussed. Applications were made to the Board of Zoning Appeals for variances to setback requirements, parking requirements and fencing were listed for 2601 E. Broad Street and for the odd addresses of 619-627 N. 28<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### Commission of Architectural Review (Sarrett)

No relevant items for Zoning Committee review on the June docket received prior to meeting.

#### Planning Commission (Broughton)

No relevant items on June docket received prior to mtg.

### Old Business

#### Recommendation of Sub-committee Reviewing/ Addressing City Zoning Changes Proposed for the Church Hill & Church Hill North O&H Districts:

The Zoning Committee (ZC) discussed the six points the ZC is charged by the CHA Board to address. The ZC will submit to the Board, at its July meeting, suggested changes to the six points as follows (previous list was published in the last CHA Newsletter):

1. Return the issue to the ZC in order to facilitate a plan with the goal of achieving points #5 and #6.
2. Send flyers advertising and alerting affected residents and property owners of the proposal, while also adding the notices to the Church Hill People's News and CHA Newsletters (as date appropriate), in order to get the message out to the same residents and property owners.
3. Hold a public meeting to present the city's proposed new hybrid zoning designation to the affected residents and property owners in the Church Hill neighborhood.
4. Disseminate City of Richmond staff formulated survey to affected residents and properties, in order that they can have a voice in this process.
5. Tarisa Griffith of the City of Richmond's Department of Community Development, will formulate, tally and publish the survey results, with the results to be returned to the CHA ZC and Board.
6. ZC to work with Ms. Griffith for new zoning proposal changes, if any, to the City's plan, as indicated by the survey results.

The ZC has already reviewed a sample survey that can be used or modified for this effort. The public meeting will likely be held at the EDI Center as the most central location for the properties affected. The surveys will be mailed. The City will provide the addressed mailing labels for the affected properties. The CHA will pay for envelopes, copies of the survey and postage; it is expected that this will cost less than \$500. The ZC recommends to the CHA Board to call the public meeting & make sure surveys are mailed. Considering summer schedules and possible low attendance to any meeting during the summer, it will be suggested that this public meeting be held after Labor Day. The meeting will be held, surveys mailed mid-September, surveys will be returned directly to City of Richmond Community Development, and the results of the survey returned to the ZC by early October. The ZC will make a recommendation to the Board as the survey results indicate.

It was posed that the ZC will make the presentation of the existing zoning and proposed zoning or any possible hybrid s, while Ms. Griffith or other City staff will be present to answer any questions.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Adjourn:** by 8:30 pm

The next Zoning Committee meeting will be held on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 309 N 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.

# CHA MEMBERSHIP



## CHA MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

All new and renewing members receive a membership card which gives you discounts at some local restaurants. A special gift from the Association is also part of your 2009 membership – a green tote bag with the Church Hill Association logo. The bags are great for groceries or almost anything else; they are green with a white logo, made from some recycled material and can save lots of those plastic grocery bags! In addition to a free bag with your membership, you can purchase additional bags for \$4.00 each

Bénédicte Whitworth (644-6559)  
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## CHURCH HILL ASSOCIATION MISSION:

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote a sense of unity and common endeavor among all the residents of the St. John's Church Old and Historic District, other residents of the East District, and other interested persons, in order to develop a stable, desirable urban neighborhood.

## WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW OR RENEWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED SINCE MAY 25, 2009:

Doug Duke  
John & Elizabeth Hiett  
Logan Vetovec  
Gloria Walker

I would also like to specifically mention Barbara Branch, who joined last December; her name was unfortunately missed off the list - welcome Barbara.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Summertime and the living is “easy”. Yes, that’s right. Now I remember and I am sure that is what I am supposed to be doing - taking it easy and enjoying the days of fun in the sun. Why does that all see, a bit harder now that I am older - Oh by the way, have you seen my glasses and my SPF 50? Summer now has different meanings to me. I know that summer is a season of the year and those seasons just keep on a coming and a going – BTW; wasn’t it just Easter a few weeks ago? Summer is supposed to be a season of opportunities to rest and relax and gives us permission reflect on both contemplations and memories. Wow do I remember my summers as a kid in Missouri, when I would go outside and play from daybreak to sunset without a care in the world. I didn’t even know then about such things as high blood pressure, dieting, storm water tax and my sagging midlife body. Youthful summer then was more about hanging out with pals, eating popsicles, not caring what insects were swarming and even capturing some in Ball Mason jars. It was time to ride my bicycle fearlessly without a helmet and with no hands on the handlebars, much to the dismay of my mother. Then there was time to sneak around to listen to the “forbidden rock-n-roll music” or catch “The King” on the black and white TV. It was playing outside until the June bugs nearly blocked the street lights and also counting down the decreasing days of summers to the dreaded start of school. Yes, life was simple then, there was no need for so many bells, whistles and Blackberries. Summers were simply about uncomplicated, unfettered joy of backyard picnics, burned hamburgers on the grill, arguing with my sister which was better on hot dogs, mustard or ketchup; and diving off the high board at the pool for the first time.

As I continue on my Mid Life journey, I find myself longing to recapture the joys and I look for ways to be able to recall summer memories and moments into the corners of my present everyday life. I have learned from some of my good friend to the knack of capturing pure joy of living and to pass it on to my children and grand-children. For this is the summer of their memories and I can make it as good for them as I permit or allow myself. I have got to better remember to share and celebrate the sweet taste of tomatoes, the joy of slipping my feet into summer sandals and just twinkle toes in a cool swimming pool. I need to replenish myself and my family with the pleasures my job, enjoy my kids, the past memories of my parents and everything else that makes up a living. My proposed summer living easy needs to include more breaks to go outside, get away from the television, leave the cell phone, drink-in summer. Yes, I need to again eat a sweet-sticky-melting

Popsicle, catch a few bug and maybe twinkle my toes in the cool freshly cut grass. I have to give myself permission to rest, let go of the provider and caretaker role – if only for a minute or two to sit under a big shade tree, look up at the clouds and spend some quiet time to indulge in the things that make happiness, beauty, love, and peace. I need to reclaim the things that bring joy so that I can pass such things on to others that they might move more joyfully through life and do more dancing, skipping, and singing. Whose business is all of this really? Don’t wait you have everything you need right now to develop some summer rituals and made forever memories that celebrate you and your family. And of course the greatest gift of this summer might be just to teach others you love to do the same for themselves and for their children. Ok noff of this, and it is now time for me to cannon ball into the pool and joyfully splash everyone with my childish antics and laugh out loud. Yes, I am sure this is what summer is all about – time to sit back, regroup, rethink and twinkle your toes.

John Johnson, Pres, CHA

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