



# CHURCH HILL NEWSLETTER

COMMITTED TO INFORMING THE RESIDENTS OF CHURCH HILL  
JUNE 2009

## true green

a new series on everyday ways you can contribute to a healthier planet

By, Kim McKay and Jenny Bonnin

**#8** You may pride yourself on a clean kitchen, but the dirty little secret is that sinks and dishwashers accounts for 15% of average household water use and hundreds of pounds of greenhouse gasses in hot-water heating. An average automatic dishwasher can use more than 10.5 gallons of water per cycle; an efficient model uses half that. Run the dishwasher only when it is full, and save 10 to 20 gallons of water a day. Doing the dishes the old-fashioned way can use even less, depending on your method. A running faucet wastes more than 2.5 gallons of water a minute, so wash and rinse items together rather than individually.

(Published by the National Geographic Society, 2006, p.57)



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### *Next General Membership Meeting*

**6:30pm Tuesday, June 16, 2009**

**First Picnic of the Season at Reed Square (on 26th St. between E. Franklin & E. Grace Sts.)**

No pets please. Bring chairs and/or blankets for seating.

Please bring a dish to coincide with the first letter of your last name:

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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 several apartment bldgs in the Shockoe Bottom area. We also distribute to several local restaurants and area merchants. A total of 1600 issues are distributed each month.



The Church Hill Newsletter is available online at the Church Hill Association's website at [www.churchhillrichmond.com](http://www.churchhillrichmond.com). Past issues are available under the section titled "Archives".

## 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. 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)



# GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!!!

IT'S TIME FOR THE ANNUAL

# GARGANTUAN

AND ALL OVERSHADOWING

# HYSTERIC

ALL CHURCH HILL

# YARD SALE

2800 BLOCK OF EAST FRANKLIN STREET

★ ★ LIBBY HILL PARK ★ ★

**Saturday, June 13**

★ ★ FROM 9 A.M. UNTIL SUNSET ★ ★

⇨ OPEN TO EVERYONE ⇨

ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE

No space assignments – Set up as early as you like,  
the shade tree spots in the park go fast.

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Contact Chuck Wrenn @ 788-1715 for more details.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



## The One You Feed....

An old Cherokee man told his grandson about a battle - "My son, the battle is between two wolves that live inside us all. One wolf is Evil - it is anger, envy, jealousy, greed, arrogance, self-pity, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego. The other wolf is Good - it is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, serenity, humility, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith". The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked, "Grandfather, which wolf wins the battle?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one that is fed."

In light of the above story - all environmental, social, and economic tragedies and successes are interconnected. The degradation of the human spirit breeds well in a community where human life is devalued. Without a clean, safe, and healthy place to live, neighbors suffer from a sense of displacement and a lack of respect. On the other hand quite the contrary can be achieved on the positive side of the coin and we could be the key to success through simple civic work, better communications, and being open to new thoughts, ideas and our connectivity.

Success can be achieved by motivated folks who take action in response to issues that affected the health and safety of their entire neighborhood and encouraged personal and interrelational growth for everyone. The cooperation among agencies and organization through positive partnerships - provides support and appreciation of diverse opinions that united a community and ultimately make stronger and better neighborhoods.

So, which wolf are we feeding in Church Hill, the 7<sup>th</sup> District and within our City?

John Johnson, President, CHA

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# TIMELY & NOTEWORTHY



## JUNE GARDENING TIPS

**Planting** – Plant fillers (annuals, herbs, tender summer-flowering bulbs) where the passing of spring-flowering bulbs leaves gaps in the flower beds. To keep roots cool and weeds down, mulch flower beds two inches deep and three inches around newly planted trees. Pull up any lettuce or spinach plants that have “bolted” and compost them. Replant these rows with seeds or seedlings of such plants as basil, nasturtium, cucumbers, bush beans, okra, sweet peppers, squash or tomatoes.

**Pruning** – Finish deadheading late-blooming rhododendrons and azaleas. Deadhead tuberous begonias, irises and other flowering bulbs. Remove caladium flowers as they appear. Continue deadheading petunias and other cascading annuals as well as large-flowered roses to prolong the flowering cycle. Pinch out the tips of branching annuals that develop one or more strong central stems (i.e snapdragons, salvia, petunias, basil). Pinch herbs to keep them shapely.

**Watering** – Check the moisture levels in large containers, small pots, and hanging baskets every day or two; water as needed. Maintain the moisture in newly planted shrubs, seeds, and seedlings. Water any seedlings that show signs of wilting. If there is not a good soaking rain every week to 10 days, water planted beds gently and slowly and long enough to lay down 1 to 2 inches. Peppers need to be well watered. Maintaining moisture evenly in tomatoes helps prevent blossom end rot.

**Weeds, Diseases, and Pests** – Avoid over-watering in muggy weather because it encourages mildew. Pick and discard infected foliage. Remove severely infected plants. Don't compost them. Check rhododendrons and azaleas for lacebug damage. Use a hose to blow away aphids and deter spider mites and whiteflies. Hand-pick Japanese beetles into a jar of soapy water. They are sluggish in the cool of early morning. Weed your garden and any adjoining sidewalks to your property (City Ordinance Section 38-154, see to the right).

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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## SEARCHING FOR TALENTS IN CHURCH HILL

We are looking for interested neighbors with talent to share... choosing a theme for the Church Hill 2009 Holiday Weekend is our first order of business... let the creative juices flow... and we're searching for a poster design that will best reflect the spirit of the weekend and our unique neighborhood... don't be modest... share your ideas! Please contact Bénédicte at [CHAbene@comcast.net](mailto:CHAbene@comcast.net) or call her at 655-6559.

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.

## HELPFUL HINTS: CITY CODE 1993, § 19-54; SEC. 38-154. WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION

(a) It shall be a misdemeanor for any person who owns or occupies property within the city to permit any grass, plant, bushes, weeds or any other vegetation 12 inches high or over, other than trees, shrubbery, agricultural plants, garden vegetables, flowers or ornamental plants, to exist on such property.

(b) It shall be a misdemeanor for any person who owns or occupies property within the city to permit the existence on such property of any live or dead hedge, shrub, tree or other vegetation, any part of which extends or protrudes into any street, sidewalk, public right-of-way, grass strip or alley so as to obstruct or impede or threaten the safe and orderly movement of persons or vehicles.

(c) It shall be a misdemeanor for any person who owns or occupies property within the city to permit any grass, plants, bushes, weeds or any other vegetation 12 inches high or over, other than trees, shrubbery, agricultural plants, garden vegetables, flowers or ornamental plants, to exist on any sidewalk, public right-of-way, or grass strip adjacent to such property or unimproved street or alley (to the centerline of such unimproved street or alley).

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**TUESDAY KNITTING CIRCLE, 10:00AM,**

**Weekly, in the Parish Center, 2319 E. BROAD ST.**

### ***JUNE EVENT CALENDAR***

21<sup>ST</sup> MORNING PRAYER AT 8:30AM,  
HOLY EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION, 11:00AM WITH BISHOP DAVID JONES  
FATHER'S DAY

### **Patrick Henry Committee Events**

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

#### **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 also sits across the street from the home of Elmira Shelton, Edgar's childhood sweetheart and alleged fiancé at the time of his death. Visitors will learn of the lives of Elizabeth, Thomas, and Elmira, and how they moved in and out of Edgar's own life.

#### ***Reenactments continue every Sunday through Labor Day Weekend***

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!*"

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.

**Guided Tours: 10:00-4:00 Monday thru Saturday, 1:00-4:00 Sunday**

*[www.historicstjohnschurch.org](http://www.historicstjohnschurch.org)*



# ENJOY YOUR CAPITOL CITY



## River District Schedule of Events 2009

Brought to you by Venture Richmond

### Continuing Events in June

**Fridays-Sundays, April 3-June 7 (spring hours of operation)**

**Wednesdays-Sundays, June 10-August 31 (summer hours)**

#### River District Canal Cruises

Canal Turning Basin - Dock and 14<sup>th</sup> Streets, \$5 adults, \$4 seniors & children 5-12, age 4 and under free with adult, Friday & Saturday Noon-7pm, Sunday Noon-5pm  
Enjoy 40-minute historically narrated tours of the James River & Kanawha Canal along the historic Canal Walk in one of our covered boats, which accommodates up to 35 passengers and departs on the hour from the Turning Basin, between 14<sup>th</sup> and Dock Streets in downtown Richmond's River District. Richmond's canals were first begun in 1789 after George Washington lobbied the General Assembly to proceed with his vision of a canal and turnpike system that would connect the harbors of the east to the trade and market opportunities in the west. For more info call 804-788-6466 or 804-649-2800 or visit [www.venturerichmond.com](http://www.venturerichmond.com).

#### Thursday Growers' Market (April 23-December 3)

17<sup>th</sup> Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 10am-7pm  
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#### Friday Cheers (May 8-June 25)

Brown's Island, Free admission, 6:30-9:30pm  
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#### Fridays at Sunset®

Kanawha Plaza (9<sup>th</sup> & Canal Streets), 6-10pm  
Fridays at Sunset is pleased to bring to you high caliber performances that offer wonderful entertainment, good food, a patron-friendly atmosphere and an overall enjoyable experience. For more information, event prices and to see the schedule of performers visit [www.fridaysatsunset.com](http://www.fridaysatsunset.com).

#### Friday Red, White, & Brew Market (May 29-September 4)

17<sup>th</sup> Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 4pm-8pm  
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#### Saturday Mercado Market (April 25-December 5)

17<sup>th</sup> Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 10am-4pm  
An eclectic mix of fresh homegrown produce, flowers, plants, baked goods, handmade & homemade products, vintage antiques, collectibles, jewelry, fine crafts and specialty vendors with cultural items for sale. FREE PARKING. For more info call 804-646-0477 or visit us online at [www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com](http://www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com).

#### Sunday Vintage Market

17<sup>th</sup> Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 9am-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 info call 646-0477 or visit [www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com](http://www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com).

### Special Events in June

#### Saturday, June 13

**Cleanup of Great Shiplock Park - Great Park. Great Cleanup.**  
Great Shiplock Park (Parking lot at Dock Street and Pear Street), Free, 9am-12:30pm

The public is encouraged to join in the cleanup of one of the city's historic parks. Armed with trash bags and a belief that clean parks lead to a healthier river and community, Commonwealth Architects, as part of their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, will comb the park's shoreline and nature trails to pick up trash and recyclables. They will pull weeds and repaint peeling fixtures. A unique wilderness area within the heart of the city, Great Shiplock Park offers river access to fishermen and expansive views of the James River to visitors. Cleanup Day at Great Shiplock Park is part of a regional James River Cleanup, "Cleaning Up the Source," sponsored by the James River Advisory Council on the same day. Participants should bring work gloves and insect repellent and wear closed-toe shoes. For more info call 804-648-5040 ext. 1166.

#### Saturday-Sunday, June 13-14

##### 11th Annual XTERRA Atlantic Cup

Brown's Island, Free for spectators, Fee for participants, Saturday 7:30am-3pm, Sunday 8am-2pm - XTERRA in the 804 is urban adventure at its finest with a bizarre combination of natural and man-made obstacles creating the best metropolitan trail system in the country. There are a ton of great events for locals too, like the XTERRA Scramble 10K, the XTERRA Richmond off-road half-marathon "Xduro" trail run, and free kids zone activities. For more information visit [www.xterraplanet.com/races](http://www.xterraplanet.com/races) or call 804-285-9495.



# Announcing the Winners of the "Most Inspired Contest"

Sponsored by the Church Hill Association  
and  
the Church Hill Planters

Judging is based on curb appeal, texture, design, fragrance and use of natural material to compliment the color and architecture of the house. The Golden Trowel is awarded to the house with the most inspired use of natural materials to enhance the historical setting.

The Planters thank Scott MacGregor for his able judging.



Figure 1 - Most Inspired Garden -2705 East Broad St. - a very charming, inspired use of water feature, statuary, urn, brick paving, asian inspired wooden gate with fantastic use of plant variety and texture; creating magic in very small space



Figure 1 Golden Trowel Award winner is the back garden of Ann Wortham's at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Venable - a green oasis in a very urban setting, with a large tree breaking up the brick houses at rear, an ambitious and tenacious reclaiming of a urban lot; creating the feel of a country garden.



Figure 3 - Honorable Mention – 418 N. 27th Street – For its creative use textured greenery and flower, old brick paving and U-shaped deck with arbor creating a welcoming outdoor dining area.



**Figure 4 Most Inspired Block - the back gardens of 2206, 2208, and 2210 E. Broad St.** Large shared trees, symmetrical plantings, a sure use of hardscape - brick and flagstone walls and walks - and handsome low neighborly picket fences, give a sense of space and a welcoming green retreat to three urban linear yards.

#### Other Honorable Mention Winners

- The English Village look of the **200 block of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street** – with its flow of small gardens from roses to shade perennials facing Chimborazo Park
- **2907 E. Broad Street** - Wonderful texture of plantings with foliage and berry harmonizing with house colors.
- **2813 E. Grace Street** – handsome newly created hardscape of fence, brick paving, benches and urns framing the fresh plantings in a small front yard

The Church Hill Association and Planters thank all those who have gardened with playfulness, ingenuity, originality and flair.

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# CHA BOARD MEETING



## MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2009 BOARD MEETING

By CHA Secretary, Pam Prescott

President John Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:06PM at St. John's Parish House.

The attendees were:

PRESIDENT, John Johnson  
VICE PRESIDENT, Beth Sarrett  
SECRETARY, Pam Prescott  
TREASURER, John Whitworth  
ASSISTANT TREASURER, Susan White  
DIR. AT LARGE, Tony Monteleone  
DIR. AT LARGE, Aimee Perron Seibert  
PAST PRESIDENT, Jim Daab  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR, Erika Gay

### Announcements

N/A

### Presentations

Echo Harbour presented their proposed project to the Board. While the Board appreciated their presentation we were concerned about getting this information to the membership as soon as possible. John Johnson invited them to attend our membership meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> in order to keep everyone well informed.

Treasurer's Report: John Whitworth presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2009. At April 30, the CHA had \$38,807 cash in the bank. Cash Receipts for the month were \$1,567; expenditures were \$4,077 for a decrease in cash of \$3,166.

As a reminder: Effective immediately, anyone interested in applying for over \$1,000 through our Capital Expenditure process is required to have a Project Summary Fact Flyer to further explain the destination of the requested funds. These Fact Fliers will be handed out to the CHA membership at the monthly meetings during their presentation for a better illustration of the use for proposed funding. Due diligence is needed on these fact fliers so the entire membership is well informed and can readily understand where the funds are to be distributed.

### Old Business

Responses from last month's membership meeting concerning GRTC have been posted on the CHA website.

The request for additional funding of \$485 for the Friends of Chimborazo Playground renovations will be voted upon at the membership meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Committee Reports

Zoning: Bill Hartsock spoke about the committee's charge from the Board in addressing City Zoning changes proposed for Church Hill & North of Broad Old & Historic Districts. They have begun addressing the 6 point plan and are in touch with Tarisa Griffith.

Newsletter: The Board has added an *Announcement Section* to each newsletter to provide residents of important upcoming events for CHA. Please watch for it in each newsletter.

Membership: No Report

Clean and Safe: No Report

Holiday: No Report

### New Business

N/A

Anthem Stride Through Time, the Sports Backers newest event, showcases Richmond's treasure trove of historic sites in a 10k (6.2-mile) walk. Be a part of history on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. It starts and finishes on Brown's Island. There are surprises around each turn of the course including live music, costumed interpreters and more. The course incorporates different "pockets" of discovery and follows existing walking tour routes. Antique cars and actors portraying historical figures from the past bring the historic route to life. The many museums along the route provide opportunities to sample the wealth of exhibits in downtown Richmond highlighting the city's 400 year history. High-energy bands mixed in between the sites make the entire course stimulating. It is historical entertainment and fitness all rolled into one!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

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# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



## MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 2009 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

By CHA Secretary, Pam Prescott

CHA Treasurer, John Whitworth, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm at St. John's Parrish House in CHA. President, John Johnson's absence.

### Announcements

Police/Crime Report was given by Police Officer Ron McClaren. He advised that violent crime statistics continue downward in Church Hill. Vehicle larcenies continue to plague our neighborhood with the side windows being broken and items removed. Some items stolen include an Ipod, briefcase, power tools and cash. Please always continue to remove all valuables from sight in your vehicle. He updated us up on the homicide at the Chimborazo School. The investigation is in the preliminary stages currently but one arrest has been made and the police are currently looking for 2 other possible people involved in the crime. Office McClaren and the police feel this is an isolated incident that happened on the school basketball courts. Any questions or concerns, please call the First Precinct at 646-0572.

### Presentations

*Church Hill: The St. John's Church Historic District* book was discussed by Mary Jane Hogue, Executive Director of the Foundation Staff at the Historic Foundation of Richmond (HRF). She thanked the membership for the \$2000 the CHA has pledged in support of the book. There was some misunderstanding regarding a presentation slide in which HRF thought CHA would purchase 1000 copies of the book. John Johnson will personally speak to Mary Jane Hogue to remedy this situation.

Mary Jane introduced John Zehmer an architectural historian and the original author and who has graciously donated his time to complete the updated version. Mr. Zehmer still lives in Richmond and is very excited about updating his original book as the area has changed so much. He and the HRF are very proud of the new version and that it encapsulates the following aspects:

Fulfills mission of historic Richmond to preserve and protect Richmond's historic properties and landscapes.

Updates original book to reflect the four Old & Historic Districts in Church Hill.

Highlights the growth and expansion of the neighborhood

Publications are one of the most effective tools for preservation.

Our heart remains in Church Hill---it is the origin of our beginning.

The updated stats on the publication include 5,000 copies will be printed and it will have 344 pages with 350 B&W photos and 80 color. The publication date is still set for April 2010. Expenses for the publication are \$92,000 which includes manufacturing/publishing, color photos, staff and processing for the book.

The historic plaques were presented by Waite Rawls and the staff of HRF. Kelli Taylor, preservation specialist for HRF, showed all the possible signs and finishes available. Sizes range from 7X7 to 10X14 with finishes of cast aluminum, cast bronze and luster board. Waite explained this is a collaboration of CHA & HRF & VCU. The history department at VCU will research your home to find out items to be placed on the plaque. The crests of CHA and HRF will be placed on each with prices range from low \$200's and up. It was suggested that the CHA pick one size and style for uniformity throughout the neighborhood but some members suggested diversity might be more acceptable. This will be discussed at a later time due to the importance of the Echo Harbor presentation immediately following this discussion.

James Theobald, a developer's lawyer from Hirschler Fleischer, presented the Echo Harbour project to a full house of Church Hill residents. A representative from IF Development was also present. The developer's website is [www.ifdevelopment.com/projects/echo-harbour/](http://www.ifdevelopment.com/projects/echo-harbour/). The land in question is currently zoned M2 which allows for large industrial buildings larger than the proposed Echo Harbour structure. Developers are seeking a special use permit to allow for condominiums which has already been submitted to the City. The stats on the proposed buildings are:

- 88 – 102 condos
- 130-158 hotel rooms
- Restaurant with outdoor seating on the lower level
- Banquet area
- Health club open to residents and the public
- 30,000-118,000 sq feet of office space

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



- Space allowance for several rowing clubs
- Lower level retail
- Public/Private off street parking
- Public riverfront access

The elevations are 95 feet to the east and 147 feet or 11 stories to the west with a 103 feet separation between the towers. The project will cost 150 million of private funding and will employ 850 full or part-time employees.

A discussion was held after the meeting and the CHA members agreed to reaffirm our original position on the project.

The project rendering slide provided by Mr. Theobald only showed half of the structure---the 95 foot side to the east. There was no picture showing the entire project from Libby Hill Park. When asked if we could see the entire structure as it would appear from the park, CHA was advised that they were not spending any more money to provide additional elevation views, that it was too expensive. The developers even joked that if someone were to offer \$20 million for the land they would consider walking away! IF Development stated they continue in the project to make needed money so it appears the City of Richmond is the place to voice our opinions.

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The City Council members listed are the same ones that overturned CAR's decision on Oakwood Heights for which there is currently a lawsuit in the works. Please use this information to speak up for Oakwood Heights and Echo Harbour. Echo Harbour will block the historic and very popular view from Libby Hill Park of the James River. Residents pleaded with the Mr. Theobald and the developers to spare the view that Tour Buses regularly stop to show visitors 'our' Richmond. Please get involved and speak out! Contact any and all members of our City Council and local government officials to have your voice heard about these proposed projects.

**Treasurer's Report** John Whitworth presented the Treasurer's Report for April 2009. As of April 30, the CHA had \$38,807 cash in the bank. Cash Receipts for the month were \$1,567; expenditures were \$4,077 for a decrease in cash of \$3,166. John explained that the CHA had paid in full for the venue for this year's Holiday Ball. We were able to get a 10% price break by paying in advance.

## Committee Reports

**Membership:** Benedicte Whitworth announced that we currently have 315 members in the CHA with 4 new members signed up at this meeting. Thanks Benedicte!

**Newsletter:** No Report

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



**Zoning:** Bill Hartsock advised the membership work continues on the R-63 project with Tarisa Griffith. Please see Bill or any Zoning Committee/Board Member to get involved.

**Holiday:** No Report

Old Business

Several capital expenditure proposals were up for a vote this evening. The request for an additional \$485 for improvements to the Chimborazo Playground Park including picnic tables, bird and bat houses, a garden shed, 2 BBQ stands and 3 shade sails needed a vote. All the furniture will be constructed by CHAT members. This motion was approved. An additional \$1,500 in support of overturning the City's decision on the proposed Oakwood Heights project was up for a vote. The lawsuit is set to start on June 15<sup>th</sup>. HRF was given \$2500 in support of the suit. After a heated exchange by several members of the

'should' and the 'should not's', the motion was entered and a vote ensued. The motion was passed.

New Business

Our public library needs our help! In these hard economic times, a study was conducted that the population/geographical area of Richmond should only have 7 public libraries. Usage of the libraries is calculated on circulation. To save our library located at 2414 R Street, please visit and check out some books to get our circulation up. It would be terrible to lose such a wonderful amenity for our community.

**Reminder:** The Giant Libby Hill Summer Yard Sale will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup> this year. It's time for Spring cleaning and Spring cleanout!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

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April 27, 2009

Benedicte Whitworth  
CHA Membership

**Subject: GRTC Responses to CHA Questions re: GRTC Bus Transfer Center at Main Street Station – 30% Design Presentation of April 21, 2009**

Dear CHA Membership:

Thanks for this opportunity to respond to your questions regarding the proposed GRTC Bus Transfer Center at Main Street Station. It should be remembered that at the 30% Design stage the plan is still in design development and has many additional phases prior to approval. The plan is flexible and can be changed to respond to community input. It is a working plan in progress. GRTC responses are listed below with the questions.

1. Q: Do you think that Shockoe Bottom pedestrians will be affected by emissions from the many buses? Also the same question for the historic structures. What about emissions from vehicles?  
A: An important element in characterizing site-specific air quality conditions is the identification of carbon monoxide (CO) hot spots. Hot spots are small areas where CO levels have approached or exceeded national standards, caused by large volumes of slow-moving or idling vehicles that generate heavy CO concentrations. Implementation of the GRTC Transfer facility is anticipated to result in concentrated bus, and shuttle traffic in the immediate vicinity of the facility, with a corresponding concentration of idling buses. Most of this activity exist today and is simply a relocation from the existing on-street bus transfer locations along Broad Street, rather than new activity (new emissions). Because of this and the minimal traffic impacts found by the traffic analysis, the air quality impacts of the project are expected to be negligible. CO hot spots are unlikely in the vicinity of the proposed project because VDEQ air quality monitoring data shows that existing CO levels in the area are already well below the CO National Ambient Air Quality Standards and the project will not substantially change emission sources/quantities.

Beyond the bus activity of the GRTC Transfer facility itself, traffic analysis for the transfer center shows that traffic-related impacts attributed to the project are minimal. The level of additional trip activity is not expected to impact regional air quality because patrons using the public transit system will transfer at the facility. It will not be a generator of vehicle trips. In general, the transit transfer improvements provide long-term improvements to air quality by increasing transit use, thus reducing the number of vehicles and overall vehicle emissions on local roadways. Furthermore, the project will allow enhanced transit access to the downtown area without expanding the roadway network, thereby reducing auto-dependency for downtown trips.

2. Q: Why are we encumbering a city landmark and beautiful area with an outmoded technology?  
A: Main Street Station was originally a transportation hub of activity. The goal of the project is the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the currently vacant Main Street Station “Train Shed” into a GRTC Bus Transfer Center that reestablishes the historical architectural character of the National Historic Landmark while balancing the operational needs of GRTC that makes the Main Street Station into a regional multi-modal transportation facility. The City of Richmond has been trying to re-configure Main Street Station into a multi-modal facility combining bicycles, passenger vehicles, taxis, buses, and trains since 1992. It could be argued that each of those transit modes is outmoded; however, it is GRTC’s concept that the Transfer Center at Main Street Station is just the beginning of modern improvements to Richmond’s transportation infrastructure. The Transfer Center will also serve the future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route down Broad Street to Willow Lawn and out to Short Pump. The BRT project is itself a precursor to a potential light rail development.

3. Q: How many buses will be in the area (in & out of building) per day?  
A: Approximately 1200 buses per work-week day. It will be reduced on weekends. The typical work-week day for buses is approximately 20hrs. with bus transfer activity spread throughout the day.
4. Q: How many people are we talking about in the area per day? How many bus riders will be in this facility at any one time?  
A: The key to a successful Transfer Center operation is movement of buses and bus riders. The transfer center is designed for a maximum wait period at the platform level of 7 to 10 minutes. It is difficult to determine how many bus riders will be in the facility at any one time as there will be greater transfer activity in the morning and evening rush; however, there will be approximately 5,000 transfers on a typical work-week day.
5. Q: How is it going to impact Franklin St, Main St and 14<sup>th</sup> St during rush hour?  
A: There are two “rush hours” a day. For bus activity the “rush periods” are 7-9am and 4-6pm. GRTC has performed a detailed Environmental Assessment (EA) which also contains a Traffic Impact Analysis. The EA is available on our web site at [www.ridegrtc.com](http://www.ridegrtc.com) under the Mission 2015 subject. Click on the “learn more” link and go to the EA for the project. The Traffic Impact Analysis is on Page 32.
6. Q: What is the position of the Shockoe Bottom Neighborhood Association regarding this proposal?  
A: They are in opposition to the Transfer Center project.
7. Q: I see spill out. How can we be assured that vagrants and pedestrians do not take control? And how will they affect businesses surrounding this proposed facility?  
A: Excellent security and maintenance of the facility and surrounding project area are key to a successful transfer center. The GRTC program space on the north end of the transfer platform contains office spaces for a security guard as well as a City police officer. There is also an observation balcony that is restricted access for security personnel only that provides visual control to the platform and the bus ramps. Additionally, the entire project and area will be under CCTV and monitored by a GRTC security service. Access will be open to at grade pedestrians who wish to utilize the transfer platform, but can be controlled by fencing and lockable gates during off-service hours. The purpose of a transfer center is to have efficient movement of buses and riders. The Transfer Center is designed for a maximum wait period at the platform level of 7 to 10 minutes. Given the sequence of bus transferring activities, security presence roaming the platform and at an elevated viewing position, and the CCTV monitoring of activities, security control and safety will be excellent.

Facility maintenance activities are important to the overall experience of the traveling public. It is also a necessity of a quality operation. The GRTC will ensure that general trash pick-up and cleaning will occur daily and as needed for an emergency clean-up.

8. Q: Trash and crime?  
A: Please refer to answer for question #7.

**Church Hill Association**  
**2009 Budget & Actual Cash Flows to April 2009**

REVENUES (NET)	Budget 2009	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	Total YTD
<b>Holiday Festival</b>						
Sales	17,375.00					0.00
Expenses	(14,965.00)	0.00			(2,007.00)	(2,007.00)
<b>Net Holiday Festival</b>	2,410.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2,007.00)	(2,007.00)
Holiday Costs paid from 2008	0.00	(775.45)		(405.00)		(1,180.45)
<b>Newsletter</b>						
Revenue - Ads + 2300 Club	9,700.00	859.00	755.00	723.00	1,030.00	3,367.00
Expense - Printing	(10,000.00)	(875.00)	0.00	(750.00)	(2,070.00)	(3,695.00)
<b>Net Newsletter Revenue</b>	(300.00)	(16.00)	755.00	(27.00)	(1,040.00)	(328.00)
Newsletter Revenue - from 2008				665.00		
<b>Membership - Annual Fees</b>	6,250.00	0.00	1,185.00	425.00	490.00	2,100.00
- Purchase Church Hill Bags				101.00	4.00	105.00
- Sale of Church Hill Bags						
<b>Planters Society Funds Raised</b>						
Funds Deposited	1,400.00	0.00				0.00
Expenses Paid	(1,400.00)	0.00				0.00
<b>Balance Available</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Donations/Grants Received</b>						
High on the Hog	0.00					0.00
St. Patricks Church	1,000.00	0.00				0.00
<b>Net D/G Revenue</b>	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Community Events</b>						
Italian Festival - Revenue	300.00					0.00
Italian Festival - Expenses	(250.00)					0.00
<b>Net Italian Festival Revenue</b>	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Irish Festival - Revenue	0.00					0.00
Irish Festival - Expenses	0.00					0.00
<b>Net Irish Festival Revenue</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Interest Earned</b>	1,200.00	42.99	24.00	22.00	43.00	131.99
<b>TOTAL NET REVENUE</b>	<b>10,610.00</b>	<b>(748.46)</b>	<b>1,964.00</b>	<b>781.00</b>	<b>(2,510.00)</b>	<b>(513.46)</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Operating Expenses</b>						
Meetings/Membership	(2,500.00)					0.00
Picnics	(500.00)					0.00
Union Hill "On the Night"	0.00					0.00
Meeting Space	(450.00)					0.00
Insurance	(450.00)	(35.75)	18.00		(656.00)	(673.75)
Supplies (Stamps/Envelp/Misc)	(250.00)	(60.03)				(60.03)
Post Office Box						0.00
Website	(200.00)			(99.00)		(99.00)
Financial Review/IRS Filings (990)	(500.00)					0.00
Contingency	(60.00)					0.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	(4,910.00)	(95.78)	18.00	(99.00)	(656.00)	(832.78)
<b>Donation and Project Expenses</b>						
Reed's Square Maintenance	(400.00)					0.00
Crime Watch	(1,000.00)					0.00
Alley Rally (two)	(200.00)					0.00
Union Hill Historic District Initiative	(1,000.00)		(260.00)			(260.00)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	(2,600.00)	0.00	(260.00)	0.00	0.00	(260.00)
<b>Education</b>						
Donation: Bellevue	(500.00)					0.00
Donation: Chimborazo	(500.00)					0.00
Donation: CHAT	(500.00)					0.00
Donation: Richmond Public Library	0.00					0.00
<b>Sub-Total Education Expense</b>	(1,500.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Preservation</b>						
Donation: ACORN	(300.00)					0.00
<b>Sub-Total Preservation Expense</b>	(300.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Community Relations</b>						
Donation: Richmond Hill - 2009	(300.00)					0.00
Donation: Richmond Hill - 2008		(500.00)				(500.00)
Donation: Planters Society - 2009	(1,000.00)		(1,000.00)			(1,000.00)
Donation: Planters Society - 2008		(1,500.00)				(1,500.00)
East Dist. Family Resource Center	0.00					0.00
Donation: Undeclared	0.00					0.00
<b>Sub-Total Cmty Relations Expense</b>	(1,300.00)	(2,000.00)	(1,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(3,000.00)
<b>TOTAL NET EXPENSES</b>	(10,610.00)	(2,095.78)	(1,242.00)	(99.00)	(656.00)	(4,092.78)
<b>NET CASH FLOW</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(2,844.24)</b>	<b>722.00</b>	<b>681.00</b>	<b>(3,166.00)</b>	<b>(4,607.24)</b>
Of which refers to 2009		(68.79)	722.00	421.00	(3,166.00)	(1,426.79)
Of which refers to 2008		(2,775.45)	0.00	260.00	0.00	(3,180.45)
Beginning Balance all accounts	43,414.50					
Bank Statements - End of Month		40,570.26	41,292.00	41,973.00	38,807.00	38,807.00
<b>Change in Cash</b>		<b>(2,844.24)</b>	<b>721.74</b>	<b>681.00</b>	<b>(3,166.00)</b>	<b>(4,607.50)</b>

Not included in the above April 30th cash balance of \$38.8k are the following donations / grants which have been recently approved:  
The Chimborazo Playground \$5.5k, The new Church Hill Book \$2.0k, The Overlook Signage \$1.0k and the \$2.5k to the Historic Richmond Foundation for the  
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# ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING



## PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27 CHURCH HILL ASSOCIATION ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING

**Members Present:** Martha Broughton, Ruth DeBoer, Bill Hartsock, Beth Sarrett, Charlotte Kerr

**Members Absent:** Diane Worthington, Michael McPeake, John Sydnor

### 1. Introductions

**Secretary Volunteer for 4/27 Meeting:** Ruth DeBoer

**New Committee Chair called the meeting to order -** Bill Hartsock

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

### 2. March 23, 2009 Meeting Minutes – Approved.

### 3. Presentations

No Presentations were made.

### 4. Liaison Updates

#### **Board of Zoning Appeals (Sarrett)**

No relevant items on the April or May docket for Zoning Committee review received prior to meeting.

#### **Commission of Architectural Review (Sarrett)**

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

#### **Planning Commission (Broughton)**

No relevant items on April or May docket received prior to meeting. The Downtown Master Plan amendments & final approval has been postponed until the next Planning Commission meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm.

### 5. Old Business

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

The CHA Board has charged the Zoning Committee with working through a 6-point plan, as formulated by the CHA Board. The

plan is as follows: 1) The Zoning Committee (ZC) is to revisit the Recommendations of the Sub-committee, 2) Return the results of the review in the form of Pros & Cons, 3) Work with Tarisa Griffith in City of Richmond planning department, 4) Develop a survey to send to CHA members & open to residents in general, with a Member/Non-member identifier question, to be returned directly to Tarisa Griffith, 5) Flyers to be developed to alert residents to the zoning proposal, including notices in Church Hill People's News, CHA newsletter (other outlets?) in advance of survey/ vote deadline, 6) Assist Tarisa in tallying survey results & returning results to CHA for publishing.

No deadline for the process was given. Bill Hartsock will touch base with Tarisa about identifying a framework or outline for the survey, with the possibility that the City already has a similar survey already written. CZ will contact Katie Thompson to get written recommendations from the Sub-committee & they will be e-mailed to the ZC members.

Each ZC member will review again the full version of the proposed R-63 zoning category language – on City of Richmond website. ZC shall request Tarisa to answer questions such as concerns over potential of merging lots to build-out potential of larger buildings, what is vehicle to prohibit this?, etc. CHA member Laura Daab requested to be involved in 6-point plan.

Zoning Committee is seeking 1 to 2 new members. Bill will drop a quick note to newsletter.

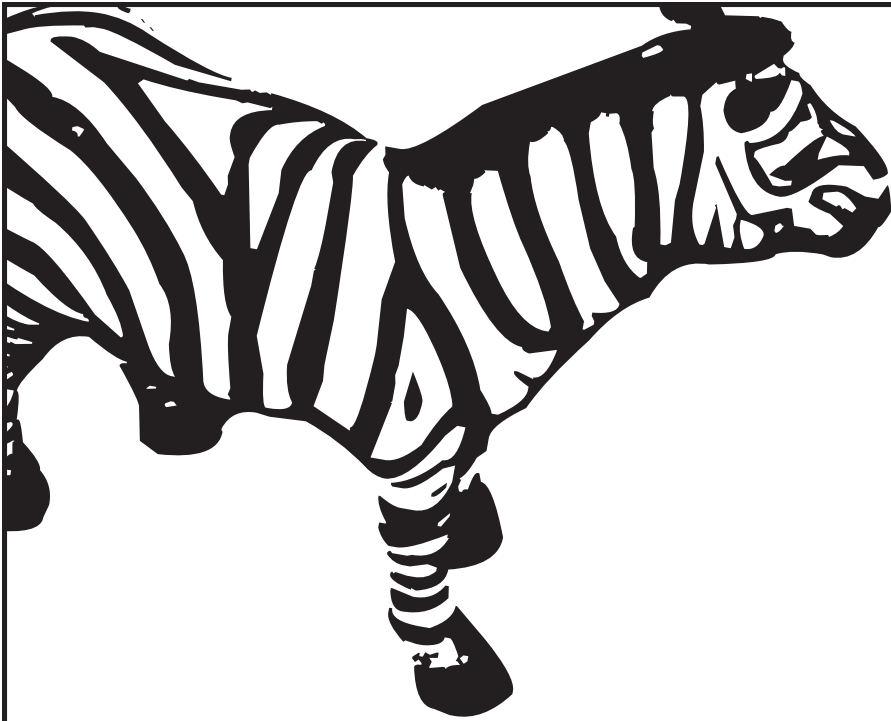
### 6. New Business

#### **Use of CHA funds to legal actions:**

Further discussion of actions taken by membership at last CHA membership meeting.

### 7. Adjourn: by 8:30 pm

The new Zoning Committee meeting will be moved to Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, the day following the Monday that the Memorial Day holiday is observed



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



**Stuart Joel Silvers**  
Church Hill resident of North 29<sup>th</sup> Street since 1975

About four years ago Stuart and his wife Dorothy moved back to Maine where they had lived for many years. Still, they stayed in touch with friends in Church Hill.

Tragically, on Tuesday, May 19, Stuart Joel Silvers, a Professor of Chemistry at Virginia Commonwealth University and long time neighbor, died of a heart attack while visiting his children in Maryland.

I personally remember the Silvers, Dorothy and Stuart, as a devoted pair who I often saw at occasions at Marion Macdonald's or Beauchamp Payne's house. Stuart was one of the most intelligent and involved people I've ever had the pleasure to know.

Their son, Damon Silvers, a Congressional AFL-CIO Associate Council, interviewed Secretary of the Treasury, Timothy Geitner, on NPR last week.

In the program for Stuart's funeral is a copy of the Kaddish as well as the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm: "Remember us this day, Lord our God, for happiness: be mindful of us for blessing; save us to enjoy life. With a promise of salvation and mercy spare us and be gracious to us; have pity on us and save us, for we look to thee; for thou art a gracious and merciful God and King."

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