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By, Kim McKay and Jenny Bonnin

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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

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Want to reduce stress, increase your flexibility, and help raise money for a great cause? Sign up for yoga at the NRC. A six-week class – designed for all levels, including beginners – starts on Wednesday, September 9.

The cost is \$10 per class, or pay what you can! All money raised from class fees will be donated to the Neighborhood Resource Center, a grassroots and nonprofit community center located here in the East End. Learn more about the NRC at www.nrccafe.org. To register for the six-week session, call 467-YOGA.

Please Note: There will be a vote at the September General Membership Meeting regarding Childsavers' proposed text amendment to their original SUP, which was previously supported by the CHA.

REMINDER: NEVER LEAVE ANYTHING OF ANY VALUE IN YOUR CAR FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. NOT COVERED UP, NOT IN YOUR TRUNK; TAKE IT ALL IN YOUR HOUSE.

Run to the River

10K Raises Money for Community Center

Rocketts Landing Run to the River is a fun and challenging 10K event to benefit the Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC). On Saturday, October 17, runners will dash through the historic streets of Church Hill and Fulton, along the James River, and over three hills (Powhatan, Potomac and Libby Hills). A 5K walk and a 1K Kids' Run will take place simultaneously. Celebrate at the Finish Line party, with free massages, food, a health fair, and live music in the NRC's new Garden Café. To register for the race, visit www.runtotheriver.org.

We need volunteers from Church Hill the morning of the race. Volunteering is easy and requires only a couple of hours of your time:

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To volunteer, contact Penny Ferris at penny@nrccafe.org or call 864-5797.

Learn more about the NRC's mission at www.nrccafe.org.



A 10k hill run & 5k walk to benefit the Neighborhood Resource Center

Are you REALLY Ready?

September is National Preparedness Month. The goal for the month is to help Americans understand what it truly means to be *Ready*. If you don't have three days' food and water, a battery-powered radio and a family plan, then you are not ready. National Preparedness Month is a great time for you to begin.

Start with a family plan. You may not be together when an emergency happens. Sit down as a family and plan in advance what you will do in an emergency and how you will get in touch with each other. Write it down. Go to www.ReadyVirginia.gov for a family plan worksheet. Making a plan is free and simple and will make a difference.

During National Preparedness Month in September, you may hear and see new Ready Virginia public service announcements on radio and TV stations that remind us to take steps to prepare for emergencies in our homes, businesses and communities. September is also prime hurricane and flood season in Virginia. There is no better time for you to get ready. For more go to www.ReadyVirginia.gov, www.ListoVirginia.gov and www.Ready.gov.



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New Playground Coming to Chimborazo

Join Us on Build Day, September 10 and Grand Opening, September 13

Approximately 75 volunteers from Church Hill are needed to help build a new playground at Chimborazo Park on Thursday, September 10. Like an old-fashioned barnraising, the new playground will be built from start to finish in one day. In addition, volunteers will help build a new community garden in the park. They will build 16 beds and a compost bin from recycled materials. New garden beds throughout the park will feature native, drought-resistant plantings to beautify the area and attract wildlife.

Join us on Build Day (Sept 10) for children's activities, performances by a children's drum corp and other local musicians, and an appearance by NASCAR Sprint Cup Series driver Joey Logano. The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 2pm. Join us for the Grand Opening (Sept 13) for the first official play day! Cement takes about three days to dry before kids can play on the new equipment.

KaBOOM!, a national nonprofit organization, awarded the Friends of Chimborazo Playground a grant to build a new playground and community gardens. The project is largely funded by the Home Depot and supported by the City Department of Parks, Recreations and Community Facilities.

Make a Donation: The new playground is a part of an overall plan to make the park safer, more accessible and attractive. Help us make the park a safer and more enjoyable place to play by making a tax-deductible donation today at: www.imaginechimbo.org/donate. Or, send a check payable to "Richmond Recreation & Parks Foundation" with "Friends of Chimborazo Playground" in the memo line to:

Friends of Chimborazo Playground
2707 E. Clay Street
Richmond, VA 23220

The Church Hill Holiday House Tour

The Church Hill Holiday House Tour is progressing nicely with an underlying theme of the 1800's. Who among you would like to join in the volunteer effort? We need a team of neighbors to help. Please contact Eugenia Anderson-Ellis at bandersonellis@gmail.com or 643-3915 if you'd like to join the team, or Benedicte Whitworth at CHAbene@comcast.net.

2009 Holiday Ball Special Early Bird Ticket Purchase

During the month of September, those who complete this form and provide it to the Holiday Ball Chair via mail or in person, may purchase a table for eight to attend this year's Holiday Ball event for just \$280. This works out to be \$35 per ticket. The Holiday Ball will be held at the Holocaust Museum, 2000 E. Cary Street. The spaciousness of this year's location enables us to have reserved seating for the first time in the event's history. The Ball will be held on December 12, 8pm-1am and begins with a 2 hour cocktail reception that includes a live jazz ensemble. Dancing, along with a DJ will begin at 10pm, continuing until after midnight. Individual tickets are scheduled to go on sale November 1st, priced at \$50 each.

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www.runtotheriver.org

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument: “the statue would of necessity be Colossal”

By, Ruth Ann Coski

This is the first part of a two-part series. It is excerpted from an article in the Summer 2009 issue of the Museum of the Confederacy Magazine and lightly edited by CHA member Waite Rawls.

The Monuments and Memorials Collection in the Museum’s Eleanor S. Brockenbrough Library includes the records of one of the most ambitious projects undertaken by Confederate veterans in the late 19th century. Not for the first or last time, the project proved too ambitious and the process turned tempestuous. Ultimately, its completion required the assistance of the ladies who founded The Museum of the Confederacy. The records themselves tell the story of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

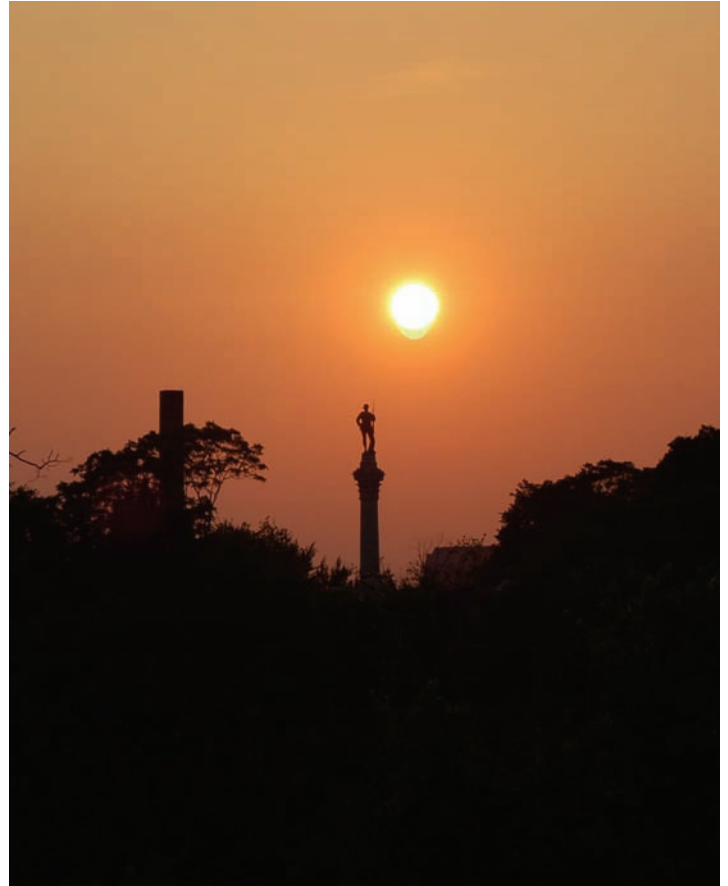
East of downtown Richmond, Virginia, high atop Libby Hill, stands a monument to Confederate Soldiers and Sailors. Such monuments grace public spaces in towns and cities throughout the South, but the colossal size and the prominent location of the Soldiers and Sailors monument in the old Confederate capital, made it first among equals.

Raised “to perpetuate the memory and deeds of the Private Soldiers and Sailors of the Confederate States,” it endures also as a monument to the perseverance of Confederate veterans – and to the critical contribution of Confederate women. Even a project that elicited universal enthusiasm was fraught with disagreements over fundraising and artistic vision.

“Men of Rank” and “the Man in the Ranks”

Organized in December 1887, the Confederate Soldiers & Sailors Monument Association boasted the most conspicuous Virginia veteran—Governor Fitzhugh Lee. On the Executive Committee were other prominent veterans turned public servants, including three-time Richmond mayor and future state Lt. Gov. J. Taylor Ellyson, Richmond School Board President John B. Cary, and city engineer Wilfred E. Cutshaw.

Secretary Carlton McCarthy, who had served with Ellyson in the Richmond Howitzers and followed him as



Richmond mayor, submitted a sketch of a pyramid as a monument idea, but noted “no action” was taken. On January 9, 1888, the city clerk of the Board of Alderman sent McCarthy a welcomed note, informing him of the adoption of a resolution “tendering Libby Hill” to the association as a monument site.

Fundraising began, with appeals printed throughout 1888 in Richmond newspapers: the *Dispatch*, the *Times*, and the *Whig*. Further afield, requests were made to Confederate veterans via the *Staunton Spectator*, and in Georgia, the *Macon Daily* and the *Macon Telegraph*.

Letters from old comrades came to McCarthy. Former Confederate general Thomas L. Rosser sent six dollars, one for each family member. He added with typical verve, “I sincerely hope that every man, woman, and child in the Eleven Southern States which resisted the encroachment of the North...will be a contributor (if only a mite each)...”

Former Confederate staff officer W. Gordon McCabe noted, “I see you ask for only one dollar. I send it with

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pleasure—there's more where this comes from, if you find you need it." Secretary of the Southern Historical Society and R. E. Lee biographer, Rev. J. William Jones, sent a dollar and a quote from General Lee, "The real hero of the war is not the man of rank but the man of the ranks."

Many sent money and advice. Richmond divine, the Rev. Moses D. Hoge, urged McCarthy not to forget the women: "don't you think it would be a good plan to get a great many ladies to subscribe? One dollar is within the reach of most of them, I feel sure...you will meet with a large response." Sometimes the ladies bore bad news, however, as when historian and Confederate activist Kate Mason Rowland informed McCarthy that Alexandria, Virginia, was raising money for its own monument and thus its citizens were not responding to Richmond appeals.

As with any communal effort, it wasn't all sweetness and light encouragement. In December 1888, the irascible former Confederate general Jubal Early told McCarthy in no uncertain terms that the timing of his group was "unfortunate," as it conflicted with the efforts to raise funds for the equestrian monument of Robert E. Lee in Richmond. "The monument to General Lee has been delayed and interfered with by other schemes to such an extent that nearly twenty years have elapsed since his death, and the money is not yet secured. Richmond seems to look upon this scheme for monuments to Confederates as a means of bringing money into the pockets of her merchants...and her people take good care to contribute little themselves." Attempting to soften his harsh stance Early added, "At the proper time I will contribute to the Soldiers Monument in Richmond, but I want that to General Lee secured first."

In September 1889 the association's Committee on Design resolved that the monument should be a granite column—based on "Pompey's Pillar" in Alexandria, Egypt—surmounted by a bronze figure of a soldier. The figure would be at least half life-size, and the inscription a simple one, to the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors. Engineer Cutshaw would oversee the project.

Modest goals meet colossal ambitions

Now came the moment to select the artist, and the board unanimously voted for a fellow Virginian, albeit one living abroad: Sir Moses Ezekiel (1844-1917). Born in Richmond, Ezekiel was immortalized early in life, having participated in the 1864 Battle of New Market as a Virginia

Military Institute cadet. A talented, passionate artist, young Moses sailed for Europe in 1869 to study at the Royal Academy of Berlin, graduating in 1871. He settled among the art colony in Rome in 1874, and except for occasional trips to the United States, lived there until his death in 1917.

By the time Ezekiel received his first communication from McCarthy in October 1889, he was already known for his accomplished marble and bronze busts and figures of legendary artists such as DaVinci, Michelangelo, and Rembrandt, as well notable Americans Thomas Jefferson, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and Robert E. Lee. He particularly relished depicting allegorical figures such as "Faith," "Industry," and "Religious Liberty."

But for all his accomplishments, Moses Ezekiel harbored resentments—for the defeat of the South, for the prejudice he had encountered as a Jew, for what he felt was a lack of recognition and appreciation in his native land. He was thrilled to be notified that he and he alone, was the choice of the Confederate Soldiers & Sailors Monument Association.

Ezekiel fired off his vision of the monument. "But if the Column is not to be a monolith I presume you will have an internal spiral staircase in stone or iron, so as to make it the finest point of view also. ...The base of the column would, I presume, rest upon a slight elevation of broad granite steps, and I would suggest that in order to carry out fully the idea of its being a sailors and soldiers monument, that on two opposite sides of the base...of the Column, bronze prows of a ship ornamented with garlands of laurels and appropriate inscriptions be placed." On a column of 95 feet, he explained, "the statue would of necessity be Colossal, perhaps 20 feet in height."

Given the veterans' modest goals and feeble fundraising, Carlton McCarthy may have sensed a failure to communicate. Between the fall of 1889 and the spring of 1892 letters flew back and forth across the Atlantic, as Ezekiel expounded and elaborated on his ideas for the statue, and the association attempted to curb the artist's enthusiasm. Engineer Cutshaw reiterated that a simple column, along the lines of the Nelson Column in Trafalgar Square, was all that was required. Ezekiel sent notice by transatlantic cable that he estimated the statue alone would weigh 12 tons. He inquired as to whether the funds—and the column—had been raised. (No on both counts, although Richmond quarry owner and contractor James

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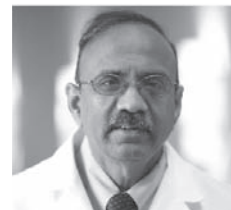
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Netherwood pushed ahead with building the substantial stone base.)

In October 1891 Ezekiel sent Col. Cutshaw photographs of his completed model of the statue, and asked about the specifics of his contract. Ezekiel poured out his support of the monument association, and a recital of past wrongs he had endured. "Personally I was sacrificed to the caprice and petty prejudices of a few men and women... when the truth is known of the injustice done to me, after years of labor and sacrifices...in order to prove my own worth in the three competitions in which I took part for the monument to Lee."

In April 1892, McCarthy was forced to inform Ezekiel that the Committee on Design and the Board as a whole had unanimously rejected the submitted designs as unsatisfactory, and to try again. Ezekiel was furious and shot back, "I cannot afford to enter into any kind of competition...and do not and cannot work out a statue entire as it is to be, before I receive the commission and necessary payments." McCarthy tried to soothe the outraged artist in a letter of May 1892, regretting the comments that struck "so unfavorably." Assuring Ezekiel that no competition was intended McCarthy emphasized, "the Committee must likewise determine the question of cost. It is not authorized to go on with any work regardless of it or without carefully weighing the chances of meeting it."

The relationship came to an unhappy and perhaps inevitable end in March of 1893. McCarthy could never convey to Ezekiel that the committee's suggestions on design and costs were in actuality, instructions. Ezekiel could never accept the rejection of what he considered his superior vision, or understand the financial limits of the committee. Ezekiel's last exchange with McCarthy was a curt request: "Will you please return to me by mail the photos of my sketch model as they are of some value to me."

The next issue of the CHA newsletter will have Part 2 of this article, as the statue moved from concept to completion in 1894.

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Continuing Events in September

River District Canal Cruises

Thursdays-Sundays, through September 27 (late summer)

Canal Turning Basin - Dock and 14th Streets, \$5 adults, \$4 seniors & children 5-12, age 4 and under free with adult, Thursday-Saturday Noon-7pm, Sunday Noon-5pm
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17th Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 10am-7pm
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Saturday Mercado Market (April 25-December 5)

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Sunday Vintage Market (May 24-December 6)

17th 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 information call 646-0477 or visit www.17thstreetfarmersmarket.com.

Special Events in September

Saturday-Sunday, September 19-20

25th Annual Classics on the James, European Automobile Festival

Shockoe Slip & Brown's Island, Admission \$5, Saturday 3pm-10pm, Sunday 10am-4pm
Saturday, Jaguars will be on the loose in Shockoe Slip! See an unbelievable display of Jaguar's finest cars on display with the Shockoe Slip Fountain as their backdrop. Cary Street will be closed for a European Invasion from 6pm-10pm! Sunday, three hundred of the world's most unusual and rare cars and motorcycles will be on display on Brown's Island overlooking the James River. Virtually every type of British automobile will be represented along with a full class of British motorcycles. Vendors will offer a wide variety of accessories. For more information visit www.classicsonthejames.com or call 804-231-1964.

Saturday, September 26

"Burning up the Bottom", Firefighter's Festival

17th Street Farmers' Market, Free admission, 11am-8pm
This new festival is a celebration of the spirit, passion and dedication of the men and women who provide the valuable services of fire protection and emergency medical care to citizens throughout the Richmond region. It invites public safety workers and their families along with the general public to Shockoe Bottom for a fun filled day of excitement and entertainment for the whole family. Enjoy the Fire Apparatus Parade at 12pm, firefighter demonstrations at 1pm, Firefighter Olympic Games at 3pm, a Firefighter Charity Auction – where the ladies have a chance to bid on their very own hometown hero at 5pm, and the live headlining band Speed 8 Limit takes the stage at 6pm. The Lil' Sparks children's fun area will be open from 11am-6pm. Shockoe Bottom restaurants will be selling food on the market all day! This event made possible by Shockoe Bottom Neighborhood Association and The Halligan Bar & Grill. Proceeds to Virginia charities. Free parking at 18th and Franklin until 8pm. For more information call Nick at 804-447-7981.

October 4 Community Blessing of the Animals

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MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 6, 2009

BOARD MEETING

By CHA Secretary, Pam Prescott

President John Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM at the 2300 Club.

The attendees were:

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

Announcements

Minutes were voted on and approved.

National Night Out was a great night for the CHA and UHCA to get together and celebrate our communities in Jefferson Park. 100 residents turned out for hot dogs, hamburgers and lots of fun!

The overlook project at the end of Grace Street by Richmond Parks and Rec is going well and they will be replacing the overlook sign shortly. Parks and Rec will also be making a path down the hill and will replace the stairs before the end of the year.

Recognitions

Jody Rathgeb hosted the July picnic at Reed Square. Thanks Jody for all your hard work and planning. It was a joint picnic for CHA and Union Hill Association members. CHA will be holding our final picnic of the season at Reed Square. Waite and Malou Rawls will be hosting our August Picnic.

Presentations

Walter and Jenny Dotts, Russell Jones, Polly Cole and Waite Rawls spoke to the Board about their concerns regarding The Hill Café. Some of their concerns included late night noise, trash removal and delivery vehicles. Staples MacDonald from The Hill Café addressed their concerns and pledged better cooperation with neighborhood issues. John Johnson volunteered to mediate any future issues surfacing between the two parties.

Waite Rawls advised the Board on the status of the neighborhood house plaques that CHA is interested in offering to residents for a fee. CAR is working on providing a sign that is appropriate for our historic homes. HRF has given the OK with VCU doing the research under their supervision.

Business

The committee set up for reworking the CHA bylaws is busy updating and will present their proposed changes to the Board and then Membership shortly for voting. The changes will be posted one month in advance in the newsletter so everyone will be able to review them prior to the membership meeting.

The R-63 zoning remains an important unresolved issue in Church Hill. With talk of a new 'hybrid' zoning classification, it's important to voice your concerns. There have been three or four recent productive meetings on this issue in our neighborhood. Please see any Board Member or Zoning Committee member to get more involved.

The CHA nominating committee advised that they have been very successful in finding participants for the vacancies for the 2010 Board. The nominating committee consists of Erika Gay, Matt Conrad, John Johnson and Mike Prescott. Please see any Board member to volunteer or for more information.

Treasurer's Report

Susan White presented the treasurer's report for July, 2009. As of July 31, the balance was \$37,308.64; deposits \$1000; expenditures \$10517.30, for ending balance of \$27,791.34.

Committee Reports

- Zoning: Bill Hartsock has resigned as Chairman of the Zoning committee.
 - Newsletter: No Report
 - Membership: No Report
 - Clean and Safe: No Report
- Holiday: No Report.

New Business

The Friends of Chimborazo Playground Build day is fast approaching. Here are the details. Build Day - Thursday, September 10 - Mark your calendars! We need 75 volunteers from the community to help build the play-

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ground. The playground goes up in one day. Unfortunately, it's a week day. So plan a vacation day if you're able, or if you work for VCU, you may be eligible for up to 16 hours of community service time. Thanks to a few folks who've already signed up. If you can be there, let us know. Please help spread the word and pass on to anyone and everyone who may be interested. See you at Chimborazo!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.



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- Sept. 13th Sunday School and Adult Forums resume, 9:45AM, Parish Center
September Forums feature our new Rector, The Rev. Laura Inscoe
- Sept. 17th Tour of Peter Paul Development Center (PPDC), 1719. N. 22nd Street.
5:30 p.m. at PPDC, or gather at St. John's Church at 5:10 p.m. to carpool.
- Sept. 19th Sacred Harp Singers' Rehearsal, 1:00-4:00PM in the Parish Hall,
please feel free to listen or participate.
- Sept. 27th Fall Parish Picnic following 11:00AM Service (Please call office for info.)
- Oct. 4th Community Blessing of the Animals, 4 p.m. All God's creatures welcome!

Patrick Henry Committee Events

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

"Give me Liberty or Give Me Death" Summer Reenactment through Sept. 6th

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

Visit our gift shop for a unique selection of gifts including "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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CHA MEMBERSHIP



CHA MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

All new and renewing members receive a membership card which gives you a one-time 15% discount at many local restaurants. A special gift from the Association also comes with 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 \$3.00 each

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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 AUGUST 18, 2009:

- Dr. Polly A. Purgason
- Ms. Christy D Mullins
- Henrietta "Penny" Cannon Hodge
- Mamon L. Morrison
- Jennifer O'Neill
- Andrew Clark
- Steve Costa
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



August 19, 2009

Dear CHA Board and Members,

On behalf of the many citizens in our community who value these old and historic neighborhoods, we would like to thank the Church Hill Association, the Historic Richmond Foundation and the Alliance to Conserve Old Richmond Neighborhoods (A.C.O.R.N.) for their continued support in helping to ensure that new construction and development in the Chimborazo Historic District remains compatible with the fabric of the existing historic neighborhood and the City of Richmond as a whole.

City Council's reversal of the Commission of Architectural Review's (CAR) decision to deny a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed Oakwood Heights development is a ruling that negatively affects the future of all the protected old and historic areas of Richmond. Hence, the decision to appeal City Council's decision to the Circuit Court.

This appeal is a precedent setting event. We, as citizens, need to be able to trust that our elected City Council officials are basing such decisions on the historic guidelines, the law and facts. We also need to rest assured that the established guidelines which protect the old and historic districts of Richmond are upheld.

A preliminary hearing was held in July to determine the parameters of the case. The trial date will be determined the first part of September. More information will be passed along as it becomes available.

Thank you for your support on this important issue.

Sincerely,
Michelle Edmonds,
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