

NEW VISIONS CIVIC LEAGUE

Quarterly Newsletter - Spring Edition

S.O.S FOR MEMBERS: A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

New Visions, your community organization, needs your participation. As a resident, new or old, you can help to make NV's mission to empower people to be actively involved in the social, civic, and political life of the community a reality.

Please support your neighborhood by joining us at the monthly meetings that are held the first Saturday of each month!

New Visions Civic League
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at
Solomon's Temple
Church of God
1118 N. 20th Street

Remember we are a **TEAM**. Together we can achieve more! We hope you will join us for the next meeting, April 7, 2007. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mary Thompson, President

ABOUT NEW VISIONS CIVIC LEAGUE

ORIGIN

New Visions Civic League of East End was organized in December 1993 for the purpose of bringing neighbors together to share ideas about revitalization of the community that had become blighted and was no longer the community of the past...one that the residents truly enjoyed.

THE MISSION

The New Visions Civic League of East End serves as a body of "neighbors helping neighbors". With its mission being to create a secure, friendly and prosperous community of citizens; who strive to ensure the safety, affordability and beautification of the homes and streets, where there are educational and recreational opportunities for all; and where everyone is empowered to

participate in the civic, political and social life of the community.

BOUNDARY

Beginning at the intersection of Twenty-Fifth and Venable Streets, proceeding west on Venable to Mosby Street, then north on Mosby Street to Fairmount Avenue, east on Fairmount Avenue to Twenty-Fifth Street, and south on Twenty-Fifth Street to Venable Street.

OFFICERS

President: Mary Thompson, (648-7915)

Vice President: Jessie Roots, (643-5696)

Recording Secretary: Rita Ward

Correspondence Secretary: Freda Bolling

Treasurer: Annette Braxton

Chaplain: Dorothy Chamberlayne

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WORKS!

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Highlights Inside:

- *Fairmount District considered for National Historic Registry*
- *Updates/Upcoming Events*
- *Spring Clean Up Planned*
- *Welcome to our New Neighbors*

"New park at Carrington and 23rd Streets makes national newspaper as neighborhood revitalization continues."



Augustine Carter, member New Visions Civic League, talks to Mayor Douglas Wilder in front of a home in revitalized Church Hill area.

This photo appeared in an article dated December 27, 2006 in the USA Today titled...

"As older cities shrink, some reinvent themselves"



Photos of 1890s Italianate houses from Terry Necciai's presentation on the history of Fairmount

Historic Fairmount District

Did you know that the Fairmount District is under consideration for the National Historic Registry? The boundaries of the area under consideration are roughly: east of Mosby, north of Carrington, west of 24th/25th streets towards Fairfield Avenue. Across Fairmount, the bulk of the area lies east of Brauers Lane and west of 24th street.

Fairmount was once an independent town and had its' own Mayor! It was annexed by the city from Henrico in 1906. The Fairmount House was formerly an elementary school. The original building was constructed in 1895. For more details about the fascinating history of our neighborhood, check out the full article on Church Hill People's News (www.chpn.net).

Something New is coming to our neighborhood!



Renovations are underway for a new "99¢" store at the corner of Fairmount and North 22nd Streets.

New Park

A charming green space has been added to our neighborhood at the intersection of 23rd, Pink, "Short Q", Russell, and Carrington streets.



This space was once the sight of a run-down commercial building, which was demolished and replaced with a small park, all as a part of our continued neighborhood revitalization efforts. The community's input is needed to ensure that the park remains beautiful and safe!

A dedication ceremony is planned for the spring.

Special Announcement

I am pleased to announce that the **New Fairmount Community Development Corporation** will be a valid entity, as of April 15, 2007 and, on that date, we will begin to apply for our 501(c) 3 status. At our last meeting in March, we accomplished some major things, two of which were, naming our corporation and agreeing on our mission statement. We were all ecstatic about that process and we all left with a great feeling of accomplishment.

NFCDC Mission Statement

To provide holistic and sustainable services for the enrichment of the community and its' residents through economic empowerment, education, and mentorship.

We welcome feedback, questions, and assistance while targeting our vision to go hand in hand with our new mission statement. Our vision statement will help us direct our efforts for funds to better serve the community in which we live and then become a more visible area *within the city*.

**Eric Coy, President
New Fairmount Community Development Corporation**

News and Updates

First Precinct Earns First Place First Precinct took top honors at the Police Department's 2006 Awards Ceremony: Precinct of the Year, with a 29% reduction in overall crime. Our immediate area, Sector 113, led the entire city with a total major crime reduction of more than 35%. The Crime Reduction Award flag will fly outside of our precinct building for the second year in a row. Lt. Hamlet Hood, leader of Sector 113, presented the Officer of the Year award to Officer Harry Fitzpatrick who also received a Chief's Citation. Commander John Keohane thanked the men and women of First Precinct and the many community supporters, whom he credited with the precinct's success.

Neighborhood Watch Block Captains Neighborhood Watch Block Captains will visit your home to secure safety information for the neighborhood phone tree. During their visit, your block captain will also share other information regarding neighborhood safety.

Safety Issues/ Complaints call 646-227 CAPS (Community Assisted Public Safety) to obtain forms for reporting of violations, etc.

Spring Clean-Up A neighborhood clean up is planned for Saturday April 14, 8:00 a.m. until noon. Volunteers should meet at the corner of 23rd and Q promptly at 8 a.m. Contact John Murden at 564-1360.

National Night Out Tuesday August 7. Committee members are needed to help plan the event. More details in our next issue.

AARP Speaker AARP Representative Patricia Jackson was the guest speaker at our February meeting. She gave a presentation on how to avoid home repair scams and the importance of written contracts for all work done on your home.

Free Homeownership Education Classes are offered by **NVCL**, at the East End Branch Library the 4th Saturdays of the month. For more info visit www.vhda.com and click on Homeownership Education. Do not miss out on your opportunity to become a homeowner in Historic Church Hill!



Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars!

- **March 30, 2007 4:00 p.m.** Richmond's Slave Trail Commission Unveiling Ceremony.
-15th & Main Sts.
- **April 7, 2007 10:00 a.m.** New Visions Civic League meeting.
-Solomon's Temple Church of God 1118 N. 20th Streets
- **April 14, 2007 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** Neighborhood Spring Clean up.
-Meet at the corner of 23rd and Q Streets at 8am.
- **Park Dedication and New Home tours (date to be announced)**

**Welcome and warmest greetings
to our newest neighbors!**

Markita Allen

Vanessa Johnson

Frank Anderson

John and Keisha Case

Shawn McClain

Kenecko Robinson

Eric & Warlita Coy

John Travis

Chad Goodwin & Melissa Takahashi

Freda Bolling

We at New Visions Civic League are delighted to have you here in the community. If we can be of any assistance in your transition, do not hesitate to call on us.

Mary Thompson, President

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