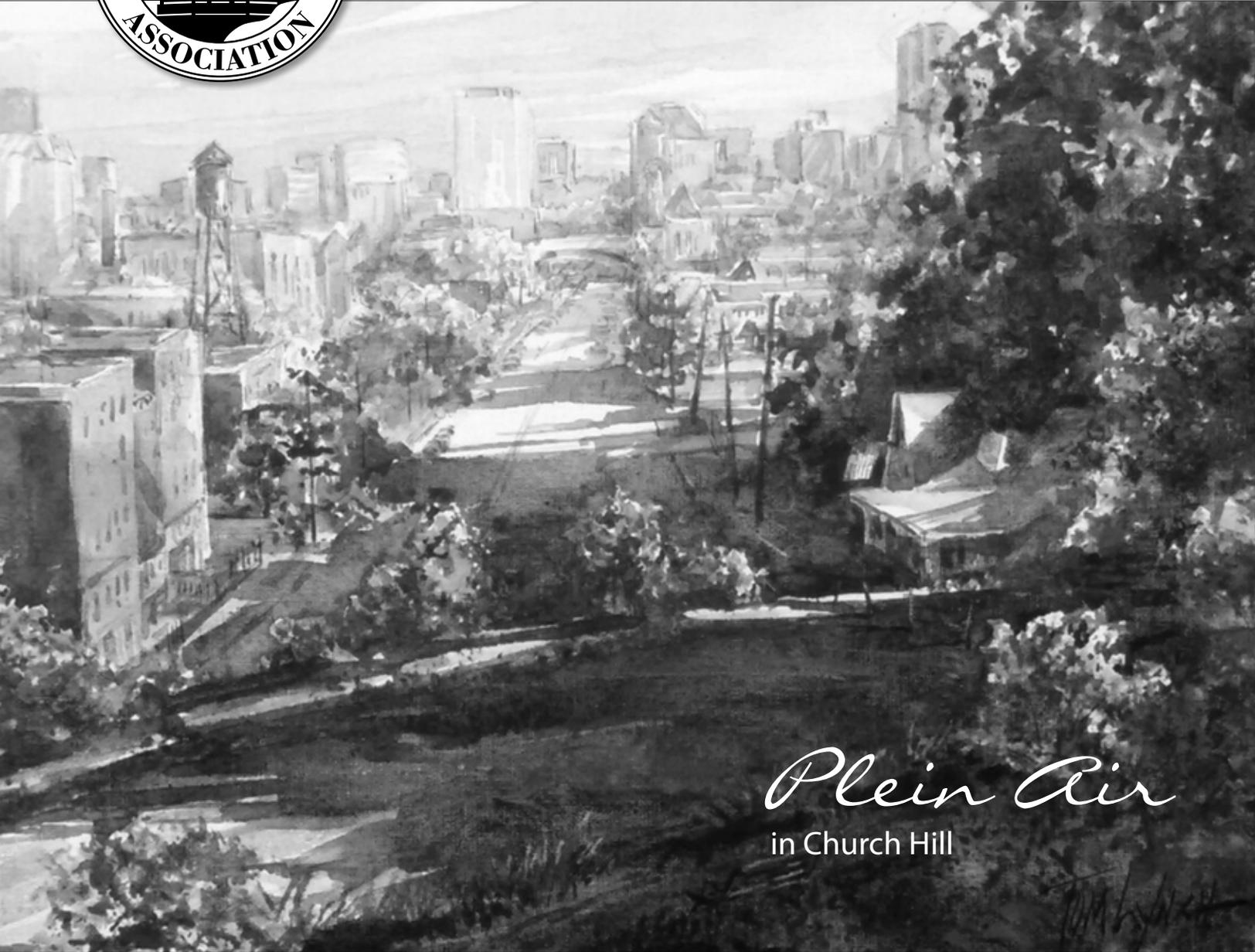




COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2014



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CHA 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, Church Hill North, and Chimborazo Old and Historic Districts, other residents of the East District, and other interested persons, in order to develop a stable, desirable urban neighborhood.

MEETINGS & NOTICES

CHA Board Meeting

Thursday, August 7 at 6:00 pm

Location: 2300 Club

Generally held on the first Thursday of every month unless otherwise noted at the 2300 Club, corner of 23rd and E. Grace Street.

Upcoming meeting: September 4

CHA Membership Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 7:00 pm

St. John's Church, Parish Hall

Generally held on the third Tuesday of every month unless otherwise noted at St. John's Church Parish Hall.

Upcoming meeting: September 16

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- Environmental or safety information that pertains to the neighborhood;
- Letters to the Editor (as space allows, 250 words);
- And more!!

Editorial Policy dictates that 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, however, Editorial Policy does not allow for personal attacks, profanity or anonymous submissions. Submissions may be edited for space. Final approval rests with the Board of Directors.

The Church Hill Newsletter is distributed by volunteers throughout the Church Hill neighborhood (North and South of Broad Street). We also distribute to several area merchants. A total of 1600 issues are distributed monthly.

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Copy must be submitted by the **15th** of each month to newsletter@churchhill.org.

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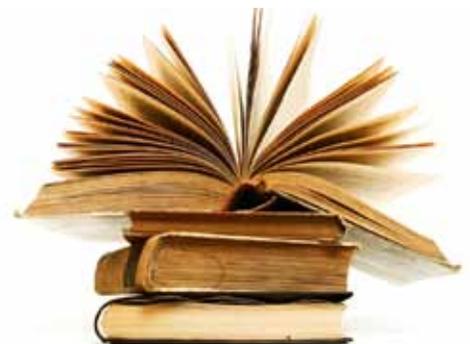
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*WHAT FAR CORNER OF CHURCH HILL INTERESTS YOU IN ITS HISTORY? SEND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEXT HISTORIC ARTICLE TO:
NEWSLETTER@CHURCHHILL.ORG*



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's August, Let's Go to the Beach!

We are in the midst of Summer, my favorite season, and I look with anticipation to my time at the Beach. Sun, giver of life, warm on my face, cold water lapping at my feet. We all love the beach, love the communing with friends and nature, link to our pasts, and plan for our future. What is it about the beach that lifts us up out of our daily lives and let's us touch a higher spirit and deeper understanding?

For me, the beach evokes three memories: personal, cultural, and that of a species. My personal memories are of my father in a sailor's cap and white swim trunks, bronzing in the sun, never entering the water while my brother and I made castles and moats at the water's edge: elaborate efforts to be carried away by the tide. As a species, we return to the water's edge and reflect upon how the migration of our progenitors out of the primordial sea started us on the road to knowledge and being. We return to the site of our tentative emergence into consciousness with wistfulness and reflection (perhaps desire for the contentment that lack of awareness brings?) Culturally, the water's edge is where we began, and we have not ventured far from the Greek ideals of almost 2700 years ago.

Pythagoras walked here and scratched his theorems in the sand. Demosthenes orated above the roar of the waves (inspiring Patrick Henry). For almost all of us, our ancestors arrived on our shores by boat, stepping across the beach to begin new lives. Our society was preserved by our fathers who died on the beaches of Normandy 70 years ago so that we could live as free people.

In many parts of the world, the best land is a private preserve, and those without privilege may not enjoy the recreation I enjoy today. I sit on the beach and reflect how the water's edge is a public space. Private persons and companies may build structures near the water, but the zone from water's edge to high tide is public space and may not be impaired. I share the beach with others representing all areas of our society; rich and poor, all races, young and old, and we are creating our Community of Beach dedicated to peaceful enjoyment.

Greek philosophers speak of a continuous political evolution from democracy to oligarchy to monarchy. Our country was founded by a revolution against monarchy, setting up an experiment in democracy that had not been experienced in the world for the previous 1500 years. Our notion of the beach is particularly democratic, with the interests of the public usage and unfettered access superseding property rights. As a society, we have vacillated between representative democracy and oligarchy. The Democratic Spirit of '76 was replaced by an oligarchy of the post-civil war era. This began to be dismantled by a lineage of administrations of both political parties that included both Roosevelts and Woodrow Wilson.

Today, our society slips back toward Oligarchy. We are now experiencing the greatest income disparity between Rich and Poor, and between Wealthy and Middle Class that we have ever had. The trend shows no sign of abating, and an UnAmerican social instability is about to unfold.

In our neighborhood, we live in a microcosm of these forces. Our neighborhood's beaches are our parks. Libby Hill Park is the Beach for our community, and for our city at large. It is a public space enjoyed by all, a place for recreation, reflection and restoration of the human spirit. Those who founded it had direct memory of the ideals of the American Revolution. They established a space for all to enjoy the view of the panorama of the city, and the life-giving water of the James, and intended this space, and this view, to last forever.

Our City, in the most democratic action it has ever taken, engaged the citizens to develop the Downtown Master Plan. Hundreds participated, and they represented all of the stakeholders, from citizens, to businessmen, to developers, and politicians. Charettes and meetings were held, a compromise was hammered out. One of the main

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, cont.

tenets was that the River Front, and the view of it (our beach), would be for all to enjoy. The final document was universally accepted and adopted by City Council as the blueprint for Urban Growth and Development.

That was just a few years ago. Unfortunately, our leaders now would rather forget the desires of their constituents. They prefer to make deals that will enrich themselves or their pet projects, money for their campaigns, and the possibility to parlay their current positions into ones of greater power. (So sad that the Director of Planning is unaware of the Plan, or unwilling to do his job and resist the demands of his boss. So sad that Historic Foundations may be so cheaply bought. So sad that our elected representatives ignore their constituents and trade votes instead. So sad that the view that our City protected for 160 years will be traded away and we as citizens get nothing in return).

I sit on a bench at Libby Hill Overlook, and view the sunset. I imagine a future with this view of the river and of the sweep of the city, robbed by a developer, only to be enjoyed by the privileged high rise few. I wince as I picture it. I try to envision another future, with generations enjoying the backdrop of the city view from the overlook as it was when I was married on this spot. I am hopeful that we can preserve that dream for all of us to enjoy. We have spoken as a community overwhelmingly against this project. I still have hope that those elected to represent us will have the decency to act with Honor, and realize that the power they hold is granted by the citizenry. Our forefathers pledged their lives on it.

Happy Summer.

Jeff

Geoffrey Cooper, MD
President, Church Hill Association

OLD TREASURES FOR NEW HOPE

This on-line auction is set to begin August 31, 2014. All proceeds are tax deductible and go directly to the all-volunteer, non-profit animal care facility, New Hope Rescue in New Kent, Virginia.

Organizers are accepting donations of items such as home furnishings, art work, jewelry, coupons for services, decorative accessories. Contributors can email photos of items to be donated along with a description and estimated value. Items will be sold "as is;" Payments will go directly to New Hope Rescue.

There will be a preview date set up where bidders can physically review the auction items. Bidding Owl is conducting the on-line sale. Donated items should be submitted by email with picture and description by July 31st.

New Hope Rescue was founded and run by Lori Priest and her organization operates as a sanctuary for abused, neglected and abandoned animals.

For more information about New Hope's work go to the facebook page: www.facebook.com/pages/New-Hope-Rescue/115636125138058

Inquiries regarding New Hope Rescue can be made to Lori Priest at: newhope_rescue@yahoo.com

Auction inquires can be made to Jeanne Bridgforth at: jeannebridgforth@verizon.net

Jeanne Bridgforth and Sandy Wayne are organizing the event.

Church Hill Neighborhood Flag Design Contest

Church Hill Association, (CHA), is seeking designs for a neighborhood house flag to represent our community. The intent is to have these community flags available for purchase and display for CHA's 50th Annual Holiday/House Weekend in December 2014 and the World Cycling Championship in September 2015. Designs should attempt to reflect the community's history, culture, pride and/or geography in a simple but elegant design which would be suitable for display as a house flag.

Eligibility: All persons (school aged children attending school in our community and adults) living in the greater Church Hill area are eligible to submit flag designs.

Specifications: Submissions must be in full color and must translate to a standard flag size of 3ft. x 5ft. Electronic and paper submissions are acceptable. Entrants may submit up to two designs per person.

Entry Deadline: Friday, September 19, 2014 by 5:00 PM. Entries can be emailed in jpg format, mailed or hand-delivered to 2520 E. Franklin St. Richmond, Virginia 23223. If submitting electronically, include: Flag Contest, in the subject of the email to mksm1@msn.com. The decision of the judges is final.

Award: The winning artist will be notified by email or phone and then recognized and receive a \$100 reward at the October 2014 Hogtober event held in Libby Hill Park on the first Saturday in October.

ENTRY FORM

Please complete and return the following with your submission:

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Attending School: _____ (if appropriate)
Address: _____
Contact Number: _____
Email Address: _____

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that if my entry is chosen as the Church Hill Flag Design Contest Winner (with prize of \$100) that I transfer any and all rights for the use of the submitted art image to CHA and waive any claim or right to the image. Furthermore, the CHA may display the image and any reproductions, photographs or any other images of the art in any form or fashion including, but not limited to media releases, all of which shall be at the sole discretion of the CHA.

Signature/Date

For applicants under 18 years of age:

Parent or Guardian Signature / Date

If you have any questions please contact CHA Flag Contest POC: John Johnson (804) 814 1066 or mksm1@msn.com.



YOUNG RICHMOND WRITERS

By Karen A. Chase

In 2013, James River Writers announced a new initiative. A Youth Advisory Board. Thanks to Phaedra Hise, a delightful Richmond author and JRW Advisory Board Chair, the youth board was developed to reach out to more young people and to encourage a more diverse crowd at JRW events.

Today our Youth Advisory Board has 18 members made up of freshmen to junior boys and girls from area high schools. In July at our Writing Show, our youth members participated in panels and presented poetry. Two of those young board members are featured here with their poetry.

If you're a young writer, or know of one, you can find out more about JRW's Youth Advisory Board and young writer events on our website. Jamesriverwriters.org.

JRW NEWS/EVENTS

AUGUST WRITING SHOW

Topic: How To Lose an Agent in 10 Steps with agent John Cusick
Your manuscript is ready to go to a literary agent. Who should you query? What should be in your query and what should you leave out? Learn all this and more from the source: a real live literary agent.

- Thursday, August 28th
- 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m
- The Broadberry, 2729 W. Broad St. (New location!)
- \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, \$5 for students.
- Everyone is welcome.

AUGUST MASTER CLASS

A continuation, and in-depth workshop on the above Writing Show topic. John Cusick takes writers through query letters, first pages and story content. Part lecture, part workshop. Participants, please turn in a query letter and the first two pages of your manuscript ahead of time. See JRW website for details.

- Friday, August 29th
- St. John's Church Parish Hall
- 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m
- \$60 for JRW members
- \$100 for non-members

Read more about our programs at jamesriverwriters.org. You'll also find details and registration for our Master Class. You do not need to be a member to attend either event (though members get better rates on classes).

Karen A. Chase is the author of [Bonjour 40: A Paris Travel Log](#), and happily a resident of Church Hill. She is on the board of James River Writers.

SLEEP

by Read Brown

The veil closing over your eyes
Abundant vacuum
Land of dreams
Snore inducer
A river of serene darkness
As welcome as a dear friend
The caregiver after a long period of work
The soft material of rest
Meditating with the heavens
An angel of night securing your mind until the next day

ELEMENTAL

by R.A. Blume

When the clouds grow Dark
The Fire lights up
The Fire leads the way
And the Darkness runs away
When the Fire ignites wood
Water does its best
It soothes the flame
And the Fires burns away
When the Water floods town
The Earth comes to save
The rocks block the way
And the water waves away
But Earth is still damp
So lightning comes to dry
It lights the ground
And Earth's moisture runs away
When the clouds grow Dark
The Fire lights up
It leads the way
And the Darkness runs away.



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Winners of Allen & Allen HOMETOWN HEROES 2014 Award Announced; Law Firm Begins Annual Celebration Series
July 1, 2014 - The personal injury law firm of Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen has announced the winners of the 2014 Allen & Allen HOMETOWN HEROES award in celebration of local acts of kindness and heroism.

"This is our favorite time of the year – a time to honor the citizens of the Commonwealth who define what it takes to be a true hero," said Trent Kerns, President of Allen & Allen. "The annual Allen & Allen HOMETOWN HERO award is our way of thanking and celebrating with first responders, teachers, neighborhood leaders, and more."

Nominations for the annual Allen & Allen HOMETOWN HEROES award were accepted from April 1, 2014 to May 23, 2014. The public was asked to complete a nomination form in honor of their favorite local hero responsible for generating positive and measurable change in the community or in their personal life. The award represents an annual tradition for the local law firm, having honored over 250 individuals since it was created in 2010.

The selected HOMETOWN HEROES represent inspiration to Allen & Allen. They are firemen, policemen, neighborhood leaders, foster parents, disability advocates, teachers, small business owners, and more. Each of the local individuals selected represents a unique and inspiring story of giving in some capacity, either on a large scale or through small everyday acts of kindness. To read about each of the HOMETOWN HEROES visit www.allenandallen.com/hometown-heroes. Allen & Allen also will be featuring a different Hero each day on our Facebook page: facebook.com/allen.and.allen.

- Amber Berry - Richmond
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- William Carter - Richmond
- Ted Chewning - Richmond
- Shelby Long - Richmond
- Jessica Spears - Richmond
- Victor and Carmen Torres - Richmond
- Dempsey Whitt - Richmond

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Tuesday August 19, at 6:30pm

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Bring a dish to share based on *the first letter of your last name:*

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Church Hill Treasures - *Our Oldest Houses*

By Eric S. Huffstutler

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ere are graced with historic architecture as no other city in America. Richmond may not have the glamour of Charleston or Savannah, nor the mystique of New Orleans, but it has earned its own place in history. Much of Church Hill, as well as districts throughout the City, fall under historic jurisdictions. Thanks to the dedicated individuals in years past, who strived to preserve and protect our buildings, we have many original homes still standing today.

In 1737 when William Byrd II, along with surveyors William Mayo and James Wood, laid out lots and street grids within Richmond Hill (later to be called Church Hill), the landscape looked very different. The original street boundaries were what are now 17th to 25th and Cary to Broad Streets (then known as D and H Streets).

Col. William Evelyn Byrd III, progenitor of Richmond's founder, was the recipient of an extremely large patrimony. In 1768 he hired a then new attorney named Thomas Jefferson to represent him. Ultimately this would result in the end of their friendship, due to William III's flamboyant lifestyle, combined with his poor financial skills and notorious gambling that lost him his wealth. He was forced to sell most of his Church Hill properties along with the family plantation to pay off debts, which exceeded the proceeds. Col. Richard Adams had purchased 831 acres in 1761 and ten more lots in 1769 from the only other area landowner at the time, Isaac Cole, who had acquired acreage east of the street grid. In 1777, while between land purchases by Adams, Col. Byrd III committed suicide. It is the Adams family who sold much of today's Church Hill property to individuals for building houses and businesses.

A couple of structures from Richmond's beginning are still standing proudly today: the Jacob Ege Stone House on Main Street (now the Edgar Allan Poe Museum) and St. John's Church. By the 1890's to the early 1900's, a trend to move towards the western part of Richmond affected many of the residents of Church Hill, who left their homes for more fashionable areas. The neighbor-



William Byrd II

hood deteriorated for the next fifty years until those dedicated to preservation and revitalization stepped in.

Other notable early homes from the mid to late 18th century fall outside the boundaries of Church Hill such as the Capt. John Woodward and the Adam Craig houses. A higher concentration of 19th century architecture falls within Church Hill including: Samuel G. Adams 316 N 27th (1813), Col. Richard Adams 2606 E Marshall (1814), Wills Grocery Store 401 N 27th (1815), Hilary Baker 2302 E Grace (1816), Dr. John Adams later St. John's Parish House 2306 E Grace (1817), James Parkinson 501 N 27th and Carrington Row 2307-11 E Broad both (1818). There are at least three significant early-homes still standing in what is now the "Marshall Ward," and each represents a different form of architecture.

CAPT. ANTHONY TURNER (1779-1819)
2520 E. FRANKLIN ST (lot 138) NE corner 26th and Franklin Streets (Federal Style Brick)

This house may be the oldest house in Church Hill. We do know that the land was purchased in 1803. Research by Mary Wingfield Scott points towards an 1809 construction date, but the original Richmond City Land Book (page 5) of that year shows the property undeveloped. In 1810 (page 11), a house and its out buildings stood with a property value of \$4,500. And the first Mutual Assurance insurance policy is dated 1813. Often early records are scarce, so one way historians determine when a structure was built is by deed and tax records noting when the land was developed.

Anthony Turner served as Captain in the War of 1812 and was in charge of one of several companies of the 19th Virginia Militia Regiment assigned to Richmond. Immediately after the war he became a Master Brick Mason with the position Grand Officer of Masonic Lodge - Richmond Royal Arch Chapter No. 10. He was also a Richmond magistrate. Turner showed off his skills in the massive chimneys, rusticated jack arches, and segmental arches over windows. The grounds have been cut to seventy-six feet in depth due to street grading in the 1880's, which makes the setting a little constricted. Still, the commanding location at the top of a steep hill



2520 E. Franklin Street

and the double chimneys make this one of the most attractive structures in Church Hill. The house was saved from demolition by the Historic Richmond Foundation in 1957, and the new 2012 owner has been restoring it back to its original glory.

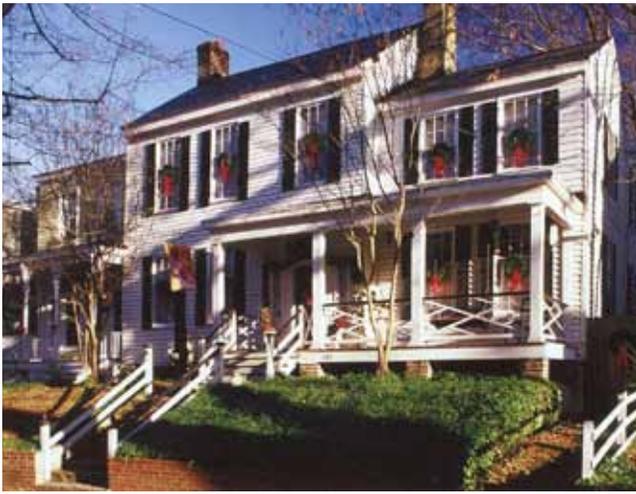
DR. JOHN ADAMS (1773-1825)
2501-2503 E. GRACE ST (lot 129) SW corner 25th and Grace Streets (Brick Double House)

Another possible contender for oldest house in Church Hill is listed as being built in 1810 with a property value of \$2,000. It is located on the opposite quadrant of the city block where the Anthony Turner house is located. This is a Double House in Flemish brick bond, saved from demolition by the HRF in 1960. As with the Turner house, the first Mutual Assurance policy shows up in 1813. Thomas Cowles bought it from Dr. Adams in 1814 and until 1877 it belonged to his heirs. He also owned lots 82 and 84, and a mansion is shown built in 1802 on Grace Street between 23rd and 24th (the Adams-Van Lew mansion demolished 1911).

Brick Double Houses were popular among those who built to rent or sell. The layout was two-and-a-half stories, with peaked roof and a chimney made to serve both parts of the building. These houses were inexpensive to build and intended for people of modest means.



2501-2503 E. Grace Street



407-407 1/2 N. 27th Street

A number of them are still standing in Richmond. Dr. John Adams, the son of Col. Richard Adams who owned much of the land in Church Hill, was a medical Doctor who studied medicine in Richmond before traveling to Edinburg, Scotland where he earned his MD in 1796. Dr. Adams became a member of the House of Delegates between 1803 and 1804, was an alderman, and sat on the Richmond Common Council. On April 15, 1819 he was elected Mayor of Richmond and served in that position until his death in 1825.

CHURCH HILL NORTH

The third house in our study falls within Church Hill North, often referred to as "North of Broad." This area was not annexed into Richmond from rural Henrico County until 1867, with another section as late as 1906. Because Henrico did not keep land records prior to 1820, early history of house construction is left to other resources, and Richmond building permits are scant or nonexistent prior to 1920. Almost all Henrico Circuit Superior Court of law, chancery, and circuit court records were destroyed by fire in the evacuation of Richmond on April 3, 1865. Even early maps sometimes fade out over this area. It wasn't until after the War that Broad Street was paved and became a secondary entrance into Church Hill.

CAPT. CHARLES WILLS (1776-1820)

407 - 407 1/2 N 27TH ST (lot 79 extended map) East side N 27th. (Federal Wood Frame)

The oldest structure North of Broad Street, and the oldest frame house in the Church Hill historic district, is the



Sketch of 407-407 1/2 N. 27th Street as it looked when built in 1812

Capt. Charles Wills mansion built in 1812. Stylistically, it is atypical of the Federal Style. It is a two-and-a-half story, three-bay, frame house with a high central unit and lower flanking wings. The lot was purchased in 1810. A quarter of that city block was also owned by county clerk IZARD BACON WHITLOCK (1779-1825), who built a similar house from Shed Town brick in 1817 facing Marshall Street, where Pritchard Brothers is now (demolished in 1930). The North wing of the Wills mansion was divided up as a separate residence in 1904 by Joyce Ann Richwine (1844-1927). Second floors were added to both wings as it remains today. It is also one of the earliest homes to have indoor plumbing, dating back to the 1860's. Capt. Charles Wills served in the War of 1812 under 19th (Ambler's) Regiment and the 2nd (Ballowe's) Regiment VA Militia. It is believed that he was made a Captain after the war in the local Camp Holly Militia in Richmond. He became a wealthy grocer merchant who owned many properties, including a house and store built by 1805 on Main Street between 17th and 18th by the Farmer's Market. Another store built in 1815 is still standing on the corner of 27th and Marshall as the oldest commercial building in Richmond.

The dwelling fell into blight after becoming a boarding house in the 1940's and was in part abandoned and shuttered by the late 1970's. Saved by the HRF in 1981 and restored in 1986, it is the anchor house for the district's historic designation and a rare surviving window into our history of wooden frame homes.

A study about North Church Hill and related Shed Town is sorely needed. ■

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Real Estate Market News

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A snapshot of recent market activity so you can see 'The Big Picture' of where we are, and where we may be heading.

MARKET COMMENTARY | JULY 14, 2014

Single Family

Single Family Active Listings: 13

Single Family Residences that went under contract: 7 with an average list price of \$209,836

Single Family Residences that closed: 10 with an average sale price of \$269,160

Overall Median List Price for the Month of June was \$225,000

Overall Sale Price for the Month of June was \$259,750

Condos/Townhomes

A total of 2 units went under contract during the month of June while 7 units closed.

The Median List Price for the Month of June was \$209,900

The Median Sale Price for the Month of June was \$199,900

Notes – The real estate market remained consistent and strong through June, and the trend for higher priced properties continued with 4 out of the 10 sales closed at or over \$300,000.

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Hot Topic: Communications from Local Residents on the Pear Street Condo Development

Members of the community have expressed their concerns in several outlets in the recent weeks - here are a few:

To: Richmond City Council
From: Marilyn Stroh

July 17, 2014

To my esteemed City Council Members and it's president Mr. Samuels.

I write to you today to ask you to NOT approve the Special Use Permit for the Pear Street Project.

In 2008 you approved and the city adopted a Downtown Master Plan for Richmond. A plan two years in the making, with taxpayers dollars and much public input. The Pear Street project is in total disregard of that Master Plan. What a message you send to your constituents if you ignore it and allow this SUP to go forth.

This Libby Hill Park is a very special place. I invite you come and visit and see for yourself just how many people from all over come for the view, to become engaged, to watch the river rise and fall, to watch the migrating birds who follow the river, to hold their wedding here and even have memorial services for loved ones, lost. I walk here everyday, no matter what the weather to drink in this spectacular view.

I remember seeing a man sitting almost in meditation one especially beautiful evening. When I caught his eye we agreed this was the spot that brought you as close to God as one could get, in Richmond. Don't spoil that for us. Come and sit. You'll see.

I left Philadelphia twelve years ago to make Church Hill and Richmond my home. In Pennsylvania my home growing up was built in 1830. The home I left to come here was built in 1860. My house on the Hill was built in 1857 and is on the National Registry of Historic Places. So I understand historic venues with rich history and I understand the importance of respecting and preserving them. Be they buildings or views.

So I must speak out against the distortion of the view from Libby Hill. For in a few years, if this SUP is allowed, visitors will look at us and ask "how did you let this happen?" It's all on your watch. Yours and mine.

I urge you to resist the lure of the all mighty tax dollar and to keep to the Downtown Master Plan and it's height restriction of 5 stories. Vote down the special use permit for the Pear Street project.

Most sincerely,
Marilyn Stroh
107 North 29th Street

Published in Style Weekly:

Below is the link to an editorial written by Eugenia Anderson-Ellis, one of the founding members of 180RVA. It lays out for all Richmonders (and especially City Council) what the compromise should be between keeping the site as parkland and the proposed 15 story skyscraper.

<http://www.styleweekly.com/richmond/building-a-compromise/Content?oid=2094062>

Residents Write to Richmond Times-Dispatch on the Pear Street Condo Development

Letter to the Editor:

Posted: Tuesday, July 8, 2014 10:30 pm Published July 9: **Say no to this monstrosity**

Editor, Times-Dispatch:

I appreciated your coverage of the “contested high-rise condo project” near Libby Hill. I am a longtime resident of Church Hill and one of those who oppose the cementation of our historical heritage.

I came to Richmond 40 years ago from my native Italy where, for some time, I lived in one of the most beautiful cities of the world — Florence. Richmond was new to me, and I was looking for a spot that, in some way, would remind me of Florence. On finding Libby Hill Park in historical Church Hill, I fell in love with the neighborhood. I was impressed by its natural, harmonious historical setting like Florence along the Arno River. The park is an asset for Richmond, and it is in the public interest to protect it from absurd, ugly cementation.

The development of the city is important. Public interest requires that it should be done without wasting the natural setting and historical heritage of the city. A compromise should be reached exclusively on the basis of public interest to avoid a mushrooming 16-story cement box that would infringe on the landscape. I hope the City Council will vote no on July 14 to the high-rise condo project as it is proposed. It would be advisable that developers withdraw the project and present a new one that respects the public interest, in accordance with the downtown master plan and the will of the majority of the Church Hill community and park users.

Antonio Masullo. Richmond.

Letter to the Editor:

Posted: Saturday, July 12, 2014 10:30 pm Published July 13, 2014 **City Council must say no to condo plans**

Editor, Times-Dispatch:

Libby Hill Park has many users from Greater Richmond and beyond, but few know that its historic and natural landscape and panoramic river and city vistas are endangered. Many are familiar with the baseball stadium issues, but few know about the proposal for a massive 16-story condominium at the bottom of Libby Hill that would also require the sale of city land. City Council will consider the proposal and land sale on July 14.

The developers have ignored the city’s Downtown Master Plan and its River Plan. Inexplicably, so did the Richmond Planning Commission. Why ignore these plans crafted by collaboration and contributions of hundreds of Richmond citizens at meetings organized by the city?

After more than 50 years of careful preservation, now — in one fell swoop — the splendid natural landscape and views of Libby Hill Park and the setting of the city’s oldest neighborhood could change forever. This high-rise would mar the landscape and vistas. The view of many would become the view of few. Why grant this privilege to just a few? Development is very important for Richmond, but City Council should vote no to the high-rise proposal and the sale of city land that benefits the developer, but deprives Richmond and its residents of something exceptional. The developers should return with a proposal for an architecturally lower building that fits with the area, conforms to the Downtown Plan and preserves the setting of a treasured park.

Barbara Cotter. Richmond.

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Church Hill Historic Plaque Program 2014

The Historic Plaque program is voluntary and the plaques have been approved both by Historic Richmond Foundation (HRF) and Committee for Architecture Review (CAR). The plaques create a connectivity and charm for our community and tell the story of the history, people and the architecture of the home. Plaques are made of durable composite materials, (weather proof and sun resistant). The plaques come in three sizes and have white lettering on a black background. Text should be approximately 60-65 words.

The sizes are:
Small (12.5X16) \$200,
Medium (15X19) \$250
Large (18.5X23.5) \$300.

The plaque text can be accomplished and approved in two ways:

- HRF researches and provides a script to the owner for approval. Cost is \$50 up front which is a down payment and part of the final price.
- The owner researches and sends HRF their desired text, citations and down payment of \$50. HRF reviews and approves the text. Again, the down payment is included in the final price.

Plaques take four weeks and balance of payments are due when the order is placed with the manufacturer. When the plaque is ready, HRF contacts the owner and has a technician affix the plaque where the owner designates, (this is included in the total cost).

Historic plaques improve the value of homes and the neighborhood. In Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, and Huntsville, AL., the Chambers of Commerce and League of Realtors, estimate that historic plaques increase property value by \$2,000 - \$4,000.

Questions or concerns about the historic plaque program should be directed to:

John Johnson: mksm1@msn.com, (804) 814 1066 and/or
Historic Richmond Foundation: (804) 643 7407



CHA 50th Anniversary Holiday Sponsorships

The Church Hill Association (CHA) is celebrating its 50th Year- uniting the community by enhancing the quality of life for those living, working and playing in our historic neighborhoods. CHA is accepting sponsors for this year's Holiday Festival. Sponsors will underwrite the 50th Anniversary events. Donations beyond the expenses necessary to host these events will be distributed to the local community non-profits within Church Hill. Below are suggested sponsor levels and corresponding acknowledgements.

Sponsorships	Level	Acknowledgements*
\$250	CHA Friend	2 tickets to the House Tour & 2 Tickets to the Holiday Ball
\$500.	CHA Neighbor	2 tickets to the House Tour & 4 Tickets to the Holiday Ball
\$750.	CHA Family	4 tickets to House Tour & 4 Tickets to the Holiday Ball
\$1,000. CHA	Patriarchs	4 tickets to House Tour & Reserved table for 4 to the Holiday Ball

***All sponsors will be acknowledged in writing on the CHA website, newsletter and printed event materials if received before printing.**

This anniversary year of 2014, the association is planning three major events to celebrate. They include:

Friday, December 12th 7:15 pm- *The Candlelight Walk and Caroling.* The evening stroll down our historic streets will be hosted by CHA on Friday evening. The candlelight walk will begin at Jefferson Park (Union Hill) at 7:15 pm with bagpipes and drummers leading the way. It proceeds to St. John's Church where, following Vespers, the congregation joins in the walk at 7:35 pm. As the crowd grows down our streets lit by gaslights, neighborhood parties empty out into the streets and the crowd continues to swell. We gather on historic Libby Hill with the 180 degree *View* overlooking the James River and our city gloriously lit up for the holidays as the backdrop. The crowd then joins for holiday caroling and a visit from Santa. All are welcome to become part of a living fairy tale scene that will be long remembered. **Free to all**

Saturday December 13th 6 pm to 11:00 pm - *The 50th Anniversary Holiday Ball.* Good food, music, fellowship and holiday merriment always make this a memorable holiday event. This year we will "**Party In the View**" at the Conch Republic on the James River at Rockett's Landing to celebrate our 50 years as an Association. The "Parade of Lights" (22nd annual parade of decorated and colorfully lit boats on the James) is scheduled to cruise by our perfect viewing site between 6 and 7 pm. The party will have live music and great food. This is a holiday event open to everyone with a ticket. **\$45 per ticket**

Sunday December 14th noon to 5 pm- *The 50th Anniversary House Tour.* For the climax of our festivities, CHA is proud to present our 50th Anniversary Holiday House Tour. Our neighborhood showcases the homes where Richmond began. We're the oldest community in historic Richmond and have homes that were built as far back as the 1700s. The neighborhood is an elegant mix of Federal, Greek revival and Victorian homes alongside innovative condominiums within historic structures and a growing number of thriving new restaurants and businesses. Approximately a dozen neighbors open their treasured homes for you to experience the sights, smells and sounds of holidays past. Transportation also will be available between St. John's Church and The Court End Holiday activities on this day (richmondhistorycenter.com). **\$25 per ticket**

Join us in our 50th Anniversary Holiday Festival- CHA membership is not required. Proceeds from ticket sales go to support charitable causes that improve quality of life in the Church Hill Neighborhood. Church Hill Association is a 501 C 4 tax exempt organization. Sponsorship donations beyond the value of associated acknowledgements are tax deductible. Tickets will be available through our website and at local businesses closer to the holidays.

- Make Checks payable to: **Church Hill Association/Holiday Festival**
- Send sponsorship checks with contact information to: **Vice President CHA 2617 East Franklin Street Richmond VA 23223**

Thanks to all for celebrating our 50th Anniversary!

Plein Air in Church Hill

By Karen Jones

On June 26th the CHA hosted breakfast and a dinner for this year's Plein Air Richmond artists. Thirty-four artists from across the country and Canada (including eight from Virginia, some of whom were from Richmond) participated in this year's event which was put on by the Brazier Gallery and benefited the Richmond Symphony Orchestra. The day began with a light breakfast in the beautiful backyard of Robbie and Bette Dillehay overlooking the James River. There is nothing like that view (in all directions!!!) to get someone's creative juices flowing. Many wonderful works of art were created all over our neighborhood including the year's grand prize winner which was painted on Libby Terrace! After a day of painting in the Church Hill area, the artists, some of their family members, and gallery personnel gathered at St. John's Church meeting hall for dinner and a chance to socialize and get to know each other better. Following a greeting from CHA President Jeff Cooper everyone en-

joyed a lovely buffet followed by a scrumptious dessert (the strawberry tiramisu from Dinamo was to die for!).

This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our neighborhood to a creative community that lives and paints (through other Plein Air events) all across the country and even other parts of the world. They all thoroughly enjoyed their time here and the hospitality of the CHA and the thank yous were numerous and effusive. They will take their experiences here and spread the word about how the beauty of the place and the warmth of the people make Church Hill such a gem.

Benedicte Whitworth and I decorated the tables and prepared most of the food ourselves. It was a labor of love, but we would have been in no way successful without abundant help from others. We would very much like to thank:

- Robbie and Bette Dillehay** - for the use of their wonderful yard
- Cathy Hayden** - for help with breakfast
- Sandra Horton** - for help with breakfast (donuts!) and dinner
- Malou Rawls** - For help with setting up and with dinner
- Karen and Mark Rankin** - for being excellent wine servers and all around helpers
- Karen and Jeff Cooper** - for donating some wonderful wine from their vineyard
- Ryan Jones** - for grilling the pork
- Sub Rosa and Lamplighter Coffee** - for donating coffee
- Union Hill Market and Black Hand Coffee** - for donating coffee
- John Whitworth** - for organizing the logistics of the event and the day
- Laura Inscocoe** - for arranging the use of the parish hall
- St. John's Church** - always a generous neighbor, making it possible for us to play host in such a wonderful and historic space.

The grand prize winner



We all are looking forward to the opportunity to do this again. Great place, great people, great guests, great art - what more could you ask for!



Thanks to everyone who had a part in hosting the painters in Church Hill during Plein Air Richmond. It is a favorite destination for us, both because of the beautiful scenery and wonderful welcome we receive. Both the food and hospitality were superb. Good luck with the petition to stop the high rise in your area. Best, Dawn Whitelaw.

Church Hill Association Membership Meeting

The May Membership Meeting of the Church Hill Association (“CHA”) was held on May 20, 2014 in the Parish Hall of St. John’s Church, and was called to order at 7:03 PM by the President, Geoffrey Cooper.

The president called for and received consent for approval of Agenda, then welcomed new members and visitors, including Joanne Savage of East Franklin, Ed Jewett, Clerk of the Richmond Circuit Court, and Don Coleman, the 7th District representative on the Richmond Public School Board.

The president called for approval of Minutes for February, March and April. Their approval was moved and seconded, then approved by unanimous consent.

Past president John Johnson reminded the membership that the June membership meeting would be in the form of a picnic, not a business meeting, and he invited members to come to the park, bring food and drinks as well as a chair. The picnic is to start at 6:00 PM on June 17 in Reed Square. He also reported on the upcoming Alley Rally and clean-up, to be held June 21. Members were encouraged to sign up for the Park House (first) shift from 8:30-1030 AM, or for the second shift to meet at EDI Center (near Roosevelt’s), which is scheduled to run from 10:45 -1:00 PM.

Officer Rosotto of the Richmond police department gave an update of criminal activities for the period of April 15-May 20, 2014, and noted that violent crimes remain down, and that residential incidences were 2 in number vs. 1 in the previous period but remain very low. The incidents involve pots and plants, fishing rods taken in the day time when not secured. A mower was taken from a shed (and there was uncertainty over whether it was locked). Residents are urged to call if they see someone unexpected in an alley, and to a get clothing description. What was reported as a “robbery” was a known party/money dispute.

School Board member Don Coleman was recognized to speak on matters involving City Schools. Mr. Coleman stated that he is a life resident of the East End, and chairman of the board in addition to being the 7th District Representative. He suggested inviting Dr. Bedden, the new superintendent to speak to a future meeting of CHA. He stated that being a great city is connected to finding a way to having a school system that meets our children’s needs. Budget-wise, he said RPS “finally got everything

we asked for.” In recent years after great progress in school test results, RPS didn’t make the changes needed to keep up with the changing standards. As a result, the City went from being a high-performing to among the lowest performing systems, and needs to rebuild that progress. He reminded CHA that the planned International Baccalaureate program at Chimborazo Elementary will be the whole school, not a specialty program within the school. At Armstrong, community partners are coming forward to explore and create a “freshman academy” to reduce attrition and help children prepare to stay engaged and enrolled through graduation. Finally, Mr. Coleman asked members and Church Hill residents to consider ways to be involved with RPS.

Eric Steigleder was recognized to brief the membership on Richmond Day festivities to commemorate the visit of Captain Christopher Newport and a party of explorers to what is now Richmond on May 24 1607, where he hoped to find a path to the Pacific. Events will take place in Libby Hill Park on Saturday May 23, and represent the 33rd year of ‘twinning’ with Richmond on Thames, where similar observances are planned.

Andrew Terry, a pastor at Richmond Hill, our neighbor 22 and E. Grace, updated CHA on the community-led “Virginia Rapid Transit” initiative. He stated that Metro Richmond is #44 in country in size, but 92/100 in public transit access. Community groups are proposing rapid transit, dedicated lanes, regular routes, using bus systems. Bus Rapid Transit (“BRT”) uses dedicated lanes and is 1/10th of cost of traditional big city systems. He reported that Cleveland has 7 miles in place, supporting billions in economic growth, promoting access to education and jobs. He indicated that a Federal grant for \$30 million is possible, with a state set aside 11, and the BRT promoters are seeking or –proposing \$8 million from localities. A first phase could be operational 2017. Metro Richmond’s BRT project is reportedly the only project endorsed by the Governor; and supporters are optimistic that the Federal grant will become available. Mr. Terry indicated that October is the approval time frame, for a first line, going from Rockett’s Landing to Willow Lawn, beginning on Main Street and primarily running on Broad Street from the CBD to the near West End.

MEETING MINUTES

Church Hill Association Membership Meeting, cont.

Treasurers Report. Assistant Treasurer Trish Bernal reported on behalf of Mr. Cooley who was unable to attend, indicating a change in cash position of \$3,238 during the most recent period. All but \$900 of that consisted of checks previously written and issued but which had not cleared until recently. She reported that collections for newsletter advertising were a bit behind but expected to pick up.

Ms. Bernal also reported on behalf of the membership committee that there were presently 201 members, including a number of new members. She reported 48 members present for the May meeting, along with a number of visitors and guests.

There was no zoning report as the committee had not met. Eugenia Anderson spoke briefly on the Viewshed, indicating that Tuesday night, May 27th is the next council meeting.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Vice President Tom Wild reported meeting with Mr.

Bridwell from City staff and others and he has detailed minutes to share. He reported that sidewalk repair is part of next year's bike race planning. Staff is looking at lots of traffic circles and speed monitoring, and possible resident restricted parking (designed to suit our neighborhood) if there is community support.

The president reported on plans for the "Church Hill Flag Design Competition", to be open to the community, offering a prize to the winning artist/designer, to be submitted in jpeg form. Members and artists should watch the CHA newsletter and website for more details.

There being no New Business, it was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn, which it did by unanimous consent at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Nance, Secretary



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MEETING MINUTES

CHA Board Meeting May 2014

May 5, 2014

2300 Club

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Cooper at 6:05 PM. In attendance were Tish Bergin, Sandra Horton, and Karen Jones (Directors), Jeff Cooper (President), Tom Wilds (Vice President), David Cooley, Treasurer, Trish Bernal (Assistant Treasurer), Karen Jones, and Charles Nance (Secretary). Mark Baush joined the meeting in progress.

The President welcomed board members.

The Board reviewed and commented on draft minutes from several CHA meetings. After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the Board accept the February, March and April minutes of the general membership with minor corrections and edits, which was passed by unanimous consent.

The Board then reviewed and commented on draft minutes from several CHA Board of Directors meetings. After discussion and comment, it was moved and seconded that the Board accept the March and April minutes of the Board of Directors with minor corrections and edits, which was also passed by unanimous consent.

Treasurer Cooley distributed the month's Financial Report, indicating that \$3,238 during the most recent period, but all but \$900 of that consisted of checks previously written and issued but which had not cleared until recently. As authorized by the Board previously, \$1,200 in Libby Hill View Shed funds have been paid. The treasurer is looking into the status of the filing of CHAs Form 990 informational return to assure compliance.

Jeff Cooper reported that John Johnson had left word that CHA generated \$50 in net revenues from selling waters at the recent intercollegiate Bike Race.

John Johnson reported that the Alley Rally planning is proceeding, and that the special clean-up is planned in conjunction with the City in Union Hill, Church Hill North as well as in Church Hill proper. Volunteers are

invited to arrive at the Round House at 830 AM on Saturday, June 21 for a briefing on safety and logistics for the clean-up, etc.

The president reminded members that the regular June 17 CHA general membership meeting will be in the form of a picnic at Reed Square; members and their families are encouraged to "bring stuff" for the picnic.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Schools committee is waiting to hear from IB program on when to meet to label and shelve books. The Basketball hoop for Bellevue has been ordered, and should be in soon.

Tish Bergin reported on what is known about the planned Farm Market for Chimborazo Park. Friends of CP met on the previous Saturday and agreed to suggest it be held where the former park fountain was close to Broad Street. Tish and members of the Friends are going to a May 8th meeting with city staff to voice neighborhood concerns.

Bylaws review is proceeding apace.

Tom Wilds reported for the Roads committee which has a meeting May 19 at 7 pm at Mr. Patrick Henry's Restaurant. Three people coming from city staff to discuss how transportation projects get on the "to do" list, how the City sets priorities. The meeting was arranged by Waite Rawls to explore how the committee can work with the city. He reported that Andrew Terry from Richmond Hill is interested in talking to CHA about Rapid Transit at a future meeting.

Mr. Wilds also reported on Holiday Party planning. Child Savers still an active possibility as the party locations, as is Conch Republic at Rockett's Landing. Karen Jones reported meeting regarding River view issues; the Planning Committee has approved a recommendation to approve the Pear Street special use permit. She reported that City Council is supposed to take up on the 27th of June but consideration may be delayed with budget vote.

Jeff Cooper reported that a \$100 prize is planned for

CHA Board Meeting June 2014

May 5, 2014, cont.

the “flag design” contest, by which CHA hopes to develop an appropriate banner for sale promoting Church Hill as a community. The hope is to select a design and have flags or banners for sale in September, and to have them flying by Christmas.

David Cooley invited members to an event at 4:30 PM on the 23rd of May at 30th and P where a new building is planned for his business.

There being no further business to consider, it was moved, seconded and agreed to adjourn at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Nance, Secretary

June 5, 2014 2300 Club

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Cooper at 6:05 PM. In attendance were Karen Jones (Director), Jeff Cooper (President), Tom Wilds (Vice President), David Cooley (Treasurer), Mark Baush, and Charles Nance (Secretary) and John Johnson.

The President welcomed board members and reported membership (as reported to him by email) was 202 members.

Treasurer David Cooley reported receiving \$100 in membership checks and \$225 in proceeds from the Hill Topper 5 K race. He reported that several of the uncashed checks previously issued for prior expenses had, in fact, cleared.

John Johnson updated the board on plans for the picnic in June. He also reported that the Alley Rally planning is proceeding, and that the special clean-up is planned in conjunction with the City in Union Hill, Church Hill North as well as in Church Hill proper. Volunteers are invited to arrive at The Park House at 8:30 AM on Satur-

day, June 21 for a briefing on safety and logistics for the alley clean-up.

Charles Nance moved, and Mark Baush seconded, that the Board go into executive session to discuss pending litigation matters, which motion was approved unanimously. The session began at 6:15 PM. The board emerged from executive session at 6:26 PM.

On behalf of the Roads Committee, Tom Wilds outlined meeting with City officials about where bike racks should go, including restaurants and parks. He planned to meet the next day with Lt. Dan Minton about left turn at Mc Donald’s, parking enforcement at the curbs etc.

On the Holiday Party, he reported that Conch Republic is available on the night of parade of lights. For 100 people they’ll do their entire menu. The projected price is \$5,500, but two private pledges of \$500 each will bring it down to \$4,000. With adequate ticket sales, the party and related activities should be within budget for the anniversary weekend.

The Board reviewed and commented on draft minutes from May 5.

Members shared ideas on community outreach as well as volunteers and logistics for the “Hogtober” Fest in the Fall. There being no further business before the board, Mark Baush moved, and Karen Jones seconded, that the board adjourn. By unanimous consent, it did so at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Nance, Secretary

CHA Treasurer's Report June 2014

Church Hill Association						
Treasurer's Report						
CASH BASIS						
June 2014 Activity						
CHA Funds						
Cash/Value as of June 30, 2014						
	SunTrust - Corporate Checking-CHA Funds				10,373.12	
	SunTrust - Savings- CHA Funds				10,469.32	
Total CHA Cash in Bank/CD					20,842.44	
Cash/Value as of May 31, 2014					19,694.82	
Change in Cash						1,147.62
Cash Receipts						
	Membership				150.00	
	Newsletter				2,027.50	
	Donations received		Hilltopper		225.00	
	Interest				0.26	
Total Receipts						2,402.76
Cash Expenditures						
	Operating Expenses					
	Newsletter printing				(930.00)	
	Pay Pal fees				(25.49)	
	Picnics				(299.65)	
Total Expenditures						(1,255.14)
CHA Change in Cash						1,147.62
Larry Parker Funds - Held by CHA						
Cash/Value as of Jan						
	SunTrust - Corporate Checking - Parker Funds				1,768.33	
	Funds are held in CHA Checking					
					1,768.33	
Cash/Value as of Dec. 31, 2013						0.00
Respectfully submitted						
				David C. Cooley		
				Treasurer; July 4, 2014		

CHA 2014 Approved Budget

Church Hill Association 2014 Approved Budget		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	Total to date
	2014 Approved Budget	%						
Holiday Festival								
Sales	10,300							0
Expenses	(7,386)							0
Net Holiday Festival	2,914							
Prior Year Costs/Income			(700)					(700)
Newsletter								
Revenue - Ads	12,800		788	495	162	122	0	2,028
Expense - Printing	(12,650)		(1,340)	0	(1,250)	(945)	(2,370)	(930)
Expense - Editor	(2,200)		(400)	0	0	0	0	0
Net Newsletter Revenue	(2,050)		(953)	495	(1,088)	(824)	(2,370)	1,098
								(3,642)
Membership Fees								
	5,625		400	250	825	250	75	150
								1,950
Donations/Grants received								
Hilltopper 5k	250						225	225
St. Patrick's Church	1,000						0	0
Net Donations Received	1,250	0	0	0	0	0	225	225
Hogtober								
Revenue	10,000							0
Expense	(2,000)							0
Net Hogtober Revenue	8,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Symphony Garden Tour								
Revenue	0							0
Expense	0							0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community Events								
Historic Plaque Program	0							0
	0							0
Interest Earned / Other								
	0		\$0.30		0.24	0.29	0.26	1
Total Net Revenue	15,739		(1,252)	745	(263)	(573)	(2,295)	1,473
								(2,166)
Operating Expenses								
Advertising / PR	0							0
Membership Party	(2,500)							0
National Night Out	(250)							0
Picnics	(500)						(300)	(300)
Insurance -D & O	(600)					(808)		(808)
Insurance - General Liability	(500)				(72)			(72)
QuickBooks	0							0
State Corporation Commission	(25)				(25)			(25)
City of Richmond - Bus. License	(75)				(75)			(75)
Office Supplies	(56)		(66)					(66)
PayPal Commission	(173)		(9)		(11)	(4)	(25)	(49)
Website Fees	(1,000)				(238)			(238)
Bank Fees	0							0
Constant Contact Fee	0							0
P.O. Box Fees	(56)		(92)					(92)
Fin. Review/IRS (990)	0							0
Operating Contingency / Other	(500)							0
Total Expenses	(6,235)		(167)	0	(420)	(812)	0	(325)
								(1,724)
Net Revenue (Revenue-OE)	9,504		(1,419)	745	(683)	(1,385)	(2,295)	1,148
75% of Net Revenue	7,128							

CHURCH HILL CONTACTS

POLICE AND SAFETY

Emergencies 911
Non-Emergency Police PH: 646-5100
1st Precinct Station PH: 646-3602
Fire Station #1 PH: 646-4229
Church Hill Crime Watch PH: 648-2710
Commonwealth's Attorney/Sector Prosecutor:
 Colette McEachin PH: 646-4845
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NEIGHBORHOOD MAINTENANCE

Citizen's Assistance PH: 646-7000
Citizen's Request Services Online:
 [http://eservices.ci.richmond.va.us/applications/
 citizensrequest/frmNewEntryType.asp#](http://eservices.ci.richmond.va.us/applications/citizensrequest/frmNewEntryType.asp#)
City of Richmond Public Utilities PH: 644-3000
Code Violations related to historic preservation
 Catherine Easterling PH: 646-7550
 catherine.easterling@RichmondGov.com
Commission of Architectural Review PH: 646-6364
Zoning Administration PH: 646-6340
Housing Code Enforcement PH: 646-6419
Environmental Control PH: 646-7448
Graffiti Hotline PH: 646-1406
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Northeast District Parks Maintenance PH: 646-3216

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EDI – W.I.C. PH: 646-0775
Family Resource Center PH: 644-4496
Health Center PH: 780-0840
Social Services PH: 646-7212
Va. Cooperative Extension PH: 786-4150

RICHMOND RESOURCES

Better Housing Coalition PH: 644-0546
Black History Museum PH: 780-9093
Richmond CenterStage PH: 225-9000
Children's Museum of Richmond PH: 474-7000
Edgar Allan Poe Museum PH: 648-5523
Historic Richmond Foundation PH: 643-7407
James River Association (804) 788-8811
Library of Virginia PH: 692-3500
Museum of the Confederacy PH: 649-1861
Richmond Ballet PH: 344-0906
Richmond Coliseum PH: 262-8100
Richmond National Battlefield Park PH: 771-2148
Richmond Symphony PH: 788-1212
Science Museum of Virginia PH: 367-6552
St. John's Church Visitor Center PH: 648-5015
Valentine Richmond History Center PH: 649-0711
Venture Richmond PH: 788-6466
Virginia Historical Society PH: 358-4901
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts PH: 340-1400
Virginia Opera PH: 643-6004
Virginia War Memorial PH: 786-2060

Pop Up Brunch & Champagne at The 2300 Club

August 24th 11:30 – 1:30

Champagne Appetizers

The 2300 Breakfast Cupcakes

Our signature breakfast cupcake made with eggs, bacon, tatties, Smithfield ham and Swiss cheese on Sally Lunn toast topped with roasted red pepper hollandaise

Caesar

Romaine leaves, herb de Provence, olives, Reggiano, cornbread croutons and white balsamic Caesar dressing

Maytag Blue Cheese and English Walnut Tart

Maytag blue cheese and walnuts baked in puff pastry served warm, with a drizzle of Chambord

Meyer's Rum and Brown Sugar Grapefruits

Grapefruit halves brulée with rum and brown sugar

Champagne Brunch

Lamb Chops Benedict with Lemon-Chive Hollandaise

Lamb Chop and grilled topped with poached eggs and lemon-chive hollandaise

Smithfield Ham Steak

Pan-seared ham steak with two eggs any style and butter brown tatties

Strawberry Maple Butter Pancakes

The Chef's Mom's recipe for buttermilk pancakes with strawberry maple butter

Short rib Omelet

Cheese omelet with pulled short rib, spinach, and sauce Mornay

The Crab Cake

Topped with country ham and hollandaise on a Sally Lunn crostini

Desserts

Rosemary Crème Brulée | Chocolate Crust Key Lime Pie | Bourbon Bread Pudding

***24.95 per person ~ All Inclusive
Reservations are Requested 644-2300***





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Join today and stay ahead of what's happening in the neighborhood with emails about news and events.

CHA Membership runs from January 1 to December 31.

As of July 15 the Church Hill Association has 209 members. The following is a list of new or renewing members since May 16:

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Robert & Teresa Carrel | Linwood & Susan Orenduff* |
| Penny Cannon Hodge | Bill & Lee Ann Pickering |
| Thomas Keller* | Jaynell Pittman Shaw* |
| Jeanie Keys* | Rhett Walker |
| Joel & Evelyn Yaffe* | *New CHA Members |

**CHURCH HILL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM
P.O Box 8031 RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23223**

MAIL TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE OR BRING TO THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING.
MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER

NEW MEMBER () RENEWING MEMBER () DATE: _____

MEMBER NAME #1: _____

MEMBER NAME #2: _____

ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, ZIP): _____

PHONE #1: _____ PHONE #2: _____

EMAIL #1: _____

EMAIL #2: _____

PROVIDING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS GIVES CHA PERMISSION TO CONTACT YOU ABOUT NEWS OR EVENTS

CASH ____ CHECK ____ (MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO CHA) \$25 PER PERSON ____ MEMBERSHIPS = \$ _____

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