



THE CARILLON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER October/November 2021

NOTE THESE DATES

Neighborhood Christmas Carriage Ride

Sunday, December 19, 2021, 4-6 PM

Rain date - December 21, 2021, 4-6 PM

Christmas Home Holiday Decorations Contest

December 22, 2021

Winners are judged in these categories: 1) Most Festive, 2) Brightness, 3) Most Original.

Winners will be announced in our Jan/Feb newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy Fall everyone!!! As the weather gets cooler, it's a great time to get out to meet new neighbors, spruce up the yard for the upcoming winter and enjoy everything this wonderful neighborhood has to offer. The board has been busy lately preparing for issues facing our community and surrounding neighborhoods. I am so excited for our neighborhood plant exchange on Nov. 13th. What a great way to share plants that need to be thinned out and go to another good home. We are also excited to announce the annual Christmas Carriage Rides on Dec. 19th. This is always a fun event for all age groups. Jennifer Hulzing is in full swing preparing for the 2022 Arts in the Park. Mark your calendars now for April 30th and May 1st to come out and volunteer.



Now that the days are getting shorter, I want to remind everyone to be more alert in your surroundings. Remember to turn on porch lights, trim bushes back away from around your houses in order to deter unwanted predators to your property. There has been a recent uptick in crimes around our area. These incidents include rummaging of unlocked cars, stealing catalytic converters, strange people ringing doorbells in the middle of the night. We are working with Lt. Phibbs of the Third Precinct to get an increased presence in the neighborhood and to also combat excessive speeding on certain roads

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OUR DEPARTED

Sharon Threatt Taylor, who grew-up in the Carillon neighborhood, departed this life July 21, 2021. Her mother, Shirley Grantley, and brother, Kenneth Threatt, live at 3224 Douglasdale Road. Her aunt, Esther Threatt, lives at 3226 Douglasdale Road.



Mary Jane Green, 69, of 916 Blanton Ave, ascended peacefully with her brother by her side on September 14, 2021. For 48 years, she was seen as the face of the MCV Campus library at VCU where she gave her time generously to all VCU students, staff, and faculty who needed research

help. She retired in October 2019 and continued her hobbies of reading, shopping for herself and others, collecting recipes, enjoying good food, and keeping a well-stocked refrigerator. Who could forget Mary Jane's Christmas Rumballs? Mary Jane was a '69 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School and a '73 graduate of Virginia



Commonwealth University (psychology). Once joining the staff of the medical library, where she cemented friendships with countless individuals, she inspired others to be the best they could be personally and professionally.

Mary Jane was truly loved by her family and friends and will be sorely missed.

OUR BIRTHS

Zachary and Kirby Rolfe of 3217 Douglasdale Road celebrated the birth of their daughter, **Eliza**

Michelle Rolfe on July 13, 2021. The family is doing very well.

OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Finley Austin, 3108 Garrett St. Finley moved here from NC but lived here previously from 1976-1993 while attending VCU and MCV and working. She is happy to be back in the city she considers her adopted hometown!

James and Joan Fernandez at 3028 Rugby Rd. They have three sons, Drew (23), Chris (21) and Ben (19). They moved from the Museum District and are happy to be in the Carillon neighborhood and are looking forward to being part of the community.

Julie Horan and Tom Tinsley, new neighbors at 3107 Sunset Avenue. Tom retired recently from a lengthy career as a pilot with Delta Airlines. Julie, who taught for many years at UVA, Northern Virginia Campus, continues her work as an international flight attendant with American Airlines.

Mary Bircher and husband **Craig Bircher** who have relocated from Omaha, Nebraska, to become "housemates" with her mother, longtime resident and one of CCA's founding members, Bernice Walter, at 3121 Sunset Ave. The Birschers are retired musicians who played the harp and

trumpet, respectively, with the Omaha Symphony for 40 years. They are excited to explore Richmond and to rediscover Mary's childhood neighborhood. Her brother and sister-in-law, Butch and Libba Walter, are longtime Bute Ln. residents.

Wendy and Paul Miessler, new neighbors at 1404 Pump House Drive. The Miesslers used to live in Fairfax, Va and followed their adult children to Richmond. They are very happy to be in Richmond and in the Carillon neighborhood. They are looking forward to meeting their neighbors.

Tom Nash and Catherine MacDonald and their 2 year old son, Beau at 3122 Bute Lane. They have lived in the Carillon neighborhood for several years and recently moved from Carrolton St to Bute Lane. Tom and Catherine are happy to continue to be part of the neighborhood.

Ariel Nathan and Siren Talluri, and their dog Ronald, at 3106 Rendale.

Kami and Matt Melfa and their children Lucy, 3, and little brother Boden. The family resides at 524 S. Sheppard, and we trust the nearby parks and playgrounds will become familiar recreation spots for Lucy, Boden and their parents!

Here are some new neighbors not previously reported. Welcome all!

- **Steve Dunn** – 3109 Grantland
- **Catherine Gioeli** – 3103 Grantland
- **John and Eliza Nader** (two daughters) – 3221 Douglasdale Road
- **Robert and Kimberly Moulden** – 3201 Douglasdale Road
- **Gary and Martha Smith** (parents of Karen Townsend) – 3002 Rugby Road
- **Johnny and Karen Townsend** (daughters Robin and Sarah) – 3002 Rugby Road

OUR GRADUATES

Rebecca Lovelace graduated from the VCU Honors College on May 14, 2021, with degrees in History and Political Science. A Summa Cum Laude graduate, she received a scholarship and is now attending the University of Richmond School of Law. Congratulations Becca! We wish you the best as you continue your studies.



OUR BLOCK CAPTAINS

Many of our Block Captains have served the neighborhood for almost 50 years. According to a 1975 directory, Billy Butler was the Block Captain of the 3200 Block of French Street at that time. Billy continues to serve the block today, and his neighbors (more than 20 homes) are grateful for his efforts.

Audrey and Collie Burton also number among those who have been Block Captains for many years, and it is with regret and gratitude that we say goodbye to them as they resign their post. Nearby neighbors, Joe and Eileen Wilck, have offered to take over the Burtons' assignment, which includes the single residence on Carillon Court, two homes in the 2900 Block of Garrett and the five addresses in the 3000 Block of Garrett. Joe and Eileen already cover 13 houses on Sunset Ave, so they now have quite a number of "responsibilities." Thank you both for volunteering, and we also wish Collie and Audrey well, extending our gratitude for a job well done.

The 3200 Block of Rendale Ave has a new Block Captain! Jesse Peters, a longtime resident of the block, will succeed Joy Powers of 3203 Rendale. We are grateful to Jesse for consenting to serve in this capacity, and know he will continue the good work done for many years by his neighbor, Joy.

At the time of this issue of the Newsletter, Sunset Lane has no assigned Block Captain. Please call me (Libby Soffee, 358-8053) to volunteer for this block.

continued from page 1... in the neighborhood. If anyone sees anything suspicious PLEASE call the police right away. Also, PLEASE check on your elderly neighbors to make sure they are safe and ok.

The board is moving forward to create a new directory to hopefully come out the end of January. There are many new neighbors among us and we want to include every household. Be on the lookout for someone on the committee to contact you and also, PLEASE fill out the membership forms in this newsletter if you haven't already done so.

For anyone not already receiving the email blasts from the CCA, we frequently put out information about the neighborhood, city events and happenings as well as alerts. In order to receive these alerts, you must sign up on the CCA website, www.Carilloncivic.org or send an email with your information to tellcca@carilloncivic.org. We HIGHLY recommend everyone take advantage of this system to stay in the know about what is going on in our community.

I want to thank all our Board members and committee chairs for their hard work and dedication to our neighborhood. Please feel free to contact me or any Board member with issues you would like to see addressed or get help with situations in your area.

We look forward to seeing everyone out and about this fall and holiday season.

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THE CARILLON

EDITORIAL POLICY:

Our newsletter content is provided and written by members of the Carillon community. We welcome your submissions about upcoming events and items of interest to residents and friends of the Carillon. Please forward your submissions and ideas to: carilloncivic@gmail.com or contact the Communications Manager. Be sure to provide your name and contact information. We reserve the right to edit or to not publish any submission. Please submit all articles or event notices by the seventh of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

CCA 2021 MEMBERSHIP

CCA membership dues are \$5.00 per household for all Members (voting) and Associate Members (non-voting). Membership is open to any person eighteen (18) years of age or older who resides in, leases, or owns property within the boundaries of the Carillon Civic Association. Associate Membership is open to persons who are interested in the Association, but who are not eligible to become members. CCA membership applications are accepted year-round.

To join the CCA, complete a 2021 Membership Application (last page of this newsletter) and send the application, along with membership dues of \$5.00, to CCA Membership, P. O. Box 7435, Richmond, VA 23221. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact Pam Smith, Membership Chair, at 467-7283 for a Membership Application.

Annual dues are payable on January 1, but will be accepted year-round.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Paige Quilter 241-6066
Vice President	Christina Draper
Treasurer	Butch Walter 359-2252
Secretary	Sarah Janeczek
Director	Melissa Dilworth 358-9279
Director	Christina Draper 852-1002
Director	Tim Gardner 510-4277
Director	Ray Gargiulo 422-3155
Director	Frances Kimmel 201-3166
Director	Pam Lieberman 869-0794
Director	Haley McLaren 426-2307
Director	Vanessa Pralle 845-249-5232
Director	Pam Smith 467-7283

STANDING COMMITTEES/CHAIRS

Beautification	Karen Townsend 357-4292
Block Captains	Libby Soffee 358-8053
City Liaison	Paige Quilter 241-6066
Communications	Haley McLaren 426-2307
Community Dev.	Michelle Stuckey 304-2373
Fundraising	Mary Lou Sheridan 353-4712
Donations	Zeke Brody 703-964-7749
Historian	Christina Draper 852-1002/Sarah Janeczek
Membership	Pamela Smith 467-7283
Nominating	Open
Events	Melissa Dilworth 358-9279
Safety	Ray Gargiulo 422-3155

OTHER CCA CONTACTS

Arts in the Park	Jennifer Hulzing 358-2711
Communications Mgr	Gary Smith 757-532-3839
Friends of Byrd Park	Sharon Hill 359-1192
Lost & Found Pets	Zeke Brody 703-964-7749

Do Not Feed the Ducks, Geese, and Gulls!

The City Dept. of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities reminds us: PLEASE do not feed the various waterfowl in Byrd Park. Human food such as bread is not healthy for them. If these migratory birds don't move on, they overpopulate the site and their thick droppings pollute ground and water. Thank you!



3201 Maplewood Ave, Richmond, VA 23221
 City Stadium parking lot
 Now open Sundays, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM,
 through December

CCA BLOCK CAPTAINS

One new block captain needed! Please contact Libby Soffee (358-8053, libbysoffee@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Blanton Avenue		Tracy Ward 837-8980
Bute Lane	3100	Mary Frye 370-1688
Bute Lane	3200	Janet Goff 366-1681
Carillon Court		Joe & Eileen Wilck
Carrolton Street		Ivory Tucker 355-4555
Condie Street	2900	Sharon Hill 359-1193
Condie Street	3000	Sharon Hill 359-1193
Condie Street- North	3100	Sharon Hill 359-1192
Condie Street- South	3100	Jennifer Kemp 512-4316
Condie Street	3200	Zeke Brody 703-964-7749
Douglasdale Rd - North side	2900	Siv Ranko 301-1903
Douglasdale Rd - North side	3000	Brenda Glover 353-6033
Douglasdale Rd - North side	3100	Chandra Hurst 986-6029
Douglasdale Rd - North side	3200	Thalia Edmonds 986-6172
Douglasdale Rd - South side	2900	Perleta Sanders 358-5355
Douglasdale Rd - South side	3000	Serena Hunter 359-6208
Douglasdale Rd - South side	3100	Frances Kimmel 201-3166
Douglasdale Rd - South side	3200	Thalia Edmonds 986-6172
French Street	2900	Louise Carter 358-8516
French Street	3000	Louise Carter 358-8516
French Street	3100	Melissa Dilworth 439-3394
French Street	3200	Bill Butler 353-3432
Garrett Street	2900	Joe & Eileen Wilck 745-8234
Garrett Street	3000	Joe & Eileen Wilck 745-8234
Garrett Street	3100	Pam Lieberman 869-0794
Garrett Street	3200	Vera Ryan 353-3311
Grant Street	3000	Faye Cates 339-4169
Grant Street	3100	Faye Cates 339-4169
Grant Street	3200	Emily Betts 241-0206
Grantland Drive	3200	Nora Pozzi 342-1061
Kanawha Trace		Peggy Siegel 358-1271
Maplewood Avenue		Madeline Pleasants 355-0760
Pump House Drive		Mary Frye 370-1688
Rendale Avenue	3100	Sallie Rollins 358-9678
Rendale Avenue	3200	Jesse Peters 317-0494
Rueger Street		Emily Betts 241-0206
Rugby Road		Mary Slaughter 353-1405
S. Belmont Ave		Irma Spratley 359-2561
S. Sheppard St.		Christy Everson 539-5660
Sunset Ave	1100	Joe & Eileen Wilck 745-8234
Sunset Ave	3000	Joe & Eileen Wilck 745-8234
Sunset Ave - South side	3100	Beth O'Leary 359-5494
Sunset Ave - North side	3100	Paige Quilter 241-6066
Sunset Ave	3200	Ray Gargiulo 422-3155
Sunset Ln		(vacant) - 13 residences
Walpole St		Sharon Hill 359-1192

CCA Board Meetings

Regular Board Meetings are held at Unity Church on Blanton Ave. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and are open to all CCA members.

Board meetings may be virtual this fall as circumstances dictate.

- September 14
- October 12
- November 9
- December 14

Board meetings are occasionally cancelled or rescheduled.

To confirm a specific meeting date or time, please write to: carilloncivic@gmail.com.

Stay Informed

What's happening? Besides this newsletter, there are three additional ways to receive neighborhood news:

- 1) Sign up for CCA e-mail updates by sending your contact info to: carilloncivic@gmail.com.
- 2) Sign up for Nextdoor Carillon, a free private social media limited to the Carillon and adjoining communities. It provides quick, real-time postings concerning events, crime alerts, items for sale, and service recommendations. Register online: <https://nextdoor.com>.
- 3) Like Carillon Civic Association on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/carilloncivicassociation>.

Please share information about new neighbors, births, deaths, or other notable events to the editor at carilloncivic@gmail.com.

CARILLON DOCUMENTARY

Our Carillon community was recently the focus of a documentary film project sponsored by the Thriving Community initiative. A dozen of our neighbors were interviewed for their participation in making us a diverse community, how we have been committed over the years to fight for the integrity of our community, and how we are still attracting a racially, economically, and culturally diverse neighborhood. Many thanks go to Paige Quilter, Martha Rollins, Libby Soffee, Melissa Dilworth, and Collie and Audrey Burton for their consultation with Mel and Bonnie Dowdy to make this project happen. Thanks also to Sam and Serena Hunter and Paige Quilter for opening their homes to the interviewing and filming team, and to interviewees Sallie Rollins, Vera Ryan, Butch Walter and Maurice Henderson. To learn more about Thriving Communities go to: <https://www.thrivingcommunities.org>.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

FROM GREEN TO GOLD

The Fall Transformation of Ginkgos

Have you noticed the stunning yellow transformation each fall of our neighborhood's mature *Ginkgo biloba* trees along Garrett Street and Rugby Road? In addition to spectacular fall color, this particular tree species has a fascinating natural history as a one-of-a-kind living fossil. It has distinctive fan-shaped leaves and unique reproductive structures that reside separately on male and female trees. Fortunately our neighborhood has just a couple of female trees (on Garrett Street) because the fleshy seeds are quite stinky and messy! The interior nut is edible and used in some Asian dishes; and one Thanksgiving holiday, an adventurous brother-in-law and I collected, cleaned, and roasted Ginkgo nuts from the Garrett Street trees. We thought they were delicious, though the rest of the family was skeptical.



Fall stroll through a sea of ginkgo leaves

Want to learn more about Ginkgos? Blandy Experimental Farm's recent video presentation and Q&A is a recommended resource: <https://alumni.virginia.edu/learn/2020/12/04/>.

PLANT EXCHANGE PLANNED

for November 13th

Perhaps you have iris clumps needing to be divided, phlox that has spread beyond a garden border, coneflowers that have seeded themselves, or some other lovely plant in over-abundance? Let's gather in the upper circle of Sunset Avenue (just beyond the neighborhood arches) and swap plants and seeds on Saturday, November 13th at 11AM. Plants you plan to share can be placed in plastic grocery bags, cardboard boxes, or pots. Contact Martha Smith (757-532-3726) if you'd like to get some empty plastic pots for gathering your plant donations. Seeds or seed heads are best collected in paper bags and stapled shut. Be prepared to answer questions at the event about your experience with the plant, and be sure to label plants and seeds so your neighbors will remember what they are taking home.

Have questions or comments about ginkgos, the plant exchange, or any other CCA beautification topic? Contact Karen Townsend at karentownsend@seaislandsoftware.biz, cell: 804-357-4292.



Carillon Civic Association

2021 Membership Application

(January 1 - December 31)

The Carillon Civic Association (CCA) is the community association for the Carillon neighborhood, one of the beautiful and historic neighborhoods in Richmond. Per the CCA Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, membership is open to any individual 18 or older who resides within the CCA boundaries. Membership dues are established by the Board of Directors and are payable annually. Members are eligible to vote in all matters presented to the Association membership, to serve on the Board of Directors, to chair committees, and to enjoy other membership privileges.

Dues for 2021 annual membership are due on or before January 1, 2021, but will be accepted year-round.

\$5.00 per Household for all Members and Associate Members (non-voting)

(No limit on number of adult members per household.)

Please provide the information requested below and mail this form and your membership check to:

Membership: CCA, P.O. Box 7435, Richmond, VA 23221

HOUSEHOLD STREET ADDRESS (Enter here):

Please do not list children (under the age of 18) in the household

Adult Member(s) Living in Household	Phone Number	Email Address*
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

<u>Volunteer Opportunities**</u>	<u>Member Name(s)</u>
If you are interested in participating in any of these volunteer opportunities, write your name(s) in the Member Names Column. Thank you!	
Arts in the Park - CCA's successful annual fundraiser the 1st weekend in May	
Block Captain - CCA liaison for "everything CCA" on your block	
Beautification - Alley cleanup, sidewalks, trees, seasonal planting, and decorations	
City Liaison - CCA rep at city department meetings/official functions	
Communications - Newsletter, email network, website, social media, writer/editor	
Community Development - Parking, Traffic, neighborhood impact issues	
Donations - Member-sponsored non-profit grant requests and other CCA donations	
FOWBP Liaison - CCA rep at Friends of William Byrd Park meetings	
Fundraising - Coordination with Arts in the Park and other CCA fundraisers	
Historian - Custodian of CCA official records, gatherer/presenter of CCA history	
Leadership - Board of Directors Member, Committee Chair, Project Lead	
Membership - Membership enrollment, database, volunteer interest coordination	
Nominating - Assistance to Board and committees for CCA position vacancies	
Lost & Found Pets - Communications with Carillon neighbors regarding missing pets	
Programs & Events - Annual Meeting, National Night Out, Halloween Party, etc.	
Safety (includes Neighborhood Watch) - Oversight of Carillon safety matters/alerts	
Other:	

*We encourage each member to join the CCA's email distribution list so that you can receive the CCA Weekly and other important neighborhood news and announcements. To join, please send your request to carilloncivic@gmail.com

** For more information on each volunteer opportunity, or for questions regarding CCA membership, please contact the CCA Membership Chair at membership@carilloncivic.org

Office Use Only: Amount Paid: _____ Date Rec'd: _____ Cash Check # & Name _____

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P.O. Box 7435
Richmond, VA 23221

Richmond City Government Contacts

Police Non-Emergency 646-5100
Richmond Animal Control 646-5573
Crime Report – Anonymous 646-HELP

The Honorable Stephanie Lynch, 5th District Councilwoman, Stephanie.Lynch@richmondgov.com
Council Liaison Amy Robins, amy.robins@richmondgov.com, 646-5724

School Board Representative: Stephanie Rizzi, srizzi@rvaschools.net

Dial 311 for the City of Richmond Call Center to make requests for non-emergency services
such as graffiti and property maintenance violations.

Staffed Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., but receiving voice mail requests
24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round.

City Trash collection every Monday / Recycling collection alternate Mondays

State Government Contacts

Va Dept of Emergency www.vaemergency.com
Va Department of Transportation for road conditions www.511Virginia.org or dial 511