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# THE CARILLON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER October/November 2023

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy Fall everyone!!! As the days get shorter and the air cooler, it is a time to celebrate the beauty of the trees changing color and putting the heat of the summer behind us. The board has had a very busy summer



planning, organizing and recruiting volunteers for many events and issues we have faced lately. Storms have ripped through our neighborhood and you all responded in droves to get out and help your neighbors cleanup and get our streets back in order. I want to remind everyone that when weather events take place, debris can be stacked near your trash cans or along the medium strips for the city to collect with the claw truck. The city provides bulk pickup every two weeks usually the same day as recycle pick up.

I want to send an enormous THANK YOU to everyone who came out to National Night Out in August. We had a huge crowd that welcomed first responders with open arms and enjoyed being together with neighbors. We collected a massive amount of back-to-school supplies for Lois Jones Elementary school (formerly John B. Cary). My sincere gratitude goes out to Melissa Dillworth and Pam Smith for all the hard work they put into the event and the supply drive. I also want to thank all the board members and volunteers who helped to serve dinner to the many attendees. The school administration was most grateful for all the supplies.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Festival and Plant Exchange is taking place October 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. We invite all our little neighbors to dress up in their Halloween finest and enjoy games, treats and crafts. Last year our Plant Exchange was a big hit!! We invite neighbors to share the bounties of their gardens and/or come and pick up some new plants. The event will be held in the upper Sunset Ave. circle.

As our days get shorter and our nights longer, safety is of the utmost concern to most of our neighbors. We recently had an incident of 2 men going into neighbors' yards looking

## **OUR DEPARTED**

**William Alvin Braxton**, **III**, age 63, of Douglasdale Road, entered into eternal rest on June 29, 2023.

**Rebecca Vass Evans**, of Pump House Drive, passed away peacefully at her home on July 16, 2023, at the age of 82.

Rebecca was born on December 17, 1941 to Clarence Vass and Ivey Singleton Vass in Danville, Virginia. She was the second oldest of four children, preceded in death by sister, Betty Jones, and survived by her brother, Spen-

cer Reid Vass, his wife Barbara Vass; and her brother, Douglas Vass, his wife Kaye Vass. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Wayne Evans.



For 35 years Rebecca worked as the Administrator for the First Unitarian Church of Richmond. She provided endless support for the Gallery and was a founding member of the local Arts in the Park celebration. Her help was invaluable in the early days of the Carillon Civic Association, as she coordinated efforts between the Unitarian Church and the CCA. She was a philanthropist who believed in and fought for women's healthcare and equal rights for all.

She will be deeply missed amongst all family and friends, but her strength, kindness and effervescent spirit will live on.

Philip Melvin Scott, of Grantland Drive, departed this life August 1, 2023. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Phylis A. Scott. He is survived by one daughter, Patricia Scott Charles (Sherman); two sons, Artie T. Jefferson and Perry T. Scott (Londilia); five grandchildren, Sonny Jefferson, Lauren Slowly (Joel), Daija McCoy-Scott, Perry T. Scott Jr. and Jonathon S. Charles; eight great-grandchildren; a devoted cousin, Aubrey Bragg and other relatives and friends. Mr. Scott was a regular volunteer with Arts in the Park, accepting one of the toughest jobs, parking.



# NEW SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

LOISHARRISON-JONES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Words cannot explain how excited I am to introduce myself as the Interim Principal of Lois Harrison Jones Elementary School! My name is Nick LeReche, and I am beyond thrilled to join this outstanding team and community.

Let me share a bit about myself. Back in 1997, I arrived in Richmond to pursue my education at VCU, and this city has held a special place in my heart ever since. When I'm not immersed in the world of education, you can find me embracing the great outdoors, camping, hiking, and fishing. My family is my biggest joy, and I am blessed with two amazing children, Jackson, who is 9 years old, and Susie,

who is 13. For almost 17 wonderful years, I have been happily married to my wife Corinne, who happens to be an Elementary School Counselor.

I am immensely grateful for the warm welcome I have already received. Let's make this year an extraordinary one, filled with laughter, growth, and incredible memories!.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT \_\_\_\_\_ BACK TO SCHOOL DONATION DRIVE











The CCA gives a huge thank you to all our wonderful neighbors who attended our CCA National Night Out Event and donated school supplies to our neighborhood elementary school Lois Harrison-Jones Elementary School (formerly John B Cary Elementary).

The school donations were a huge success. Thank you CCA neighbors for your help and support with this amazing event.

## **CCA** JULY YARD OF THE MONTH



3002 Rugby Road

## TWO UPCOMING ART SHOWS

## Gallery at First UU, our 56th year! 1000 Blanton Avenue, Richmond VA 23221

We will be featuring over 140 of Virginia's finest artists and craft-makers who will bring their amazing art to First UU in Richmond ~ All media on display and for sale! Free Admission!!! FOOD TRUCKS!!!

Our show dates are October 25th through the 29th.

- Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8:30 PM.
- Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 8:00 PM.
- Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 8:00 PM.
- Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 5:00 PM (Family Day).
- Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 5:00 PM.

Purchased art pick-up Sunday October 29th from 4 to 8:00 PM and also on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 11 to 6:00 PM.

https://www.galleryatfirstuu.com (804) 525-9551 Gallery@RichmondUU.org Gallery at First UU is also on FaceBook and Instagram.

# Sharon Leahman, quilts Catherine Venable, paintings

Opening reception - Friday, December 1st, 2023, 6pm-9pm
Come celebrate with us!
Boyd Realty Group, 6784 Forest Hill Ave
Stratford Hills Shopping Center

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for things to steal.

One of the biggest deterrents to crime is lights!!! Motion sensor lights, yard lights and most importantly front porch lights help to deter criminals. I want to especially emphasize turning on your front porch lights, not only as a deterrent to crime, but to help out our dearest friend Jerry, the mailman. He often delivers after dark and I hope you all join me in looking out for his safety.

The police also encourage people to cut back bushes away from around their houses. Criminals can hide in them!!! They also encourage people to install cameras around their house and yard. Thankfully, several neighbors got videos of the recent intruders. Please call the police if you see anything at all. We were able to send the police the videos, which should help capture the intruders.

KEEP YOUR CAR DOORS LOCKED!!! A simple but effective deterrent! Keep any outbuildings

locked. Check in on your neighbors, especially the elderly. Let someone know if you are out of town and need mail taken in or packages picked up.

With leaf season upon us, we have many volunteers willing to help neighbors not able to get leaves up for themselves. If you know of an elderly neighbor or a neighbor who is not well, please let me or another Board member know. As a reminder to all, the city no longer does leaf pickup. Please make an effort to keep your street gutters clear of leaves this fall as they will clog up our stormwater drainage systems and can be a walking hazard when wet.

On behalf of the Board, we wish everyone a safe and happy fall season. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Festival on October 21st!!!

Sincerely Paige Quilter



# CHILDREN'S FALL FESTIVAL AND PLANT EXCHANGE \_\_\_

Saturday October 21, 2023 (Rain Date Sunday October 22, 2023)

11:30am to 1:30pm

The CCA Children's Fall Festival and Fall Plant Exchange will be held Saturday October 21, 2012, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Children's arts and crafts table, puppet show, games, miniature pumpkin patch, face painting, books and treat bags. Come and enjoy exchanging your favorite fall plants with your CCA neighbors.





# THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To the 200 volunteers who dedicated ca.1,000 hours to make this year's Arts in the Park successful!!!



- Richmond Magazine recognized Arts in the Park in the Culture category as the "Best Non-Musical Festival or Event"
- Virginia Living magazine named us the "#1 Art Event" for the Central Virginia Region.

We could not have done it without you!

Plans are in the works for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Arts in the Park on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you have any ideas, questions, or comments, please let us know. Your input is appreciated as this event benefits the whole neighborhood and funds all the programs such as the CCA newsletter and email communications, maintenance of public areas, Neighborhood Night Out and the Fall Festival. If you are a new neighbor and would like to be involved in Arts in the Park, feel free to contact us.

New phone number: 804-396-3337 Email: richmondartsinthepark@gmail.com

## 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: <a href="mailto:carilloncivic@gmail.com">carilloncivic@gmail.com</a> 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 2023 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 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
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Director	Pam Smith 467-7283
Director	Sri Talluri 717-578-4425
Director	Tracy Ward 837-8980

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Melissa Dilworth 358-9279

## OTHER CCA CONTACTS

Arts in the Park	Cindy Lasher 396-3337
	Gary Smith 757-532-3839
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!

## **CCA BLOCK CAPTAINS**

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	Jennifer Kemp 512-4316			
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	Susan Meyer 434-981-5356			
Garrett Street	3200	Vera Ryan 353-3311			
Grant Street	3000	Faye Cates 339-4169			
Grant Street	3100	Faye Cates 339-4169			
Grant Street	3200	Virginia Young 980-6794			
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		Vacant			
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		Chad Young 353-8334			
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 6W:30 p.m. and are open to all CCA members.

Board meetings may be virtual this year as circumstances dictate and 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@
- 2. Sign up for Nextdoor Carillon, a free private social media limited to the Carillon and adjoining communities. It provides quick, realtime postings concerning events, crime alerts, items for sale, and service recommendations. Register online: https://nextdoor.com.
- 3. Like Carillon Civic
  Association on Facebook:
  <a href="https://facebook.com/carilloncivicassociation">https://facebook.com/carilloncivicassociation</a>.

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



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Other:

#### **Carillon Civic Association**

2023 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.

<u>Dues for 2023 annual membership are due on or before January 1, 2023, but will be accepted year-round.</u> \$5.00 per Household for all Members and Associate Members (non-voting)

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

**Phone Number** 

**Email Address\*** 

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):**

Adult Member(s) Living in Household

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

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Volunteer Opportunities  If you are interested in participating in any of these vol your name(s) in the Member Names Colum	Member Name(s)	
Arts in the Park - CCA's successful annual fundraiser t		
Block Captain - CCA liaison for "everything CCA" on yo		
<b>Beautification</b> - Alley cleanup, sidewalks, trees, seasor decorations		
City Liaison - CCA rep at city department meetings/offi	cial functions	
Communications - Newsletter, email network, website,	social media, writer/editor	
Community Development - Parking, Traffic, neighborh	ood impact issues	
<b>Donations</b> - Member-sponsored non-profit grant requestionations		
FOWBP Liaison - CCA rep at Friends of William Byrd F		
Fundraising - Coordination with Arts in the Park and ot	her CCA fundraisers	
Historian - Custodian of CCA official records, gatherer/	presenter of CCA history	
Leadership - Board of Directors Member, Committee C		
Membership - Membership enrollment, database, volur		
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\*\* For more information on each volunteer opportunity, or for questions regarding CCA membership, please contact the CCA

\*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

Safety (includes Neighborhood Watch) - Oversight of Carillon safety matters/alerts

Membership Chair at membership@carilloncivic.org

C.C.A. 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

CCA Email Distribution: If you would like to be included in the email notification list, please submit your email address to carilloncivic@gmail.com, or sign up on the CCA website, www.carilloncivic.org. CCA emails contain special, time-sensitive neighborhood news and updates.