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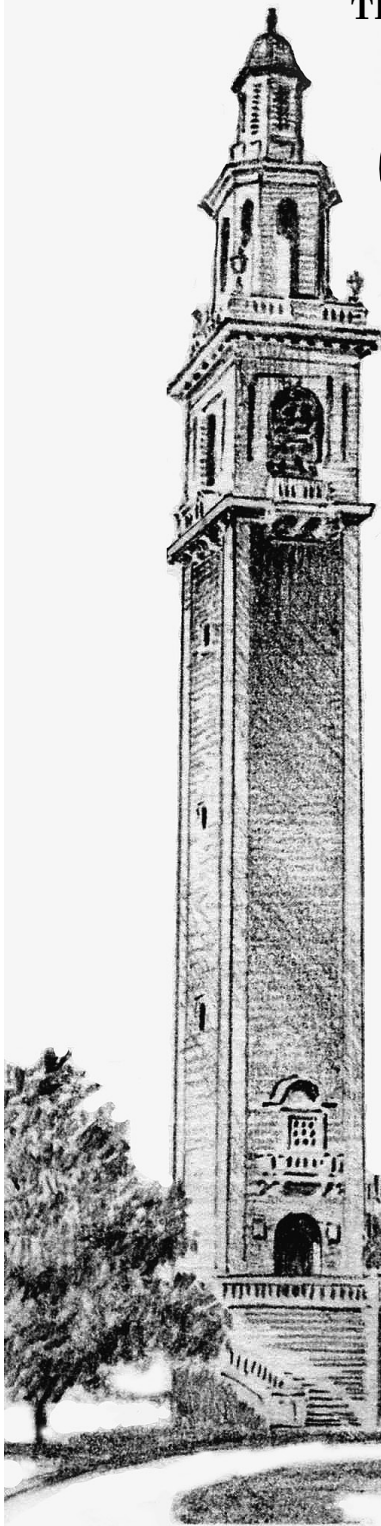
## A Historic Day at the Carillon!



### President Barack Obama Visits the Carillon

On October 25, President Barack Obama addressed a crowd of more than 15,000 Richmond voters at The Carillon. His rallying speech and stage backdrop delivered the message of “moving forward”, both economically and socially, in this country. Before the President’s speech, people waited shoulder-to-shoulder to listen to an array of guest speakers, such as Tim Kaine and Mark Warner. The president’s visit was part of a two-day, six-state tour.

For a majority of the day, the neighborhood was buzzing with excitement. “This is the most thrilling thing to happen to our neighborhood since I have been a Carillon resident for 40 years.” mentioned Becky Evans, of 1402 Pump House, with enthusiasm. While street closures and traffic caused some inconvenience, this historic event is something many neighborhood residents will remember and cherish for a lifetime.



THE CARILLON, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November 2012

CCA Friends and Neighbors,

This calendar year has nearly passed us by and the holidays are upon us. I have spoken with many of you who have communicated the continuous challenge to maintain a work life balance. While many of you support *Arts In The Park* each year, we continue to look for new and existing neighbors who want to contribute to the success of the CCA by volunteering for our various committees. Regarding our open Committee Chair positions, we have candidates for Program and Funding Committee Chair Positions who I am nearly finished vetting and will bring to the Board for ratification. The Candidate Forum, which was held to hear views from each of the candidates for Fifth District City Council, appeared to be successful, and many of the neighbors extended their gratitude after the event. In turn, I also appreciate the leadership of the Byrd Park Civic League for their promotional efforts and support.

I am working with existing Committee Chairs and Candidates to execute the vision of the high level plan I conveyed to you in my first column published in the July/August newsletter. Some of the key activities in progress by the different CCA committees relative to the plan are topics in this newsletter, so please take time to read about their progress. I am limited in the size of my message at the request of the Editor, but want to mention some items for your awareness.

*CCA Neighborhood News Editor:* Last year, the CCA Board of Directors voted to formalize a part-time CCA News Editor Position, and this edition of the CCA newsletter brings with it the announcement of Jordyn Matthews as Editor. She lives on Douglasdale and will work with Julie Langan to execute aspects the Communications Committee plan this upcoming fiscal year. Welcome to the community, Jordyn!

*Membership Town Hall:* In a prior newsletter, I mentioned holding Town Hall meetings on a quarterly basis to provide members an opportunity to gain more insight into the activities being performed by the Board of Directors, and each of the committees. I am targeting December 11, 2012 at 6:00 PM for the first session, please look to a future newsletter or email notifications for the final time.

*Unitarian Church Parking:* Some residents have advised me that the Unitarian Church contacted them about allowing Handicap Parking at the corner of French and Blanton. If you have not been contacted, please send me a note with your concerns and I will forward it to the Church.

*Richmond Little League Parking:* To many of you, this topic continues to be a point of frustration. Because of the need to provide access and parking to John B. Cary School, the City of Richmond has advised there are few options to restrict parking around the ball fields. I will provide more details about the information we received from the City in an upcoming weekly email notifications.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Fisher  
[Jeff.fisher@earthlink.net](mailto:Jeff.fisher@earthlink.net)

### Committee Chair Openings

The CCA still has several standing Committee Chair vacancies and some pending appointments to other leadership positions. If you would like to serve as City Liaison or Community Development Chair, please contact Camille Harris, Nominating Committee Chair, at [camille@lamountaincoaching.com](mailto:camille@lamountaincoaching.com) or 355-5564. If you cannot serve, but know of others who may be willing to serve, please let Camille know.

## New Faces in the CCA

### A New Addition to the CCA Communications Committee

As President Jeff Fisher mentioned in his message, the Communications Committee would like to welcome Jordyn Matthews as the new CCA Neighborhood Newsletter Editor. Jordyn and her husband moved to 3003 Douglasdale a little over a year ago from Memphis, TN, and have enjoyed the hospitality of their amazing Carillon neighbors. She believes that the neighborhood provides so many great resources to the surrounding community and Richmond. Therefore, Jordyn is excited in this new role to make enhancements to the current communications network.

Over the course of the next few months, she will be working with designers and the Communications Committee to update the newsletter and online communications, with the final step being the launch of a new CCA website. Often change can be difficult, and she would love to hear from all Carillon residents during this process to make sure all suggestions and newsletter content ideas are reflected in upcoming editions and email notifications.

On that note, we are always in need of news for the CCA email updates and the bi-monthly newsletter, and we encourage all of you to submit neighborhood news to Jordyn and Julie Langan, CCA Communications Committee Chair, at [tell-cca@carillonicivic.org](mailto:tell-cca@carillonicivic.org), or by dropping a note in Jordyn's mailbox at 3003 Douglasdale or by phone at 359-9601.



### Thank you for Years of Service

With the change in newsletter editing positions, the CCA extends its heartfelt thanks to Tracy Hundley and Glenda Walker for so capably managing the newsletter, mailing list and emails over the past several years.

As a result of their dedication, Carillon residents have been kept informed and made to feel a part of the community. Working as a team, they have done a remarkable job of managing communications without the benefit of a formal communications plan. Their good work and generous contributions to the CCA are much appreciated!

### Welcome Phil Card, Chair of CCA's Safety Committee

We are pleased to announce that Phil Card is the new Chair of the CCA Safety Committee. Phil purchased his home at 3109 Grant Street in July 2006. When he moved from San Diego to Richmond, he chose the Carillon neighborhood because of the diversity of its residents. In San Diego, "everyone" is a minority, he says. To Phil, the Carillon and the surrounding neighborhoods are Richmond's "gem."

Known to his neighbors as a "people person," Phil has made many friends in the Carillon. Additionally, he has helped Dan Kalman lay out Arts in the Park. Now, he is looking forward to contributing back to the neighborhood in his new role as Safety Committee Chair.

Phil is especially interested in helping to rejuvenate the Neighborhood Watch in the Carillon. He is passionate about safety issues in his own area of the Carillon and is looking forward to developing efforts to enhance safety all over the neighborhood. **If you are interested in serving on the Safety Committee, please contact Phil at [philcard2@gmail.com](mailto:philcard2@gmail.com).**

- Contributed by Camille Harris

## Committee Updates

### Beautification Committee: Fall and Winter is the Time for Action

Fall is the time for improving lawns and marks the beginning of the season for planting trees and shrubs. Between now and December, several common areas will be aerated, reseeded and fertilized to improve the grass cover. Shrubbery and other plants that are overly mature will be removed and replaced.

The Adopt-A-Tree Program resulted in ten new tree adoptions that will help keep our streets lined with trees. These planting will be coordinated with the City and will take place between November and April. We thank those of you who committed to watering these trees over the next two years. Most of the new trees that were planted over the last two years survived the heat of the summer thanks to those who kept them watered during the rainless periods. Some of the mature trees suffered in the heat and will be trimmed back or removed if they died.

We are interested in reviewing the “gateway” entrance areas of our community. Where roads cross into the Carillon neighborhood, we need to assess existing markers and signs as well as see if additional markers and signs are warranted at other locations. A special workgroup will be convened during the winter (January through March) for this specific task. If you are interested in participating please contact Jack Frye at [jackef@verizon.net](mailto:jackef@verizon.net) or by calling 370-5888.

- Contributed by Jack Frye

### New CCA Initiative: YARD OF THE MONTH

The CCA Beautification Committee does a wonderful job of keeping the neighborhood’s landscapes looking well-maintained. However, all of you, CCA residents, also do a great job of keeping your lawns and houses in excellent shape, which is a great reflection on the neighborhood as a whole. Therefore, to honor your hard work, the CCA is starting the “Yard of the Month” Contest beginning this December with the kick-off of the holidays and seasonal décor. Each time a yard is selected, the household will be acknowledged with a yard sign and a mention in the upcoming newsletter.

If you wish to nominate your neighbor(s) for “Yard of the Month”, please send your submission to [tell-cca@carilloncivic.org](mailto:tell-cca@carilloncivic.org). The first “Yard of the Month” will be awarded in December and featured in the next bi-monthly newsletter published in January.

### Block Captains: It is Time to Party!

Fall weather has arrived, and what a great time to have a block party!

There are many ways to do this. You might wish to combine several blocks on one street (each block is eligible to receive \$50 from the CCA to help with expenses), or invite the block around the corner to participate. If you do not have space for the party, ask other members of your block if they would like to host the party, and ask for help from a committee of residents or a group of kids on the block to gather lawn chairs or help with cleanup. Whatever your choice, it is a wonderful way to socialize with your neighbors, renew old acquaintances and meet new arrivals! If you have questions, contact Libby Soffee, Block Captain Chairman, at 358-8053.

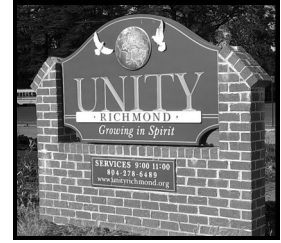
Don’t forget: Take pictures of your party and submit them to Communications Committee to be posted in the upcoming newsletter.

- Contributed by Libby Soffee

## Community News

### Unity Church's New Addition and Fall Activities

This fall, one of our neighboring churches, the Unity Church of Richmond at 800 Blanton Avenue, is opening its newly expanded facilities to the community, offering classes in sacred dance movement and yoga.



Sacred Dance instructor, Dawn Flores was inspired six years ago to create Goddess Dance classes and workshops, which now have a popular following. By connecting the body, mind and spirit through breath, awareness and innate rhythms, her students awaken their body's intelligence, invigorate health, release stress and gain greater confidence and clarity. Her classes are for women and girls of any age and ability, and combine yoga, Bollywood and belly dance. Classes are held Thursday mornings at 9:30 – 11 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 6:30 – 8 p.m. To register call Dawn Flores at 804.238.1894, or email her at [www.goddessdancesacredmovement.com](http://www.goddessdancesacredmovement.com).

Svaroopa® yoga gently and subtly releases core muscles along the spine, beginning at the tailbone. Instructor Deborah Woodward has been teaching classes and leading workshops for more than eight years. "The release of deep layers of long-held tension improves the functioning of all the body's systems, so you develop more flexibility, strength and stamina," she said. "This is a deeply restorative style of yoga, and its effects are long-lasting." Aches and pains begin to dissolve with each pose. The practice also quiets the mind, allowing you to rest in a steady state of ease and clarity. Classes are suitable for all levels of fitness. Monday morning classes are held at 9 – 10:30 a.m.; Monday evening classes at 6:30 – 8 p.m. To register, contact Deborah Woodward at 804.338.1105, or email her at [www.easyinyourbones.com](http://www.easyinyourbones.com).

- Contributed by Deborah Woodward

### The CCA Yard Sale: Huge Success!

On October 20, several Carillon residents participated in the Annual Fall CCA Neighborhood Yard Sale. Crowds came out to shop, socialize and take in the beautiful fall day. Notifications and announcements for the sale were posted online and with the Richmond Times Dispatch and NBC12 in effort to encourage more Richmond citizens to visit the Carillon and support the event.



Thank you to the following households for participating: 900 Blanton; 3100, 3104, 3107, 3213 Condie; 3002, 3215 Garrett; 2914, 3009, 3222 Douglassdale; 1400 Pump House; 3005, 3009, 3202 Sunset Avenue.

If you are interested in participating in a neighborhood-wide sale in the spring, please contact the Communications Committee at [telcca@carilloncivic.org](mailto:telcca@carilloncivic.org).

### Happy Holidays at the Carillon: Richmond's Annual Nativity Pageant

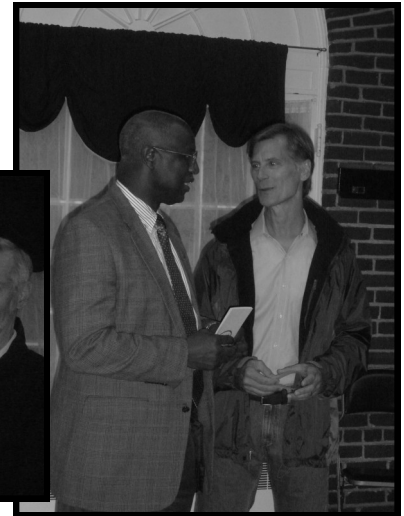
Join your neighbors on December 23 for the Richmond's 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Nativity Pageant. This interdenominational, inter-racial, Christmas live event draws persons in attendance not only from the Richmond metropolitan area but also from across Virginia. The bells of the Carillon start at 6:30 p.m. and the pageant is at 8:00 p.m. If you would like to participate, please e-mail Paige Quilter at [mrspdq@aol.com](mailto:mrspdq@aol.com). The deadline for participating is December 20. Also, more information can be found on the event's website, <http://www.richmondnativitypageant.com/>.



## Community News

### Great Turnout for the Fifth District Candidates Forum

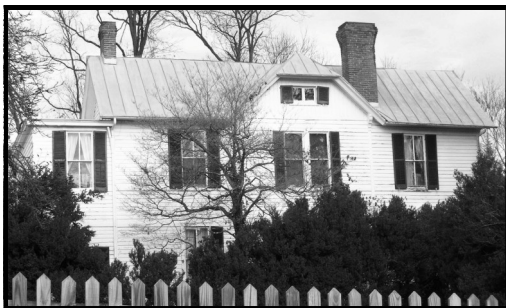
The Round House was filled to capacity when an audience of about 50 gathered on October 11 to hear from incumbent Marty Jewell, Lee Shewmake, Parker Agelasto and all candidates for the Fifth District City Council Seat. Co-sponsored by the Carillon Civic Association and the Byrd Park Civic League, the forum was moderated by CCA President Jeff Fisher. After candidates responded to a series of prepared questions, the audience was given the opportunity to ask candidates about issues ranging from economic development, schools, taxes, infrastructure and crime. Also in attendance was Maurice Henderson, who is running for reelection as the Fifth District's representative on the school board.



## Neighborhood History

### The Marburg Property

The oldest standing residence in the Carillon neighborhood is the ca. 1889 farmhouse located at 3020 Rugby Road on the corner of Bute Lane. Originally comprising 1 ¼ acres, the land was carved out of a much larger estate, "Beechwood Farm," in 1888 and sold by Richmond Dairy Co. owner, Thomas L. Blanton, to Charles Euker. In short time, Euker and his wife, Augusta, built their new country residence and named it "Marburg" after the German city from which Euker, his father, and three brothers emigrated in the 1850s. Euker served as an officer in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and afterwards gained prominence as the respected owner of a downtown saloon, pool and billiard hall. A popular member of the Richmond Horse Guards, he appeared frequently as a dignitary at Richmond events. By 1905, Euker had sold Marburg and, at age 65, took a position as commandant of the Old Confederate Soldiers' Home on the Boulevard. He died there two years later.



Marburg was subsequently purchased by a series of individuals including tobacco magnate Tazewell Carrington (in residence 1923-36) and Benjamin and Anne Dennis (1936-65), who, according to their granddaughter Debbie, planted the property's commanding boxwoods. The late J. Watts and Elizabeth Vermillion called Marburg home after 1965. Their son, Lucian, resides there today.

-- Contributed by Beth O'Leary, CCA historian, who sends thanks to neighbor Richard Manson for his generous sharing of research and insights regarding area deeds and property transfers.

## Neighborhood News

Jerry Gibbs, long-term resident at 3121 Bute Lane, has moved to Florida, and the Bute Lane property is now for sale. We wish Jerry much happiness as he settles into his new home!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Eddie and Audrey Pearson of 3200 Douglasdale! They welcomed their first child, Charles Luke Pearson (Luke being the name he will go by). He was born July 26 at 1:02am at 6 lbs. 7 oz.

Congratulations to Josh and Clara Lee of 902 S. Belmont Ave.! They welcomed a son, Daniel Everett Lee on June 6, 2012. Daniel weighed 10 lbs. 3 oz!

## WELCOME

### Bute Lane Welcomes Two New Families!

Welcome the Sullivan Family, John and Erin and their two girls!

Also, welcome Joey Arflin and Nicole Collins, our new neighbors at 3116 Bute Lane. Joey builds sets for movies and TV. He is an avid cyclist – both mountain and road biking. He is excited about living in the Carillon because of its beauty and proximity to the parks. Nicole works for Clachan Properties as a property manager. She plays softball and has a Boston terrier pug mix named Bug. She also loves the neighborhood. She and Bug are enjoying their big back yard on Bute Lane. Joey and Nicole are already members of the CCA!

- Announcements Contributed by: Kris Mednikov, Rachel Sari, Camille Harris and Libby Soffee

## Neighborhood Pet News

### Missing Cat Looking for a Home

Libby Soffee and her son have rescued a stray cat, which is currently residing in her guest room. She is quite happy with the Soffee family, but their other cat is not welcoming her warmly. She has been with them for a few months now, and Libby is still convinced that someone somewhere still misses her. If you hear of such a person, please call Libby at 358-8053. Meanwhile she continues to enjoy room service and naps comfortably on an antique brass bed with comfy pillows! She is a beautiful calico with downy soft fur and an affectionate attitude.



### Carillon Neighborhood Local Heroes

On October 12, Becca and Hayden Lovelace were returning home with their mom, Heather, after running errands in Carytown. The three spotted a dog who was trotting across Douglasdale, heading for the expressway. The children began begging their mother to stop and rescue the dog, but since there were several workmen nearby at the toll booth, Heather assured the youngsters that the dog would be stopped before she was in danger. A quick glance in the rear view mirror proved this to be untrue, and Heather immediately turned her car around and stopped while the dog was still in sight.



The friendly female dog readily came to the Lovelaces and allowed herself to be transported to the home of Elizabeth Myers, the Chairman of our Pet Committee. Within ten minutes of posting a description of the dog on Craigslist, Elizabeth received a call from residents of Windsor Farms who identified the dog as the missing pet of a neighboring couple, who were devastated by her disappearance. A wonderful reunion was arranged. It reminds us all that we are grateful to have such thoughtful and compassionate neighbors!

- Pet News Contributed by: Libby Soffee

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Crime Report – Anonymous 646-HELP

Council Representative's Liaison [youngf@ci.richmond.va.us](mailto:youngf@ci.richmond.va.us)  
School Board Representative [mhenders3@richmond.k12.va.us](mailto:mhenders3@richmond.k12.va.us)

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 Pick-up every Monday/ Recycle Pick-up alternate Mondays

### State Government Contacts

General Assembly Constituent Line 1-800-889-0229

General Assembly Delegate's Office 698-1069

General Assembly Senator's Office 698-7509

Governor's Citizen's Assistance 786-1201

Va Dept of Emergency [www.vaemergency.com](http://www.vaemergency.com)

Va Department of Transportation for road conditions [www.511Virginia.org](http://www.511Virginia.org) or dial 511

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Congressman's Richmond Office 804-644-4845

Senator's Richmond Office 804-771-2221

