

THE

Carillon

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

May/June 2013

Best Art Show in Central VA!

Arts in the Park Voted “Best Art Show in Central Virginia” by *Virginia Living* Magazine



Arts in the Park was a huge success this year – not only with the number of attendees, participants, volunteers and fun, but also due to the fact that the festival was voted the “Best Art Show in Central Virginia” by *Virginia Living* readers. We are so excited that the largest fundraiser for the CCA has become a favorite for so many residents in Richmond and throughout the region.

We want to extend our gratitude to Pat Lovelace for her 42 years of service organizing and providing the neighborhood with this event. We could not have won this honor without her growing this amazing event into what it is today.

We also thank the many who volunteered. A special thanks to Bob and Tracy Ward for so generously hosting this year’s volunteer dinner. We appreciate everyone’s support and time! Please feel free to share your memories, thoughts and questions about the event on the CCA Facebook page or by contacting the CCA at telcca@carilloncivic.org. Visit the CCA website, www.carilloncivic.org, to view photos of the event.

THE CARILLON, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

President's Message

CCA Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you were able to attend April's CCA Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner. This year's meeting was a celebration of our neighborhood and the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Carillon Civic Association. A special thanks to Beth O'Leary for her amazing work in researching and writing "The Carillon Neighborhood- A History", which reflects the history of the Carillon area and the establishment of the Carillon Civic Association. I have loved living in the Carillon neighborhood for the past 25 years, and after reading the history of our neighborhood, I have a new-found appreciation of what makes our neighborhood special.

I also want to recognize our guest speaker, Collie Burton. Collie gave an inspiring and motivating presentation that attendees will not soon forget. If you were not present, ask your neighbor that attended to tell you the connection between our neighborhood and the movie "Slumdog Millionaire." It is just another reason to be proud of living in the Carillon neighborhood and being a member of the CCA. I invite you to read more about the meeting and additional thanks to all those who attended and shared the evening with me directly below.

Sincerely,
Jim Beck
jamesbckii@verizon.net

An Evening of Hope and History: CCA Annual Meeting

April 9, 2013: A Time of Friendship and Celebration!



The 45th annual meeting was a special evening thanks to a wonderful turnout and a program that commemorated the rich history of the neighborhood and the founding of the CCA. The evening provided a great opportunity to enjoy some amazing food, fellowship with neighbors and former residents and to learn more about what the CCA has planned throughout the remainder of the year. A much-deserved thank you is extended to Kris Mendikov, Beth O'Leary, Ed Andrews, and Jim Beck for organizing the event. Thanks also to the hard-working volunteers who helped make the evening possible.

The first half of the program, emceed by Ed Andrews, featured presentations on the history of the Carillon neighborhood by Beth O'Leary and reflections by Collie Burton. It was at this point in the evening that *The Carillon Neighborhood: A History*, written by CCA historian Beth O'Leary, was debuted. Ed Andrews described the effort as one in which "words jump off the page and embrace you." In commemoration of the civic association's 45th anniversary year, each CCA member household is eligible to receive one free booklet through the end of this calendar year. A forty-year resident, Collie Burton recalled moving to the neighborhood with his wife Audrey in 1973. He eloquently placed the achievements of the CCA into a historic context, describing the effects of integration and the construction of the downtown expressway. Burton explained that for its time, the CCA was "cutting edge" in its commitment to a segregated future.

The second half of the program was devoted to a business meeting emceed by Jim Beck, Acting President. On behalf of the CCA committees, Jim presented an overview of committee activities (shared on the next page of this newsletter). During the business portion of the meeting, Vera Ryan, Vernon Moseley, Chris English and Paige Quilter were elected to new terms on the Board of Directors. The evening concluded with a drawing for door prizes. The CCA thanks the following Carytown businesses who generously contributed door prizes: Kroger, Martin's, Fresh Market, Sweet Frog, Carytown Cleaners, For the Love of Chocolate, Byrd Theater, Weezie's and Petco.



CCA Committee Updates

2012 Updates and 2013 Plans for CCA Committees

Each CCA Committee shared updates, as well as new initiatives, at April's Annual meeting. Below are the summarized committee notes from the meeting:

Membership Committee: In 2012, the Membership Committee had a record year in its membership drive with 202 households joining the CCA, totaling membership at 363 households. This represents over half of the residents in the Carillon neighborhood. The Membership Committee will continue to be present at CCA events and will work with Block Captains to reach new residents and inform them of the benefits of CCA membership. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Faye Cates at 358-7367.

Beautification Committee: This past year, the Committee re-established itself by growing to seven members, with Andrew Latimer coming forward as the Adopt-A-Tree Program Leader. The Committee also evaluated all plantings throughout the neighborhood, began turf improvement in common areas, refurbished the Garrett-Rugby rose garden, replaced camellias on Douglasdale, started cleaning and protecting the Sunset metal arches and developed the Adopt-A-Tree program for the neighborhood. Under the new program, residents can submit applications to "adopt" newly-planted trees on city property. This year five new trees were planted in the Carillon. The CCA will cover the application fees for residents, with application submissions opening July 1, 2013. Please stay tuned to the CCA website and newsletter for more updates from this Committee.

Block Captains Committee: Currently, the neighborhood has 38 Block Captains in service, and all in place have committed to serving for the upcoming year. These individuals make sure that residents' needs are met on his or her respective block. They also share news with the Communications Committee to make sure that specific block news is included in all neighborhood publications and on the CCA website. Additional suggestions will be made to the Board soon, so please continue to check the website and upcoming newsletters for updates from this committee.

Safety Committee: This committee is currently looking for a Chairman. They are still, however, monitoring the neighborhood and providing information about unsafe or suspicious activity in the area. They suggest residents call the 3rd Precinct on Meadow Street. By doing so, a record will be on file with the police, so that the neighborhood can receive the necessary services to keep us safe.

Communications Committee: Over the past year, the committee has remained focused on implementation of the Board-approved Communications Plan. Accomplishments include: hiring Carillon resident, Jordyn Matthews, as the newsletter and website editor, continuation of weekly emails, development of new website and Facebook, and the launch of the Yard of the Month recognition program. A new newsletter template and continuous improvements to the website will be made throughout 2013. This committee is thankful for all news provided by residents and continues to welcome all who can provide news. Please contact telcca@carilloncivic.org if you have some news or neighborhood updates to share.

Donations Committee: This committee is currently looking to fill one vacancy and will continue to look as they continue their roles of asking for grants. In 2012, the committee drafted a membership/donation survey for residents. With the help of the Communications Committee, the survey was distributed to all Carillon households. The results will be shared in upcoming newsletters along with updates on small grants that will be solicited in this upcoming year.

Pet Watch Committee: This committee has helped several residents with lost or missing pets, as well as to find owners for stray animals found in the neighborhood. In the past few months, the committee has helped reunite two cats and six dogs with their owners. This committee is always looking for more helping hands to keep the neighborhood pets safe. Please contact Elizabeth Myers at 319-415-9096 if you are interested in being part of this committee.

Important Reminders: If you notice any suspicious activity, please report it to the 3rd Precinct on Meadow St. at 646-1413, as well as your Block Captain and telcca@carilloncivic.org. We will share the news in emails, newsletters and on the CCA website in the hopes to make residents aware and safe. If it is an emergency, please dial 911 immediately.

Also, if you need a neighborhood telephone directory, please contact Libbie Soffee, Block Captain Chair at 358-8053.

Neighborhood Developments

New Construction on Sunset Avenue

"A hidden gem" is how custom builder Brad Groome of Bradford Custom Homes describes the Carillon neighborhood. Together, he and his wife Brandi are renovating 3111 Sunset Avenue, the former Towell residence, and constructing new houses on the adjacent lots at 3109 & 3107 Sunset Avenue.

The new two-and-half story house consists of 3300 square feet and has four bedrooms and three-and-half baths. It features an open first floor plan, with a 600 square foot bonus room on the third floor. A detached oversized one-car garage has also been built. Construction has been moving at a fast pace, and Groome says he plans to have the home completed sometime in July.

Groome is simultaneously renovating 3111 Sunset where he has added new HVAC, a mud room, master bath & kitchen, as well as outdoor amenities such as a fenced backyard and patio. If all goes according to schedule, both houses will be listed for sale after the Arts in the Park festival in early May. Groome, who sees the Carillon neighborhood a good investment, hopes to break ground on the second new house later this summer.

Bradford Homes is known for infill construction within existing neighborhoods such as the Near West End and Westover Hills. Currently, they have six houses under construction. Groome, who acts as general contractor, is on the job site daily and approaches each house as if he is building for himself. www.bradfordcustomhomes.com.

CCA New Communication Tools

CCA Enters into Social Media and Launches a New Website

Over the course of the past few months, the Communications Committee has been working with Karen Guard of the Darling Octopus to redesign the CCA website in effort to provide an easy resource for all residents looking for information concerning the neighborhood and surrounding areas. Improvements and information will continue to be added to the site over the course of the next few months. It is the hope of the Communications Committee to start using the website to post news and event information. The weekly emails will be used for time-sensitive or emergency information. This transition will take place over the summer.

Also, CCA has started a Facebook page in order to give residents yet another communications tool to share news, post pictures, and participate in conversations concerning the neighborhood. We invite everyone to "Like" the page and begin talking with neighbors and friends of the Carillon. The Communications Committee asks that comments stay "family-friendly" and reserves the right to delete any inappropriate content. Please contact tellcca@carilloncivic.org if you have any questions about the new website and/or Facebook page.

CCA Yard of the Month



April Yard of the Month: 3102 Garrett Street

We are pleased to announce that the 3102 Garrett Street has been named this past month's Yard of the Month. The CCA extends its congratulations to Mary Brilla!!

CCA residents are encouraged to nominate fellow residents for "Yard of the Month," by sending nominations to tellcca@carilloncivic.org. Each time a yard is selected, the household will be acknowledged with a yard sign and a mention in the upcoming newsletter. All awarded yard signs will be picked up at the end of the month. If the sign is taken from the awarded yard before the month is over, please contact the CCA at tellcca@carilloncivic.org to report the theft.

Neighborhood Announcements

In Loving Memory of Dorsey Freeman

Mr. Freeman, of the 3001 French Street, passed away in March. He and his family have resided in the Carillon neighborhood for over 30 years. Our sympathies are with Mrs. Sylvia Freeman, his wife of 54 years, his two sons, daughter and grandchildren. His good sense of humor and presence will be missed by his Carillon neighbors.

In Loving Memory of Russ and Ruth Knightly

Russ "Pop Pop" Knightly and Ruth "Mimi" Gwaltney Knightly were both laid to rest in April. Our sympathies are with their daughter, Janice Knightly, son, Rusty Knightly, Ruth's brother and grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, they have asked for contributions to be made to St. Bridget Catholic Church or to CrossOver Health Care Ministries.

In Loving Memory of Laura Wright

Laura Wright, 3107 Rendale Avenue, passed away this April. She resided at her Carillon address with her daughter, Linda and grandson, David. Laura was a retired nurse and never grew tired of lending a helping hand to others. Our deepest sympathies are with Linda, David, her son, Robert, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Congratulations: It's a Boy!!

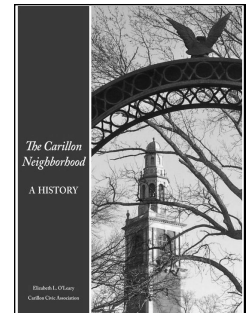
Christian and Lindsey Noble of 3204 Grant Street welcomed son, Henry James Noble, weighing 6 lbs and 4 oz.

Carillon History

Own a Piece of Carillon History:

Carillon history booklet available for free to all CCA member households!

The recent CCA annual meeting also marked the launch of *The Carillon Neighborhood: A History*, written by CCA historian Beth O'Leary. Based on historical documents, civic association archives, news clippings, and interviews with over forty current and former residents, this 59-page illustrated booklet tells the story of our neighborhood's land and people, from the colonial period to the present. In commemoration of the civic association's 45th anniversary year, each CCA member household is eligible to receive one free booklet through the end of this calendar year. Otherwise, booklets are \$10 each for non-CCA members (CCA membership details included on page 2 of this newsletter). To order and set up delivery, contact Beth O'Leary at eloleary@verizon.net.



Share your Carillon Neighborhood MEMORIES and MEMENTOS

Do you have recollections, memories, vintage photos, brochures, postcards, or clippings related to our neighborhood? Contact Beth O'Leary: eloleary@verizon.net or 359-5494.

Resident Highlight: Meet Your Neighbors

A Nationally-Published Author in Our Neighborhood

Portia Turner Merriweather, 3234 Garret Street, published "Nuggets to Nourish Your Soul: A New Believer's Handbook of Christian Terms with Commentary" in March of this year in an effort to provide an easy-to-use guide of Christian terms for new Christians. As a babe in Christ, Merriweather experienced the frustration of trying to determine the meanings of the new Christian words she was encountering without a solid resource for them. She hopes the book is an accessible resource for both new and mature Christians looking to deepen and expand their faith. The book is available to purchase on Amazon.com and Crossbooks.com.

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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

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