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THE CARILLON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER MAY/JUNE 2015

THANK YOU!

Our thanks to everyone for making this year’s CCA Annual Meeting and Potluck such a resounding success!

On Tuesday evening, April 14th, some 140 neighbors and friends were in attendance, in spite of the April showers. Many long-time residents, including our neighbor and special guest, Sheriff Woody, greeted many newcomers to the Carillon neighborhood. Melissa Dilworth and her helpers provided the decor and set up the potluck feast—we are a neighborhood of gourmet cooks!

The full program featured representatives of non-profit organizations who received grants from the CCA this year, 3rd Precinct Commander Emmett Williams, who offered helpful safety tips and stats, Christina Draper of the Virginia World War I Centennial Committee who discussed upcoming plans; and Julie Langan, Marc Wagner, and Debra McClane who answered questions about the CCA’s ongoing application for historic designation for the neighborhood.

It was wonderful to see so many come out to express the pride we share in the Carillon and participate in our association. We look forward to another wonderful year among so many wonderful neighbors!

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Police Non-Emergency 646-5100
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The Honorable Parker Agelasto, 5th District Councilman, Parker.Agelasto@richmondgov.com, 646-6050
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State Government Contacts

Va Dept of Emergency www.vaemergency.com
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear CCA Friends and Neighbors,

Spring is finally here! This is one of my favorite times of year in the neighborhood. The trees are turning green, and there are flowers blooming everywhere. So many people are out walking dogs, playing with their kids, and taking care of their yards. Soon we will have concerts at Dogwood Dell, 4th of July Fireworks, and many festivals within walking distance. All of these outdoor activities are a great time to enjoy the beauty of our neighborhood and, most importantly, get to know your neighbors.

I moved around a lot as a child, so I have experienced living all over the country. Richmond is by far my favorite place, and it feels the most like home. A big part of that is because of the wonderful neighbors in the Carillon neighborhood. We've made great friends and received a tremendous amount of help with babysitting, dog walking, yard work, and basically anything a young family could need. Andrew and I are so grateful to be raising our daughter in such a caring and friendly place.

Enjoy the warmer weather, and I hope to see many of you out and about!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Latimer
CCA President
Elizabeth.myers.latimer@gmail.com



COMMUNITY GRANTS

The CCA is pleased to announce the recipients for our 2015 Grants program. We received many worthwhile applications this year and awarded more in grants to non-profit community and civic organizations than in any previous year.

John B. Cary Elementary received \$2,400 for a new speaker system in the gymnasium as well as \$956 for K-2 learn-to-read textbooks; To the World War I Centennial Commission, a \$2000 stipend for a project coordinator to develop a website; To William Byrd Community House, \$2,000 went toward their Neighborhood Nutrition Outreach program; The Richmond Peace Education Center received \$1,750 to fund their Youth Conflict Resolution teams; Full Circle Grief Center was awarded \$1,650 to fund student grief support workshops in the Carillon area; To provide financial assistance for families at the ASK Childhood Cancer Center, \$1,500 was given; To fund one student's attendance at their Summer Promise program, \$800 went to the Peter Paul Development Center; The Thomas Jefferson High School football program received \$700 toward two team lockers; and Fan Free Clinic, FeedMore, Hope in the Cities, Kinfolks Community and Positive Vibe Café were each granted \$500 in support of various aspects of their programs. The CCA is proud to support these positive community efforts. We ask anyone who is involved with or knows of worthy programs in the Richmond area to please encourage them to apply in 2016!

NEIGHBOR PROFILE

As many of you know, Pat Lovelace stepped down last year from the helm of Arts In The Park after 43 amazing years. The 2015 festival was the first year under the leadership of our new Arts In The Park Coordinator, Jennifer Hulzing, and by all accounts, it was another resounding success!



Jennifer is originally from Richmond. She attended Stratford College and VCU and spent her college years working in Nags Head over the summers. At VCU she studied photography as well as producing pen and ink drawings that she sold in Virginia and North Carolina. She maintains a special love for the Northern Neck, having spent a great deal of time at her family's house on the Rappahanock river. Jennifer and her late husband John moved into the Carillon neighborhood in the spring of 2004.

Jennifer has worked in trade and consumer shows, off and on, for over 20 years, both as an exhibitor in craft shows and as a director, so she brings a wealth of experience from both perspectives. She can relate to both exhibitor needs and the various demands of event management and coordination. She was the director of the Richmond Auto Show for several years and worked on several other trade shows as well, whether selling booth space or assisting with development and management. In the 1980s, she owned and operated Jarrett's Sweater Shop in Carytown and went on buying trips to trade shows in NY and around the east coast, giving her insight into the many different types of shows.

More recently, Jennifer has worked as an assistant and salesperson for Manny Green Entertainment for about 10 years, providing planning and music for weddings and other special events, attending wedding trade shows, and she helped to coordinate charity fundraisers. "I am so happy to be part of the Carillon, with such great neighbors and friends," she says. And we couldn't be happier that she's here, helping guide Arts In The Park toward its continued future success. Welcome, Jennifer and thank you!

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

Byrd Park Tree Walk

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to the Richmond Tree Stewards, a volunteer organization that promotes and improves the health of city trees. Recently this intrepid group has developed a Byrd Park Tree Walk by mounting species tags on trees along the vita course and providing a map and guide, as well as providing two free guided walks to the public.

If you would like to take the walk yourself, You can print out a copy for your next stroll by visiting <http://richmondtreestewards.org/byrd-park-tree-walk>. The project was made possible by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay through a grant from Altria.



Historic District Efforts

Who is that lady taking pictures? The CCA is working with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources to complete a formal nomination of the Carillon neighborhood as a Virginia Landmark and National Historic District. In service of that initiative, an architectural historian is currently compiling the required visual and written survey of the neighborhood and its structures. Information was presented at the recent Annual Meeting, and the process is ongoing. If you have questions or concerns about the process (which will result in an honorary designation with no imposition of regulations or restrictions on property owners), please don't hesitate to contact Julie Langan at jvlangan@verizon.net.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION



One of the more unique features of the Carillon neighborhood can be seen at the east entrance to Sunset Avenue, where it intersects Rugby Road and faces the Carillon. On either side of the median, stately brick columns support iron arches above the two lanes of the road. Between them, in the median itself, a small brick wall rests with a plaque at its center indicating the boundary of the Carillon.

This double gateway actually predates the building of the Carillon belltower, though it was built in the knowledge that a memorial would someday grace that site. The area was originally developed in the 1920s as the William Byrd Parkway, spearheaded by real estate developer Roger Gregory. The Parkway established the street pattern that is so recognizable today—Granite Street (now Garrett), the thin crescent of Grantland Drive, Rendale Avenue, Sunset Avenue, Bute Lane, and Nelson Street (now Sunset Lane)—punctuated with semi-circular islands of grass. Facing Byrd Park on the east was Oaklane Avenue (now Rugby Road). Sweeping diagonally to the southwest to merge with Pump House Drive, this park-side thoroughfare featured a formal two-way entrance at center, calculated to line up with an area of the park the city had recently donated for an eventual World War I memorial. It was here the builder signaled his plans for an upscale development by embellishing the entryway with the now-familiar bick pillars crowned with eagle-topped arches and anchored by concrete benches. Placed between the lanes was a classicized brick marker, originally adorned with a plaque displaying the Byrd family coat of arms in bas-relief.



Many years ago, that original plaque was damaged and it was replaced by one which identified the neighborhood, similar to markers placed in other key locations around the perimeter of the Carillon. In 2014, it was determined that both the iron arches and the plaques on Sunset and Douglasdale required some work to restore them and the CCA Beautification Committee began efforts to restore these important landmarks, under the leadership of Jack Frye and Travis Doran.



To the left, the southern arch rests on the bed of a truck, awaiting its reinstallation atop the brick columns.

Below, the northern arch is held in place by the mechanical lift, in the process of being reattached to its columns.

We are pleased to be able to announce that both the plaques and the arches have been fully restored this year. The new plaque at Sunset (seen lower left) was installed at the end of February and the iron arches, with a fresh coat of black paint, were returned to their positions atop the columns on April 29th, just days before the start of the 2015 Arts in the Park! Our deepest thanks go to Jack Frye, Leslie News and Travis Doran for their perseverance and initiative in shepherding these projects to completion. And our appreciation to Carousel Signs and Chase Architectural Metal for performing the specialized work involved.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Neighbors

The CCA extends a warm welcome to our newest arrivals in the Carillon neighborhood:

David and Victoria Zemlan
3213 Garrett Street

Christopher and Jen Henry
3018 Maplewood

Nora and Greg Macklin
2900 Garrett Street

Diane Cook-Tench
3204 Bute Lane

Births

Arthur Wallace Elliott, born Saturday, March 21st to Kara Withrow and Mark Elliott of 3106 French Street

New Board Members

Please join us in welcoming some new faces to the CCA Board of Directors. Melissa Christian, Christina Draper, William Lipps, Jared Marek and Meg Ross were elected to the board at the Annual Meeting. We appreciate their service and look forward to benefiting from their thoughtful leadership.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to departing directors Ed Andrews, Faye Cates, Vera Ryan, Pat Lovelace and Julie Langan. We know they won't be going far and we will continue to rely on their experience and guidance.



Faces of the CCA Board. Left to right, Chris English, Elizabeth Latimer, William Lipps, Paige Quilter, Jared Marek, Meg Ross, Haley McCall, Melissa Christian and Zeke Brody.