

THE CARILLON CIVIC ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER March/April 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday March 22, 2025, 10:30 am - 12 pm

The ABCs of Criminal Law

Join Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney Colette Wallace McEachin for an engaging and informative workshop on the fundamental concepts of criminal law practice

Main Library, 101 East Franklin St,
Richmond, VA 23219

Tuesday April 8, 6:00 pm

CCA Annual Meeting & Potluck/Dinner

First Unitarian Universalist Church
Blanton Ave and Douglasdale Rd.

Wednesday April 16, 5:00–6:00pm

City Law Enforcement Neighborhood Community Walk

Meet at Douglasdale / Blanton

Saturday April 19, 10:00–11:30 am

CCA 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Field at the corner of French Street and Blanton Ave
Anyone interested in helping to plan the Easter Egg Hunt can

contact Nora Jane Quinn at 804-728-9279

or norajanequinn@gmail.com

Saturday April 19, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Lois Harrison-Jones Elementary School PTA Fundraiser 4th Annual Richmond Book Festival

Saturday April 19, 2025 - 10:00am - 2:00pm

Earth Day Buy Nothing Event

Unity of Richmond Church, Blanton Ave and French Street

Saturday April 26, 2025, 8:00am - 1:00pm

Albert Hill Middle School Yard Sale

School cafeteria, 3400 Patterson Ave, Richmond, VA

Donate goods via <https://alberthillpta.com/>

Saturday May 3 & Sunday May 4, 11:00am - 6:00pm

54th Annual Arts in the Park

Rain or Shine

CCA neighborhood volunteers are greatly appreciated

Saturday May 24, 2025, 8:00am - 2:00pm

CCA Neighborhood Spring Yard Sale

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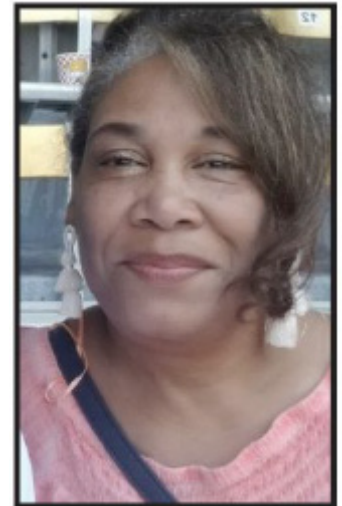
PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Spring

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well. Like many of you, I am looking forward to Spring which is a few weeks away. The CCA board of directors and I are excited to share valuable information about our city, neighborhood CCA events and activities.

I would like to give a shoutout to our CCA beautification chair, Karen Townsend, and her committee, for their outstanding work and partnership with the Richmond Tree Stewards. The CCA beautification committee was able to do some preventative maintenance work throughout the neighborhood with pruning, removing some deadwood tree limbs and correcting structural defects in young trees. CCA residents have expressed how beautiful the neighborhood looks as we prepare for spring.

The CCA board of directors and I would like to recognize the outstanding community service project with our CCA souper bowl food drive donation. Joe Wilck does an amazing job with this event every year. His committee works tirelessly, printing fliers, sorting, picking up and delivering boxes of food donations to Fifth Baptist Church community outreach program that serves the residents of the fifth district in the city of Richmond.



Special thanks to Libby Soffee, our CCA block captains, the box delivery driver and the food pick up/delivery drivers – Elieen, Tim, Fred, Buddy, Beth, and Zeke. Thanks to Sally Rollins for connecting and making arrangement with Fifth Baptist Church, Gary Smith, and Leora Copeland with the CCA news blast communication. There are many volunteer opportunities within our CCA neighborhood. If you would like to volunteer, please do not hesitate to ask any member of the CCA board of directors.

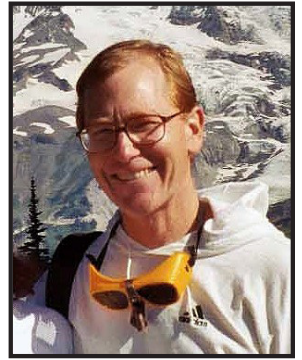
I am looking forward to reconnecting with and meeting new CCA residents at our CCA Annual Meeting/Potluck Dinner, Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 6:00 pm, at First Unitarian Universalist Church on the corner of Blanton Ave and Douglasdale Rd. Come out and enjoy fellowship, meet new neighbors, join the CCA membership, have a wonderful time enjoying a meal with your neighbors. On the first page of this newsletter is a list of our upcoming spring CCA and community events and programs, which include one of the best outdoors art shows in Virginia, the 54th Annual Arts in the Park, Saturday May 3rd and Sunday May 4th, 2025, from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Volunteers are greatly needed to continue to make AIP one the best outdoor art shows. In the coming weeks check your email for information on how you can sign up to volunteer with AIP. Remember to start flying your Arts in the Park house flag April 1st. Unfortunately, new or replacement AIP flags will not be available this year.

The Dogwood Dell 2025 Festival of the Arts is gearing up for a wonderful spring/summer season. More information will be available soon, with performances and programs sponsored by the Richmond Department of Recreation & Parks.

With springtime approaching, please stay alert and be mindful while driving throughout the neighborhood. Families and young children may be walking, jogging or bike riding. As always continue to check in on your neighbors, stay vigilant, if you see something that looks suspicious, please call the non-emergency police. Let us continue to work together to keep our neighborhood safe.

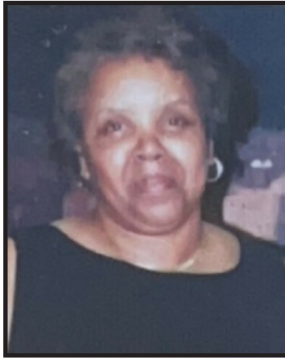
Melissa Dilworth, CCA President

John W. Martin, who passed away Nov. 28th, grew up as a child in the Carillon neighborhood. While his parents moved in 1963 when he was 11, he returned regularly to visit both sets of grandparents who lived in the community. After three decades away, he and his wife, Beth O'Leary, returned to Richmond to reside on Sunset Ave. John had a career as a Licensed Professional Counselor before retirement. He had a life-long passion for biking, hiking and climbing; as a mountaineer he summited Mt. Denali in Alaska and several mountains in the Cascade range in the Pacific NW. He and Beth traveled annually to Mt. Rainier, where his ashes will rest at the spot he chose last summer. He loved the Carillon neighborhood and enjoyed daily walks around the lakes in Byrd Park.



Barbara Ann Smith Butler

went to be with the Lord on January 21, 2025, surrounded by her loving family at the age of 80. She was preceded in death by her parents Robert Smith Sr. and Eva Marie Jones Smith as well as her brother Robert Smith Jr. (Bobby) and her sister-in-law, Nancy Aikens. She was the oldest of her brother and sister and they all were very close.



Barbara Ann accepted Christ at a young age and was baptized at Hood Temple A.M.E Zion Church. She attended Richmond Public School and graduated from Maggie L. Walker High School in 1962. After graduating high school, she was a cosmetologist in Richmond for many years before working for the State of Virginia in the Department of Taxations, where she retired.

Barbara married the love of her life, Willie L. Butler Jr. "Billy" on July 24, 1965, and from this union they have two loving daughters, Angela and Kimberly. The most important thing to her was God and her family. She absolutely loved and adored her three grandchildren, Clarke, La'Rae and Justin.

She loved music. Her favorite singer was Nat King Cole. As a child she spent many afternoons at the Calhoun and Blackwell playground, when she was a teenager; she would dance at the school yard past her curfew time. She loved sports especially football and basketball, especially because her nephews played the sport.

She always loved having family around her. When the younger family members got grown and moved away, she would always ask them when are you moving back, she was always happy when they would come home. Throughout the years she and Billy would often host family barbecues, birthday parties, baby showers, etc. Every year they would host the infamous Christmas breakfast where everyone would attend.

She was dearly loved by her family and friends, affectionately called Pumpkin by her husband and Mata by her nephews. Any child in the family that played a sport she was at every game, rooting them on, cutting out every article and taping interviews. She was a beautiful soul and her spirit was calming. In good times or bad she would always say the Lord will provide and he always did.

Barbara leaves to cherish her memory her devoted husband, Willie L. Butler Jr.; and her daughters, Angela Morris (Stanley), Kimberly McCloud. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Clarke Brown Lawson (Taylor), La'Rae McCloud and Justin Morris; sisters, Rosemary Morris, Maxine Howard and Evonne Quiller (William); Sisters-in-law, Mildred Edwards of Chicago, Illinois and Sheila Smith; Nieces: LaKeytra Smith-Winn, Sharon Mosby, Contina Spencer, Adriene McRae, and Dyvonne King; nephews, Elliott Smith, Anthony Mosby, Isiah S. Morris III, Aaron Aikens Jr., Anthony Redmond and Andre D. Morris; a host of great-nieces and great-nephews, cousins and friends among them Ann Twiggs, Tammy Blathers, Veronica Hopkins and Vivian Coleman, along with her 4-legged grand-pups, Copa Lawson and Queenie McCloud.

“SOUPER SUNDAY”

from Libby Soffee

Our Block Captains did a super job on "Souper Sunday." Weather conditions were less than favorable in many ways. To add to the difficulties there was a need to provide help for one of our Captains facing both illness and a death in the family. Special arrangements were quickly made, and all went off without a hitch. A willing worker delivered the original flyers announcing the event, another neighbor volunteered to place the necessary box for donations at his house, and a group of folks made visits on foot, placing telephone calls and sending emails to make sure the residents of 25 houses were informed of the changes. One neighbor volunteered to take over Block Captain duties for as long as her help was required. This is the kind of "caring and sharing" behavior that has characterized the Carillon neighborhood since the beginning of my family's residence here, and as the Block Captain Committee Chair I would like to applaud the efforts of our Block Captains and those who volunteer to help them "go the extra mile" whenever needed. Thanks to one and all!

from Joe Wilck

Pictures not as good this year, combo of photographer and use of round tables instead of the rectangular ones. We used different vehicles this year, so a bit tricky to tell, but I think donations were close to last year.

Thanks to the block captains, Libby, the box delivery driver (Eileen) and the food pick up/delivery folks - Tim, Fred, Buddy, Beth and Zeke. Thanks to Sally Rollins for being church POC and Gary and Leora for publicity.



The CCA holiday season kicked off with two fun events, our CCA holiday party with the theme “Holiday Around the World” and, back by popular demand, our CCA Holiday Carriage Ride. Our CCA neighbors had a wonderful time enjoying music, learning line dancing, and eating food from around the world. The 360-photo booth was a huge hit among our guests, as everyone spread holiday cheer.

The CCA Holiday Carriage Ride was also another fun and successful event, as we saw lots of children and new families in our neighborhood enjoy an afternoon of family fun.

A huge thank you to the CCA board of directors, particularly Pam Smith and Susan Meyers for an outstanding job with the CCA Holiday Party. Thank you to Melissa Dilworth our CCA President, for an outstanding job coordinating our CCA Holiday Carriage Ride.

Holiday party



Carriage ride



NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION

from Karen Townsend

Our beautification committee is pleased to share that the Richmond Tree Stewards successfully completed three days of pruning in late January and early February. The Tree Stewards' diligent work has significantly improved the health and attractiveness of street trees in the southern portion of the neighborhood and they will be returning to work north of Douglasdale Rd as time permits.

Looking ahead, we are planning a series of upcoming activities designed to further enhance our community spaces. At least two Saturday workdays are being scheduled for this spring—please watch for email announcements with specific dates and details. We welcome additional volunteers to assist with our new tree planting, mulching, and pruning to spruce up our neighborhood entryways and common areas ahead of Arts in the Parks. After the event, the committee will continue its work with initiatives like invasive vine removal and garden area renovations.



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 not publish any submission. Please submit all articles or event notices by the seventh of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter. Events with admission fees cannot be advertised.

CCA 2025 MEMBERSHIP

CCA membership dues are \$10 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 \$10, 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	Melissa Dillworth 358-9279
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Director	Gary Smith 757-532-3839
Director	Pam Smith 467-7283
Director	Sri Talluri 717-578-4425
Director	Tracy Ward 837-8980

STANDING COMMITTEES/CHAIRS

Beautification	Karen Townsend 357-4292
Block Captains	Libby Soffee 358-8053
City Liaison	Paige Quilter 241-6066
Communications	Gary Smith 757-532-3839 Leora Copeland
Donations	Zeke Brody 703-964-7749
Historian	Christina Draper 852-1002 Sarah Janeczek 240-462-3179
Membership	Pamela Smith 467-7283
Events	Melissa Dilworth 358-9279

OTHER CCA CONTACTS

Communications Mgr	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



and water. Thank you!

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

CCA BLOCK CAPTAINS

Blanton Avenue		Tracy Ward 837-8980
Bute Lane	3100	Mary Frye 370-1688
Bute Lane	3200	Janet Goff 822-0668
Carillon Court		Joe & Eileen Wilck
Carrolton Street		Ivory Tucker 355-4555
Condie Street	2900	Panos & Amira Andonyadis 703-209-8884, 651-3226
Condie Street	3000	
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	Audrey Charity 804 614-7857
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	Audrey Charity 804 614-7857
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 677-3199
Kanawha Trace		Peggy Siegel 291-7785
Maplewood Avenue		Jessica Lindsay 651-9449
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 573-5076
S. Belmont Ave		Debbie Bell 269-4993
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 687-1874
Sunset Ln		Chad Young 353-8334
Walpole St		Panos & Amira Andonyadis 703-209-8884, 651-3226

CCA Board Meetings

Regular Board Meetings are held at Unity Church on Blanton Ave. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 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@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 Civic Association

2025 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 annual membership are due on or before January 1, but will be accepted year-round.

\$10.00 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

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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@rva. gov*
Council Liaison Amy Robins, *amy. robins@rva. gov*, 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.