



# Riverside News

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**ATTEND THE NEXT WHCA MEETING**

**February 22 @ 7 pm**  
*Tuesday - Woodland Heights Baptist Church  
 W. 31st & Springhill*

- Agenda Highlights:  
*Update from City on Community Garden Project & demonstration of Customer Service System*

*More details on pg. 6.*

*You must have paid your dues to vote. If you intend to pay your dues at the meeting, please arrive early & submit them to Vicky Steinruck or Diana Scully.*

## Plans for New Fire Station on Semmes Ave.

The existing Fire Station No. 17 is currently located on Bainbridge Street in the Old South Planning District. Built in 1917 for horse drawn equipment, this one story brick frame building has been in continuous use without any major renovations. Fire Station No. 17 has significant operational deficiencies and substantial on-going facility maintenance problems reflective of a ninety-three year old facility.

The Richmond Fire Department will replace the existing fire station with a new one located at 2211 Semmes Avenue. this new fire station will be built to meet the ever expanding demands of a modern fire department. The completion date for this project is September 2012. For more info go to

<http://www.richmondgov.com/Fire/documents/Station17QuickFacts.pdf>

## Forest Hill Yacht Club plans 2011 Regatta

The Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Park Improvement Committee met on January 4, for the purpose of planning the 2011 Forest Hill Yacht Club Regatta. They established May 14, 2011 as the date of this year's regatta and they have already planned a tentative program.

The Regatta was a fun event last year, with neighborhood teams competing, so start thinking about this year's Woodland Heights entries.



## Parts of Forest Hill Ave to be Closed for 2 Months

The Dept. of Public Utilities will be renewing cast iron natural gas mains in the west bound lane of Forest Hill Ave. from Roanoke St. to 47th St. This section of Forest Hill Avenue will be closed to through traffic from 7:30 am to 4 pm daily. Motorists are asked to follow all posted detour signs by taking Roanoke St. to Midlothian Turnpike. This project is expected to take approximately 60 days.

## Woodland Heights Civic Association

President — Vicky Steinruck— 233-7121  
 Vice President — Lynn McAteer — 231-2938  
 Secretary — Nancy Nisbet— 231-3403  
 Treasurer — Diana Scully — 232-8724

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Join our Neighborhood Message Board!  
 Go to the above web site & sign up to receive all the postings of news from your neighbors. It's a great way to find lost pets, recommendations for hired help & all the latest Woodland Heights news & Neighborhood Watch info. You can also visit the web site & search for specific subjects that are in the message archives.

For help contact Mugsy Lunsford —  
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[www.richmondgov.com](http://www.richmondgov.com)

## President's Page WHCA President, Vicky Steinruck



It's hard to believe it's time to write another message. I sure am looking forward to some warm weather to get back outside and work in my yard and I'm sure I'm not the only one feeling that way. As the seed and flower catalogues arrive, I'm inspired with new ideas for my yard. How many of them I accomplish remains to be seen.

It's time to pay your 2011 dues and I hope we have a better response this year. Last year only about 10% of the homes paid their dues. Since we were unable to get enough homes for a holiday house tour, it becomes more important that dues be paid as they will have to be used to help fund various projects like Sundays in the Park and Music in the Park. There is always a good turnout from Woodland Heights at these events and we want to be able to continue financially helping out with our sponsorships.

We now have a committee looking at various fundraising projects for WHCA. If you have any ideas, please let one of your officers know about it. Our phone numbers are listed in the newsletter so feel free to call. We still plan on having a Holiday Tour in 2011 but need your help to pull it off. If you know of someone's house in the neighborhood that you feel should be on the tour, ask that homeowner. A lot of times we don't feel that our home warrants being on the tour but others would love to see your home. If you are uncomfortable with asking someone to be on the tour, let your officers know who they are and we will contact them. We need to get an early start on finding houses. We already have several who have volunteered, mine included, who are willing to open their doors to help the association.

Look forward to seeing you at our meeting on February 22 at 7 pm. All meetings for 2011 will be at Woodland Heights Baptist Church, 31<sup>st</sup> and Springhill. With the Berryman Center up for sale, we felt that booking meetings at that site could be a risk if it is sold and the buyer does not want us to use the building. Hopefully, we'll be able to use that site in the future.

### Streetlight Update

Last spring, in response to the numerous break-ins in our neighborhood, I asked the City to look at all the streetlights in Woodland Heights to see if any changes needed to be made. In mid-December, I heard back from the City and they had determined several areas that needed work. I sent letters to the houses the City listed asking them to contact their neighbors and then the City as to their desires for more or revised lighting. There were four primary areas listed. The Ferncliff area asked that they not get additional lights but that the existing lights be repaired and adjusted to work properly. I have been told that the City took care of this. Other areas contacted the City with their desires so it appears that we got an adequate response. If you have additional concerns with lights in your area, contact the City. They will work with you to resolve your issues. This includes repairing burned out lights. Its easy to go online and request work through the City's Service Request system or to call the City.

### Neighborhood Watch?

Is there any interest in forming a new Neighborhood Watch? It has been a few years since there was an official committee. Any volunteers or suggestions? Contact Vicky Steinruck 233-7121, email: [vsteinruck@vaco.org](mailto:vsteinruck@vaco.org)

# Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate

Another Valentine's Day is almost upon us. What better way to show your someone special how much you love them then by getting them some chocolate. Yes, chocolates in the traditional form are fantastic, but here are some out of the box ideas you might want to think about this Valentine's Day.

**Beer** - Don't forget Men like Chocolate too. Especially when it comes in the form of a beer. Here are some great chocolate stouts you should think about trying this Valentine's Day.

Southern Tier Choklat ( Imperial Chocolate Stout) , Brooklyn Black Chocolate Stout , Blue and Gray Chocolate Raspberry Stout (local Va beer), Rogue Double Chocolate Stout

**Wine** - Ladies like wine. Ladies like Chocolate. What is better for the ladies this Valentine's Day than Chocolate Box Wines.

"Dark Chocolate" Shiraz (Baros sa Valley) - deep, garnet red, textured, powdery tannins and dark chocolate beneath a pastiche of coffee, apricot and liquorice. Pair with Rock salt encrusted, rare roast beef with sauteed garlic and parsley potatoes.

"Cherry Chocolate" GSM (Barossa Valley) - deep russet red, spice and cinnamon over a robust and generous body. It leaves a persistent lingering silky finish. Pair with game dishes such as water fowl, pheasant and venison, spicy pasta dishes and lamb.

"Strawberry Chocolate" Sparkling Shiraz - dark garnet, showing purple hues, luscious full bodied wine, with subtle tannin and an explosive mouthful of flavor. Pairs well with any after dinner plate of cheese, fig, fresh pear and savory crackers.

**Dessert Wine** - Here are some different types of dessert wines to satisfy your after dinner chocolate mood.

Choco Vine - is a fine French Cabernet subtly combined with a rich dark chocolate form Holland, paired together to create a decadent, silky smooth drink. It can be served on the rocks or chilled as the main ingredient to an array of sinful cocktails.

Horton Vineyards Blanco Xoco (local Va wine) White Wine with Chocolate Essence - Sweet chocolaty white wine made with Rkatsiteli, Vidal Blanc & Chocolate essence. Chocolate covered cherries gone wild!

Horton Vineyards Roio Xoco (local VA wine) Red Wine with Chocolate Essence - Touriga Nacional 88%, Syrah 8%, Norton 4% with a very small percentage of dark chocolate essence. It's like licking a Raspberry Tootsie Roll Pop!

Cooper Vineyards Noche (local VA wine) - Cooper's famous CHOCOLATE dessert wine. Virginia Norton infused with essence of chocolate.

**Chocolate** (in the **traditional** form) - Now on to the real Chocolate!

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## Neighborhood News

### **Coming Soon: The Crust and Cream**

BY DENA SPRUILL , Richmond Magazine.com

Date posted: 1/27/11 11:31 AM

Redwan Saif, owner of Westover Hills' newest comfort food spot, The Crust and Cream, is busy preparing for its opening in about a week. After 18 years of working at delis and restaurants in New York and Virginia, Saif decided it was time to open his own place.

The Crust and Cream (230-5555), located at the site of the former Westover Mercedes Service on the corner of West 47th Street and Forest Hill Avenue, is his first restaurant venture. This Italian-American eatery promises to serve hand-made pizzas and burgers and made-to-order subs. "We make the best Philly cheese steak in Richmond," Saif asserts.

The kitchen is partially exposed, so diners can watch as their food is prepared from a small dining area. And there's no need to worry about mass-produced burgers and pre-made frozen patties. "We hand-make our burgers while you wait," says Saif. Pizzas will feature the restaurant's signature sauce and dough. For non-meat eaters, The Crust and Cream will offer a variety of salads as well as vegetables grilled with olive oil.

Most menu items are less than \$10, and the \$3 children's meal includes an entrée, a drink, French fries, and ice cream for dessert. (The restaurant's ice cream, available in seasonal flavors, comes from The Homestead Creamery in Southwest Virginia.)

With delivery service and prices that fit this recent college graduate's budget, it might just make my hit list for cheap eats.

### **News from the Westover Hills Library Advisory Group**

Submitted by Laura Dysart

If you haven't been in to see your newly renovated library- you must do so! You will want to grab a book or magazine and make yourself comfortable! The staff is excited to be back and the parking lot has been full!

**Save the Date: Yuri's Night** (a very popular annual event at the Westover Hills Library!) Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm.

On April 12, 1961, Russian born Yuri Gagarin was the first human to orbit the Earth, and this accomplishment is celebrated all over the world each year on April 12 (our celebration will be the 9<sup>th</sup> because Saturdays work better!) Come have a pizza dinner at the library, make space crafts, free drawing for cool "space stuff," watch an educational DVD, check out space-related books, leave with project information and other goodies, and hopefully we will once again have the Richmond Astronomical Society talk to us and set up telescopes outside to view planets and stars towards the end of the event (not confirmed and weather dependent). Please call 646-8833 for more information about this and other programming. Stop by the library at the beginning of each month and pick up a "Check it Out" which details all the events at all branch libraries for the month.

Please join the Westover Hills Library Advisory Group- meetings are held the first Saturday of each month in the meeting room of the library at 9:00 a.m. Visit [www.whlag.org](http://www.whlag.org) for more information.

**Garden Tilling** – 35¢ sq. ft. - \$20 minimum  
Call 231-3403 or email: [rrrestore@aol.com](mailto:rrrestore@aol.com)  
Karen Murphy

Thanks to everyone who contributed sweaters, stuffing and bobbles for the Kindergarten velveteen bunny project and for games donated for the Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts. All were a great thrill for the teachers and children. Your support really helps make a difference in the educational experience for the children, many of whom are your neighbors.  
Thank You! Lee Shewmake

### **The Latest Art Room Wish List: Patrick Henry School**

Please contact: [achambli@richmond.k12.va.us](mailto:achambli@richmond.k12.va.us) with any Q's. Thanks!

National Geographic Magazines  
Hot Glue Guns and hot glue gun stix  
Plastic or paper Egg Cartons  
Large Paper Cutter - cuts at least 24" sq.  
Heavy Vinyl or Oilcloth for Art Tables  
Pipe cleaners ( Chenille Stems )  
Assorted colors of Embroidery Thread  
Electric Pencil Sharpener  
Tissue Paper- all colors

Popsicle sticks  
Foam Brushes  
Paper plates  
Bottle caps, Buttons  
Beads  
Wire @ 16-24 gauge  
Dowel Rods, any size  
Extra large Ziploc bags

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb. 22	<u>WHCA Meeting</u> - 7pm Woodland Heights Baptist Church	April 1	Riverside News deadline for next issue
March 11 & 18	Beer, Wine, Music Once Upon a Vine South 5-8	April 26	<u>WHCA Meeting</u> - 7pm Woodland Heights Baptist Church

LOOK FOR DETAILS OF ALL THESE EVENTS IN THIS ISSUE OF THE RIVERSIDE NEWS

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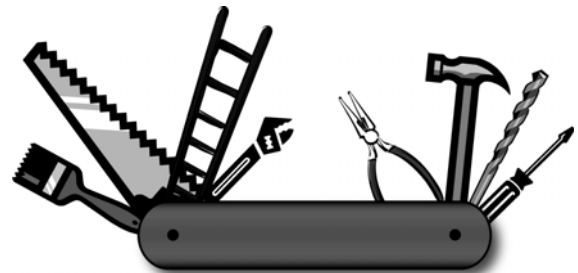
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# Woodland Heights Civic Association News

## Minutes of Woodland Heights Civic Association Meeting on November 30, 2010

Submitted by Nancy Nisbet, Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Vicky Steinruck at 7 pm.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the minutes and the Treasurer's report be accepted as published in the September newsletter.

### Announcements & Updates:

- Update on new Fire Station to be built on Semmes Ave. – suggestions on the proposed plan were submitted, went to Commission of Architectural Review on 11/23/10.
- City has a Community Garden Coordinator, who will be invited to a WHCA meeting to discuss the program - 26<sup>th</sup> & Semmes identified as potential site.
- Vicky requested the Public Works Dept. to evaluate all city street lights in the neighborhood.
- Update on Patrick Henry School – discussed fundraising campaign & renovation schedule. The School Board has finally signed a lease for the Patrick Henry Building. Plans include occupying the building by late summer 2012.
- City sponsored Parks & Rec. holiday events were announced.
- Parks & Rec. Foundation – Enrichmond – is a 501c3 organization that is establishing a fundraising campaign to fund scholarships.

Stacey Rogers, a Richmond Police Officer who mainly patrols the Forest Hill Park area, introduced himself. He gave out his cell phone number, 972-2688, and said call if you see anything suspicious. He took questions & announced that Sector 312 has a new Second Lieutenant, Stephen McQuail.

It was suggested that WHCA spend \$300 on holiday gift baskets for the Police & Fire Dept. to show our appreciation. It was voted on and approved.

WHCA officers were then elected. Lynn McAteer was re-elected as Vice President & Diana Scully was re-elected as Treasurer.

Neighborhood Watch was brought up by a resident. Questions were asked about the reality of getting it organized again & recruiting a coordinator. It was suggested that a request should be put on website & in newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned.

### 2011 WHCA Meeting Schedule:

All meetings will be at the Woodland Heights Baptist Church at W.31st & Springhill – 7 pm

**February 22**  
**April 26**  
**June 28**  
**Sept 27**  
**Nov 29**

Meetings will be in lunch room. Enter the usual door and turn right. Take next right and then left. Will put up signs.

### WHCA Meeting Agenda, February 22, 2011

- 7:00 Open meeting/Announcements
- 7:10 Treasurer's/ Secretary's Reports
- 7:20 Committee Updates
- 7:30 Update from City on Community Garden Project (invited)
- 8:00 Demonstration of City's Customer Service System
- 8:30 Meeting Ends

**According to the by-laws of the Woodland Heights Civic Association you must be a resident and a paying member of the association in order to vote at association meetings. So, if you want an active say in what your neighborhood association does just pay your dues of only \$15 per year, per household.**

**WOODLAND HEIGHTS CIVIC ASSOCIATION\*\*BOX 8866\*\*RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23225**  
**Annual Report—December 31, 2010**  
 Submitted by Diana Scully, Treasurer

<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2010</b>						<b><u>\$21,999.07</u></b>
	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	Total	
<b>Revenue:</b>						
Membership Dues	\$ 437.60	\$ 134.26	\$ 193.52	\$ 63.81	\$ 829.19	
Ads	1,632.00	489.75	168.00	56.50	2,346.25	
House Tour (2009)	156.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	156.00	
Sales	49.43	54.91	12.50	9.41	126.25	
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>2,275.03</u></b>	<b><u>678.92</u></b>	<b><u>374.02</u></b>	<b><u>129.72</u></b>	<b><u>3,457.69</u></b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>						
Association	\$ 303.84	\$ 318.39	331.72	300.00	\$1,253.95	
Newsletter	472.50	945.00	-0-	945.00	2,362.50	
House Tour (2009)	1,545.55	-0-	100.00	-0-	1,645.55	
Contributions*	1,013.00	1,000.00	450.00	110.06	2,573.06	
WHCA Merchandise	382.93	-0-	-0-	-0-	382.93	
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>3,717.82</u></b>	<b><u>2,263.39</u></b>	<b><u>881.72</u></b>	<b><u>1,355.06</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,217.99</u></b>	
<b>Cash Balance December 31, 2011</b>						<b><u>\$17,238.77</u></b>

**\*Contributions**

Patrick Henry Charter School	\$1,013.00
Berryman Center	100.00
Woodland Heights Baptist Church	100.00
Music in the Park	600.00
Harvey Family Plaque	200.00
Friends of Forest Hill Park	300.00
Sunday in the Park	150.00
Annual Night Out	110.06
	<b>2,573.06</b>

**Commitments for Future Projects/Contributions**

Semmes Avenue Signage	\$6,250.00
Tree Program	2,500.00
	<b>8,750.00</b>

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Do you have any problems with the delivery of this or any previous newsletter? Our goal is for every household to get their copy by the weekend before the next WHCA meeting-which is Feb. 22. Contact Joy Simpson at 320-2451 or email: [joysrichmond@verizon.net](mailto:joysrichmond@verizon.net)

Post your neighborhood School News here in your Woodland Heights newsletter. Meetings, fundraisers, events? Call Kathy Herrell at 232-7656 to publish your news. We also offer free classified announcements – 3 line limit.

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**Chocolates by Kelly** (locally made in Westover Hills)

Chocolate is not a luxury, it's a way of life, at least for Kelly Walker and her ardent followers it is. Her family tree is chocolate dipped and she continues and grows the tradition by hand-crafting each of her lovelies by hand. Salted caramels, cranberry vodka cordials and many many more confections are awaiting you. Available upstairs at the new Taza's Coffee shop, 5047 Forest Hill Ave. (full selection of chocolates available here) or at Once Upon a Vine South (sets of 9 assorted or dark chocolate only)

**Gearhart's Chocolates** - (Va product)

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We hope this helped show you that Chocolate comes in many different forms, and possibly gave you a new Chocolatey Valentine's Day gift idea. All items listed above will be available at Once Upon a Vine South. Please stop by if you need any other Valentine's suggestions.

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