

As temperatures rise, the neighborhood gets busy with favorite events.

SAVE THE DATE: WHNA YARD SALE

June 4, 8:00 AM -12:00 PM

Whether you have a basement-load of unused kitchen gadgets and furniture or you love looking for a deal, the WHNA Yard Sale is back again! We've coordinated with the Forest Hill and Woodland Heights neighborhoods to entice even more shoppers to hit our tree-lined streets for shoppaforia! Scan the QR code below or sign up online at https://forms.gle/ NacVHo62kj91uxci6. Alternately, you can email your name and address to westoverhillsna@gmail.com to be included in advertising and the map, all free to you!



MUSIC IN THE PARK RETURNS

What's better than a Sunday evening in Forest Hill Park with great music and time with neighbors? MITP hosted some dates last fall, but this year, they're bringing back a full schedule! Concerts are from 6-8 PM, except for September and October which are from 4-6 PM.

- May 8 Mother's Little Helper, (Stones Tribute band)
- June 5 Super Sugar Beats (70s Bubble Gum Rock)
- July 17 Boulevardiers (60s &70s deep cut Classic Rock)
- August 7 Unity Sound Reggae Band (Reggae)

- September 11 -Rob Williams (Alt-Country)
- October 2 -Afro-Zen (Afro funk, groove)

hour to spare, and are interested in an easy volunteer opportunity, email Whit Clements at clements.whit@gmail.



THE 4TH OF JULY CHILDREN'S **PARADE**

Plans are once again underway for the annual 4th of July Children's Parade. Volunteers to help with set up. breakdown and during the party would be greatly appreciated. Email Carrie Rogers at shawbelt@gmail.com, if you're interested in helping! ■

CALENDAR

April 30 - May 1 Arts in the Park

May 10 WHNA meeting (Time and location TBD)

June 4 8:00 AM -12:00 PM WHNA, Forest Hill and Woodland Heights Yard Sales

June 5 6-8pm Music in the Park: Super Sugar Beats June 14 WHNA meeting (Time and location TBD)

July 11 WHNA meeting (Time and location TBD)



SHAW MACDOUGALL

Dear neighbors,

The first few months of 2022 brought chilly temperatures and lots of buyers to Westover Hills. Interest in the neighborhood is increasing every day but inventory is at an all-time low, creating bidding wars and escalating prices.

If you are considering selling your home, I would be honored to help you best position your property and negotiate the most competitive offer. It has never been more important to have a seasoned agent on your side!

WESTOVER HILLS	SOLD PRICE	SALES DATE
PROPERTY	\$505,000	3/10/2022
5323 Sylvan Rd	\$530,000	3/18/2022
5414 Dorchester Rd	\$532,500	2/9/2022
5000 King William Rd	\$536,700	3/8/2022
5030 Sylvan Rd	\$550,000	1/31/2022
4707 King William Rd		or of ACTIVE listings

AVERAGE sold price: \$530,840 MEDIAN SOLD price: \$532,500 Average days on market = 7

Current number of ACTIVE listings = 0 Current number of PENDING sales = 3 Total CLOSED sales 1/1/2022-3/21/2021 = 5

WESTOVER HILLS WEST	SOLD PRICE	SALES DATE
PROPERTY	\$577,600	1/28/2022
5613 Langdon Court	\$750,000	2/18/2022
5624 Langdon Court		of ACTIVE listings

AVERAGE sold price: \$663,800 MEDIAN SOLD price: \$663,800 Average days on market = 7

Current number of ACTIVE listings = 0 Current number of PENDING sales = 1 Total CLOSED sales 1/1/2022-3/21/2021 = 2

Information derived from CVR MLS and represents sales for the period January 1, 2022 through March 21, 2022. All information deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

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Meet your WHNA Board!

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held recently and we'd like to thank
these folks who have volunteered to
help steer the WHNA through 2022.
This is a great way to give back to the
community you love, so consider joining
the board when elections are held in
December.

MILES KELLER

PRESIDENT

I've lived in Westover Hills for 6 years, and share a household with my wife Devyn, son Ewan, and our pets Juno (dog) and Calypso (cat). I'm big into conservation and creating habitats for life both big and small, and really love our neighborhood for the abundance of life right outside our doors. On top of that, I believe that civic engagement and growing the bonds of our community are critical in building a better society and world at large. I originally stepped in to contribute in previous years as Governance Chair, Secretary, and Vice

President, and hope to be a resource for the neighborhood as President this year. See you around the 'hood!

VIRGINIA BERTHOLET

VICE PRESIDENT

Virginia grew up in Staunton but has lived in NYC & LA, working in the film and advertising businesses. Returning here 25 years ago to work at The Martin Agency, she has lived on the fabulous block of 4700 King William for over 18 years. Now freelancing and teaching film at VCU, she works from home and loves access to the river and park, as well as the commercial district on FH Ave. She shares her home with 2 dogs who love the neighborhood too.

FRAN ECKENRUDE

SECTRETARY

A native Virginian, Fran returned to Virginia from Kalamazoo, Michigan after a career in the pharmaceutical industry. Several pre-move scouting

visits identified the Westover Hills neighborhood as one of Richmond's gems. The move to Sylvan Rd in August, 2021 has not disappointed. Friendly human and canine residents, charming homes, walkable streets and nearby river parks make WH an ideal place to live. Fran joined the WHNA Board to meet neighbors and participate in neighborhood activities, especially supporting neighborhood schools.

MELISSA BUTLER

TREASURER

Melissa has lived in Westover Hills for the past 30+ years. She recently retired after 24 years with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and has been active on the WHNA Board since 2010 as Treasurer. In her free time, she likes gardening, cooking when family visit from Sweden and New England, reading historical novels from the library, biking and walking in the neighborhood and city parks. ■

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

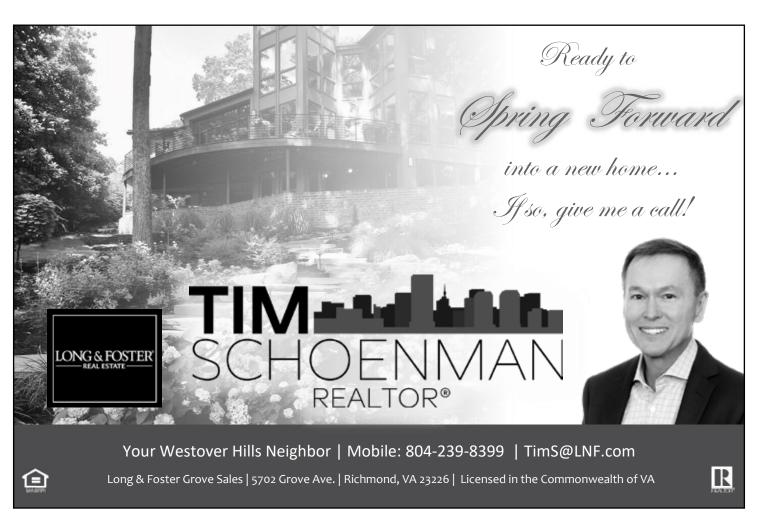
The WHNA and its wonderful events are made possible through the volunteer efforts of your neighbors! If you're interested in helping out with the neighborhood picnic, beautification or getting notified when there are new opportunities, sign up at https://bit.ly/WHNA-volunteer or use this QR code!



WHNA BEAUTIFICATION GROUP AND PROJECT START-UP

Last summer we were able, with the help of WHNA volunteers, to spruce up the medians on Westover Hills Boulevard around the brick markers and area near Forest Hill Avenue. The group successfully dug up weeds, trimmed shrubbery and planted flowers in three areas along the Boulevard. We are requesting volunteers (especially retirees) consider joining a special WHNA Beautification Group which could organize and oversee projects throughout the neighborhood utilizing other volunteers who may be willing to donate volunteer hours to assist with these projects. In previous years, WHNA beautification projects have been organized and facilitated by one individual (Robert Kelly). He would like to oversee an effort to involve others who are interested in working on projects which make our neighborhood a better place to live. If you are interested in joining this group, please email Robert at robmkelly1@gmail.com and he will add your name to our beautification group.

We would like to "kick off the year" by organizing a beautification project on the Boulevard in May. We will trim, mulch, and plant new flowers at the markers and area at the median location at the Boulevard and Forest Hill Road. If you are interested in assisting with this effort on a Saturday or two, please send Robert Kelly a message and he'll coordinate the specifics with all who send him a response on their willingness to help. ■







FOREST HILL PARK HAPPENINGS

DAVID TATE DAY OF SERVICE WAS HELD AT FOREST HILL PARK ON MARCH 19

By Chris Catanzaro, President, Friends of Forest Hill Park

David Tate was an arborist in Richmond who passed away in 2013 at the age of 36. Subsequently, an annual day of service was established in his memory. Arborists from a number of tree care companies participate in this event every year, along with Richmond Tree Stewards volunteers, other community volunteers, and staff from Richmond Parks and Recreation. This year the park selected for tree maintenance was Forest Hill Park. It was exciting to see so much work performed in the park in just four hours. Five volunteers (Tree Stewards and others) did structural pruning and right-of-way clearance pruning on nearly forty trees, mostly small to medium sized ones, between Forest Hill Avenue and the Stone House. The Board of FFHP is extremely thankful to all the companies and organizations involved in this effort, and to all the professionals and volunteers who accomplished so much. Their efforts have made the park a safer place for all those who work and play in it. Furthermore, the work has improved the aesthetics of the front portion of the park considerably.





The canopy was raised on this Southern magnolia to improve safety and aesthetics. Pictured above is Cathy, one of the students/volunteers in the 2022 Tree Stewards class.

A large piece of tree limb is being lowered from the top of one of the trees near the Stone House.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FOREST HILL PARK

WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC FOREST HILL NEIGHBORHOOD

10:00 AM, May 14

Meet Matt Zipperer and Chris Catanzaro at the Stone House in Forest Hill Park to learn about the history of Forest Hill Park. We will then walk through parts of Forest Hill neighborhood, with many stops and stories along the way. Comfortable walking shoes and water recommended. Length: 1.5-2 hrs. Questions: 804.922.1288

INVASIVE PLANT WORK DAY IN FOREST HILL PARK

10:00 AM, May 28

Join Friends of Forest Hill Park board members for up to two hours of removal of ivy and other invasive plants. We meet on the FHA side of the park near Roanoke St. and the historic neighborhood sign. We recommend wearing long pants and closed toe shoes. Bring gloves, pruners and water if you can. Questions? 804.922.1288



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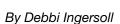
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NEIGHBORHOOD Watch



Happy Spring Ya'll! It's great to be able to get out and enjoy the nice weather we've been having and seeing our neighbors out and about! Unfortunately, this also brings out our pesky car door handle checkers!

Don't become the victim of someone rifling through your car! Please remember to lock your car doors, remove any valuables (or something someone may perceive as something of interest such as \$10 drugstore sunglasses, loose change and the like, or even your car!). And don't

forget to lock your houses, gates, sheds and garages.

Be aware of what's happening in the neighborhood, especially on your block. Get to know your neighbors so you start to recognize when something might not be normal so you can question it.

If you see something, say something. Call 9-1-1 or the non-emergency number 804.646.5100.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and SAFE spring! ■



Upcoming Meetings: May 10, June 14, July 11

WHNA's regular monthly meetings are the second Tuesday of each month. Hopefully we'll start meeting in-person, so stay tuned for times and locations. Have you become a member of the WHNA? It's only \$15 per household and helps fund events like the neighborhood picnic and the 4th of July Children's Parade and neighborhood beautification efforts.

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MESSAGE FROM KRISTEN LARSON

Fourth District City Council Member

I hope everyone is healthy and well. As we enter Spring, two very important Richmond City Council processes - the 2021/2022 Richmond Decennial Voter District Redistricting and the FY23 Richmond Government Budget - are underway. City Council will be taking public comments on the draft redistricting plan through April 25th. Redistricting is critical to ensuring equality of representation for all voting residents in elections for City Council members, Richmond Public School Board members, and the mayor. Please visit Richmond's Redistricting webpage (https://www.rva.gov/richmond-city-council/redistricting) to learn more about the process, view upcoming meetings, and share your valuable input.

The next few months are a busy time for Council as we analyze and deliberate over the mayor's proposed FY 2023 Richmond Government Budget. I invite you to follow our meeting schedule posted online (https://www.rva.gov/richmond-city-council/richmond-budget) and engage with my office on topics and specific budget items that are significant to you. I will be sharing my priorities as well as general budget updates in newsletters and district meetings.

The city is accepting new applications for the Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled program. Residents are eligible for tax relief or a tax freeze if, as of 2021, they:

- Are 65 years of age or older or permanently disabled;
- Own and live in their own home;
- Have an annual household income less than \$60,000;
- Have owner and spouse assets totaling less than \$350,000 (excluding the value of their home and one acre of land); and
- · Are current on their real estate taxes.

Applications for first -time applicants and hardship cases will be considered through June 15th. Please note that recertification applications for current program participants were due March 31st. To learn more about the program, download application and recertification forms, and read a helpful FAQ, visit www.rva.gov/finance/assistance. If you or a loved one is unsure of whether you should apply, recertify, or reapply call (804) 646-6015. ■

Westover Hills Elementary School Update

The Westover Hills PTA is seeking funding for the creation of a mural in collaboration with Hamilton Glass. Please consider a donation to fund their efforts! Donations are tax-deductible and can be made on-line at: https://whesbeavers.memberhub.com or you can write a check to Westover Hills PTA and place it in the mailbox at 4718 King William Road. In both cases, please note in the comment section that your donation is for the WHES mural.

A WHES Yard Sale will be held April 30 (rain date May 21) on the school grounds. Volunteers and donated items are welcome. People can email *yardsale@westoverhillspta.org* if they have items to donate or would like to volunteer.

All interested individuals can join the WHES PTA for \$10 per year at the website above. It is a great way to stay informed about fundraising and other activities.

Many thanks to our neighbors who have supported Westover Hills Elementary School in recent months. Thanks to your generosity, we provided thirty-five Food Lion gift cards to families over the Holiday break, numerous popular books for the Book Vending machine, clothing and toiletries for the CIS coordinator to distribute, and boxes of Valentines cards for kids to give in a program focused on friendship and love.

A special thanks to Fran Eckenrode, Louise Freedman, Theresa Gibbons, Pixie Hamilton, and Gil Lugbill for the many hours preparing and assembling 375 packets for Read Across America Day!





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President's Column

by Miles Keller

pring is definitely upon us! I know any of you who are sensitive to the early pollen (myself included) can literally feel it in the air. However, the green sheen does mean new life growing all around us, and that's something to celebrate and enjoy! Animals coming out to forage, those first garden sprouts tucked neatly into pots and beds, and folks taking advantage of the sunshine and warmth. It is one of my favorite times of the year to walk with the family and see what everyone is working on.

As you might be doing some spring cleaning, put aside those boxes for the Yard Sale, which will be on June 4th this year. We've coordinated that date with Forest Hill and Woodland Heights Neighborhood Associations to draw visitors from all over the city,

so be prepared for some bargainhunters! I will be posting a form to social media, our website, and the email distribution list where you can share your address for public posting as a yard sale destination.

Along with making time to get outside and dust off some old items for the yard sale, I encourage everyone to go check out the South of the James Farmers Market at Forest Hill Park, currently on Sundays from 10:00am-1:00pm. Along with straight-from-the-farm produce (which decreases our collective carbon footprint and supports our local small farmers), there is always amazing food, drink, and so much more from local vendors. Our support is integral in encouraging the vendors and coordinators to keep working

to maintain and grow this wonderful resource for our community. I hope to see you all out there!

Finally, while we are working to have some in-person monthly meetings this summer (keep an eye out on Facebook and email for more info), See the pinned post on the WHNA Facebook page or our email updates for the link and time and for links to past meetings. It's a great way to learn about opportunities for folks to get involved outdoors, helping to conserve and create in support of our neighborhood and the greater Richmond community.

Thanks, and see you around the 'hood!

Miles Keller WHNA President

By Debbi Ingersoll

We welcomed these lovely neighbors who chose to make Westover Hills (aka "Bestover Hills") their new home in 2022!

Alexander and Paula Koziol

5613 Langdon Court

Oxana Palesh

5624 Langdon Court Lia Bartol

5323 Sylvan Road

Michael Wall and Frances Sarrett 5000 King William Road

Robert and Jaclyn Forrester 5030 Sylvan Road



If you are a Welcome Committee volunteer or would like to be on the committee, please email *Debbi.ingersoll@gmail.com* as we will be starting up our welcome bag delivery again in the coming months. ■





WESTOVER HILLS LIBRARY EVENTS

Hello Westover Hills Neighborhood! I'm Ashley Edmiston, the children's programmer at Westover Hills Library, and I'm excited to announce that inperson programming is returning this spring (see below).

This year's Summer Reading theme is **Oceans of Possibilities**. Be sure to drop by the library between June 4th and August 6th to register for the program and participate in all the fun ocean-themed activities we have to offer. Take a look at what's happening at Westover Hills Library:

POPULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Book Babies: Tuesdays at 10:30 AM Ages 6 months - 2

Preschool Storytime: Thursdays at 10:30 AM Ages 2 – 6

WESTOVER HILLS CRAFTS:

GRADES K-5

May 11, 4:00 PM - Paper Koinobori

These fun carp streamers are used to celebrate Children's Day, a national holiday in Japan that takes place on May 5th.

June 8, 4:00 PM – Marbled Seashell Painting

This month we will be painting seashells using shaving cream and food coloring.

July 13, 4:00 PM - Porthole Sun Catchers

Bring the excitement of underwater exploration home with you this month as we make porthole sun catchers.

WESTOVER TEENS:

GRADES 6-12

June – Sea Life Confetti Bookmarks
Pick up this take and make kit starting
June 1st. Kits are available all month
while supplies last.

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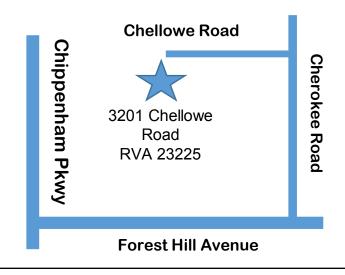
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WHNA 2021 Holiday Decor Contest

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https://westover-hills.org/ whna-holidaydecorations-2021/



Winner: 5002 Evelyn Byrd Road Residents: Karen and Steve Astrop

Judges" comment: "White lights cascading from a dormer window brilliantly illuminate a welcoming entrance and beautiful wreath..."

Honorable mention:

4715 Devonshire Road

BEST TREE (NIGHT)

Winner: 5221 Devonshire Road Residents: Cathy and Jerry Gaffney

"While not the largest lighted tree that we saw, this was the most thoughtfully decorated..."

MOST CREATIVE DECORATIONS (NIGHT)

Winner: 4703 Sylvan Road Residents: Jimmy and Melissa McMillan

Judges' comment: "Curtains of blue light and large white snowflakes give a 21st Century look to a traditional brick house..."

Honorable mention:

4902 New Kent Road





BEST OVERALL DECORATIONS (NIGHT)

Winner: 5223 Sylvan Road Residents: Brian Turner and Antony

Coukos

Judges' comment: "A flood-lit platoon of toy soldiers, trees with giant snowflake lights and much, much more... fantastic!"

Honorable mentions:

5215 Devonshire Road, 5003 Evelyn Byrd Road

BEST DOOR DECORATIONS (DAY)

Winner: 5305 New Kent Road
Residents: Jim and Lawson Laiche

Judges' comment: "Candy cane-striped columns flank a door adorned with a red and golden wreath that sparkles in the afternoon sunlight."

Honorable mention:

5628 St. James Court

BEST WREATH (DAY)

Winner: 5113 New Kent Road Residents: Allison Smith and Carter Santos

Judges' comment: "Abundant baubles create a festive welcome on a bright blue door."

Honorable mention:

5628 Langdon Court

MOST CREATIVE DECORATIONS (DAY)

Winner: 5005 New Kent Road

Resident: Maria Tabb

Judges' comment: "Non-traditional holiday colors and shiny objects make a wide front porch festive and welcoming."

Honorable mention:

5011 Evelyn Byrd Road

BEST OVERALL DECORATIONS (DAY)

Winner: 5700 Regent Circle Resident: Patricia Wescott

Judges' Comment: "Families of reindeer and snowpeople lead to an inviting front porch with shiny ornaments and more decorative objects.



Membership Form



Join or renew for 2022

(January 1 - December 31)

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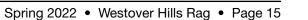


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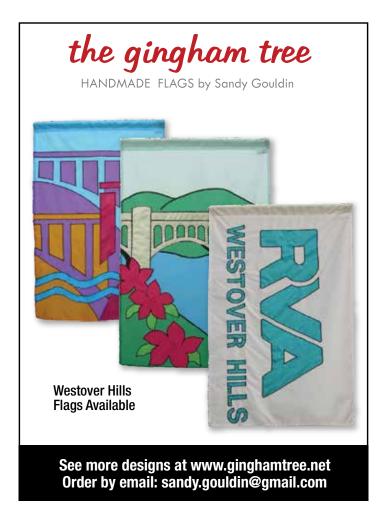
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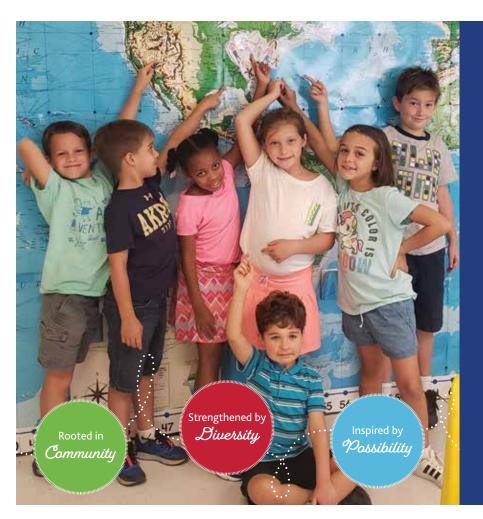


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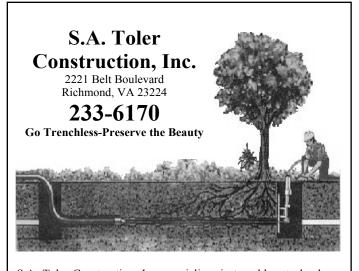
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Board of Directors & Contacts

Our next WHNA meetings will be held May 10, June 14 and July 11. Stay tuned for time and location. Check our WHNA Facebook page or www.westover-hills.org for more info.

Officers Terms of office begin December 2021 and run through the end of 2022

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WESTOVER HILLS RESIDENTS DID IT AGAIN!

By Dick Bragg

On December 23rd Lynn Greer (on Riverside Dr) and her kids loaded up two SUVs and hauled nearly 1,000 pounds of food to Feed More, Richmond's food bank. And that delivery provided over 1,000 meals to those in need.

One in ten central Virginians is food insecure, meaning they often run out of food before their next pay check arrives. And that number grew during the worst part of the pandemic.

So thank you to Lynn and her kids, and thanks to each of you who donated food items.

We hope Lynn & family will keep this going for many more years. ■

