

WHNA Gearing Up for a Year Full of Fun!



NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

Saturday, May 13 Rain date, May 14 4:00-7:00pm Prince Arthur at New Kent

The Westover Hills Neighborhood Picnic is back on! Despite our effort

and excitement last year, the picnic had to be canceled because of bad weather. This year we will proceed with the picnic on Saturday May 13, 2023 and have a raindate for Sunday May 14, 2023. It is held on the strip of Prince Arthur between New Kent Road and Evelyn Byrd Road.

CALENDAR

May 7 WHNA Home Tour 1:00-5:00pm May 13 WHNA Picnic 4:00-7:00pm June 3 WHNA Yardsale 8:00am-12:00pm There will be food, alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks, children's activities, live music, but most importantly hundreds of your neighbors to meet or reunite with. As we get closer to May 13, please look for the volunteer signup, as this event is not possible without volunteers.

Volunteers are welcomed to work the tables for hourly segments, and if you volunteer, your admission is free! Send an email to *briannezambriczki@gmail.com* if you'd like to sign up!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WHNA 2023 YARD SALE!

Saturday, June 3, 8:00am-12:00pm

Many thanks to Louise Freedman who is stepping up to lead this fun event! To be added to listings online and in the newspaper, please email *Ifreedman5111@gmail.com*, text (804) 477-4064 or use the form at this link: https://bit.ly/WHNA2023YardSale. This is a great way to clear out the clutter, and find your own new treasures! The Forest Hill Neighborhood yard sale is usually that same weekend, which will bring in even more customers! More info to come! ■

Dear neighbors,

Even with higher interest rates as we begin 2023, buyers are still itching to live in Westover Hills. Low inventory means continued demand, which leads to continued strong pricing. It is truly a unique time to be moving, and I would love to help you discover if this time is right for you.

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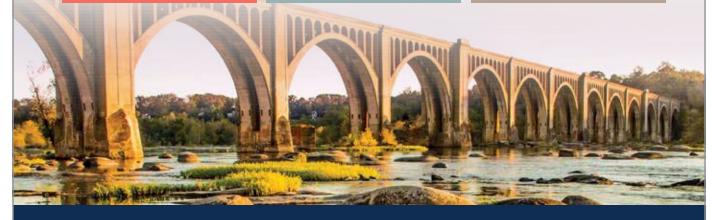




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The Westover Hills Home Tour is BACK

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023, 1:00-5:00 PM

We are well on our way planning a fabulous home tour and can't wait to feature a wide variety of homes on Sunday, May 7th, 2023! For those of you who are new to the neighborhood, the Home Tour is a volunteer-led fundraiser for the neighborhood in which homeowners generously open their show-stopping homes and yards for tours.

If you know of a house that would be a great addition to the tour, let us know! We have a few spots left, and time is running out!

It is a wonderful time to see homes you've always admired, meet your neighbors, and raise money for our community.

We hope you'll make time in your calendar for this special event.

We are currently seeking volunteers to:

- Help us identify potential homes to be part of the tour: Please reach out if you know of a house that would be a great addition to the tour!
- Be on the planning committee: help plan the event, select homes, organize volunteers.
- Help on the day of the event: We need House Captains, Tour Guides, and Ticket Sales.

All volunteers are invited to a post-tour cocktail reception

Contact Katherine Whitehead at Kgw5311@gmail.com to volunteer! This is a lot of fun, and an easy way to contribute to the neighborhood, and see the interiors of some of the most beautiful homes!

We are also looking for sponsors for this wonderful event! Your ad will be full color in the tour booklet issued to attendees, and your logo will be featured on our website and on Facebook. If interested, please contact Bruce Gould at bgould53@gmail.com for more information. ■





Welcome to all of our new neighbors who, since the New Year, have chosen Westover Hills (aka "Bestover Hills") as your new home! We look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you and hope that even in the midst of this pandemic, you've had an opportunity to meet some of the great people next door, on your street or throughout the neighborhood.

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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

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FOREST HILL PARK HAPPENINGS

FOREST HILL SPRING CLASSIC CHILDREN'S BIKE RACE IS RETURNING TO THE PARK!

SAVE THE DATE

Sun., April 23, 1-4 p.m.

This popular event finally returns after a long Covid-induced hiatus! This bike race aims to improve children's cycling skills and provide a safe and fun competitive event. Categories for children up to 12 years old are available. Practice dates April 13, 18 and 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Read more and register: www.friendsofforesthillpark.org/spring-classic.html

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2022 Holiday Decor Awards















were able to acknowledge the awesome fantasy world of lights and figures in the Kellys' front yard. Truly global in scope, it included everything from reindeer in the Arctic to flamingoes on a tropical island! Oh, and a terrific light-covered tree in front that could have been a winner in its own right!

DAYTIME AWARDS

BEST WREATH (A)

Winner: 5019 Caledonia Road Residents: Mark Allan Sneide

Judges' Comment: The best wreath isn't always on the front door. This one graced the wide brick and stone chimney on the front of a Tudor revival cottage. It was perfectly placed for its shiny ornaments to glisten in the morning sun.

BEST DOOR DECORATION (B)

Winner: 5015 Devonshire Road Residents: Susan and

Paul Cortes

Judges' Comment: These longtime Westover Hills residents posted life-sized, shiny nutcracker guardsmen on the front porch of their Devonshire cottage to greet holiday visitors.

MOST CREATIVE DECORATION (C)

Winner: 5641 St. James Court Residents: Kimberly and **Daniel Haas**

Judges' Comment: It was tough for us to get a photo that really captured the varied assortment of characters and critters assembled around a gift-laden front-porch Christmas tree at this home in Westover Hills West. Lots of originality on this one!

BEST OVERALL DECORATION (D)

Winner: 5624 St. James Court Residents: Edward and Ashleigh McDermott

Judges' Comment: When we delivered the yard sign to identify this Westover Hills West home as a winner, we were pleased to encounter Sean McDermott. a Trinity School student, who turned out to be the family member responsible for the varied and well-placed holiday displays in the front yard.

NIGHT-TIME AWARDS

BEST TREE DECORATION

Winner: 4623 Sylvan Road Residents: Elder Carey Watkinson and Chad Jerome

Judges' Comment: These residents didn't decorate just one tree. In addition to small trees wrapped uniquely in lights, they created two taller "trees" by stringing lights in the shape

of a Christmas tree from roofline to ground on either side of the façade of their two-story Colonial brick home. Regrettably, a photo for this home was not taken.

BEST DOOR DECORATION (E)

Winner: 5003 Evelyn Byrd Road Residents: Lauren and Ken Grap

Judges' Comment: We saw a lot of good-looking after-dark front doors, but this one stood out for the unusual and colorful oversized tree ornaments flanking the brilliantly lighted entrance and blue front door.

MOST CREATIVE DECORATION (F)

Winner: 5306 Caledonia Road Residents: Robert and

Sherry Kelly

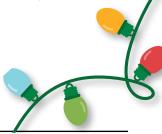
Judges' Comment: For years, Robert Kelly has made the WHNA annual holiday décor contest, happen--judging, photographing, and reporting the winners. Of course, his wonderful efforts at his and Sherry's own home were thus not eligible for an award. This year we made certain Robert had absolutely no input to the selection process, so we

BEST OVERALL DECORATION (G)

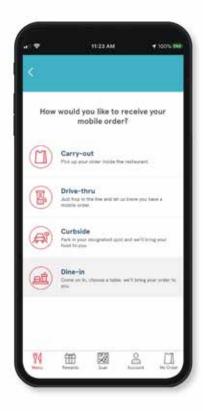
Winner: 4703 Sylvan Road Residents: Jimmie and Melissa McMillan

Judges' Comment: This was the second year for us judging the holiday decorations, and we intended not to give any repeat awards to last year's winners. But Jimmie McMillan, winner last year's most creative honors, just made us forget about that, by adding more of everything this year, especially the giant snowflakes on the house facade and the blizzard of white and blue lights blanketing the front yard. Wow!

Note: Residents' names are taken from the Richmond city assessor's property records. Apologies if any are inaccurate.



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MESSAGE FROM KRISTEN NYE

Fourth District City Council Member

DEAR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OF WESTOVER HILLS

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and that you're settling well into 2023!

The 4th District Office has hit the ground running this year and there are several important updates/reminders I wanted to share with you:

During our December 2022 meeting, City Council approved a proposal for a **one-time tax rebate**, which will be valued at 5 cents per \$1,000 in appraised value. You will need to pay your property tax bill in full and then you will automatically receive your rebate check directly to your mailing address – **no action is needed on your end to receive the rebate**. The rebate checks are projected to be mailed in early spring and I will keep you posted as I receive updates.

On the topic of property taxes, the City was recently able to change the Senior Tax Relief Program to allow applications to be received on a rolling basis. The basic qualifications for the program are that recipients must be 1) either 65 or older or permanently and totally disabled; 2) gross combined income of the property owner during the preceding tax year was not greater than \$60,000; and the total combined net value of assets can not exceed \$350,000 (excluding the value of the house). If you think you may qualify, you can find full information about the program under the "Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly & Disabled" tab at www.rva.gov/finance/assistance. Please contact our office if we can assist you in applying.

Similarly, on the topic of supporting seniors, I will be partnering with the City's Office of Aging & Disability Services to offer an **4th District Older Adults Fair on Friday, April 28th**. More information about the programming and community agencies that will attend is to come, but I wanted to be sure to get the date on your calendars!

Our office is receiving an increasing volume of requests to assist with issues related to **City services**, such as missed trash pickup or incorrect utility bill, and we are always happy to assist and/or provide the appropriate timeline for completion. When possible, it is extremely helpful if you are first able to submit a 311 ticket either by **calling 311** or online at **www.rva311.com**. The online option is particularly quick and we're typically able to expedite your issue most quickly when we are forwarding a resident-submitted ticket. You can simply forward the confirmation email or provide the ticket number and we will follow up accordingly.

On a more personal note, I wanted to share that my City Council colleagues elected me to be Vice President of City Council for the 2023-2024 term. While this is certainly a personal honor, I am most excited about the larger platform it will offer me to advocate for and uplift the 4th District. Our communities are extraordinary and filled with talented, passionate residents who make Richmond a better place to live. It is a true honor to serve as your representative and I look forward to continuing to be your voice at City Hall.

As always, please reach out to my office any time we can be helpful. You can call us at 804-646-5646 or reach us via email — kristen.nye@rva.gov and/or Timothy.Siverd@rva.gov (Liaison Timmy Siverd).

All my best, **Kristen Nye**Richmond City Councilmember – 4th Voter District ■





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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Frances Enckenrode

HEY NEIGHBORS!

Happy 2023!!! I hope your new year is beginning well. We are still experiencing winter, but spring is coming. If you look closely you will see Daffodils, Creeping Phlox and the occasional Dandelion already starting to bloom around the neighborhood.

As we move into the new year and begin planning activities in Westover Hills, I want to acknowledge 2022 Association President Miles Keller for his commitment and efforts this past year to orchestrate the workings of the Westover Hills Neighborhood Association. Even as his term came to an end, he worked diligently to encourage volunteers to step up and keep the board moving forward. Great job

Miles, and THANK YOU for all you do!!! I also want to acknowledge and thank Page Hayes*. She is the heart of the association, working in the background to manage communications and take care of many other duties.

The Westover Hills neighborhood is blessed with many residents who adopt events and activities and make them happen year after year. Many neighbors are continuing their service to the neighborhood in various board positions and several residents new to Westover Hills have stepped up to volunteer for the 2023 board. Thanks to the newbies and a special thanks to long time volunteers who are continuing their work and helping to mentor the new volunteers.

A collective THANKS! to all of the many wonderful neighbors who make Westover Hills a great place to live. You are appreciated.

Spring is coming and we have a lot to look forward to in Westover Hills. Mark your calendars for upcoming events.

Frances Eckenrode WHNA President

* Editor Note – This is very kind of Fran to say but there are far too many folks in Westover Hills who have contributed far more, for far longer than I have. I'm just trying to do my part! - Page H.

NEW WHNA LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCED FOR 2023

New Year, new WHNA leadership! Thank you to the many people who heard our call and offered their time! There are lots of opportunities to contribute to our neighborhood, and the WHNA will definitely be calling them up for such fun events as the WHNA Home Tour (more info on page 3).

Please welcome:

• President: Frances Eckenrode

• Vice-President: Tom Tichenor

• Secretary: Kate West

• Treasurer: Melissa Butler

Stay tuned as a schedule is set up for WHNA Meetings. If you have suggestions for locations that can accommodate a large group, please email westoverhillsNA@gmail.com.

We also have several new volunteer committee leaders to welcome:

 Neighborhood Watch: Dave Morgerson

• WHES liaison: Gillian Lugbill

• Welcome Committee: Lucy Kost

Thanks to all who volunteered and to all who took the time to vote! ■

Get neighborhood news through email!

Sign up for occassional emails from the Westover Hills Neighborhood Association. We'll never share your address, and we promise not to spam your inbox! http://eepurl.com/hAnSk9





WESTOVER HILLS LIBRARY EVENTS

Our neighborhood library is a wonderful gem that we're sometimes guilty of taking for granted. Did you know that outside of its programs for children, there are English Language Acquisition (ELA) classes and a monthly Senior Book Club?

See all of the great events coming up at www.rvalibrary.org/about/locations/westover-hills

YOUNG CHILDREN

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

Preschool Storytime: Thursdays at 10:30am Ages 2 – 6 years

GRADES K-5

Westover Hills Crafts

Bring out your inner artist at Westover Hill's crafting program. Supplies are provided, just bring your creativity!

- March 8, 4pm Raindrop Suncatchers
- April 12, 4pm- Flower Windsocks
- May 10, 4pm Wind Chimes

GRADES 6-12 TAKE HOME KITS

Kits will be available starting the first of the month while supplies last.

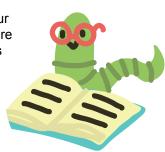
- March 1 Mystery Kit
- April 1 Tissue Paper Flowers
- May 1 Beaded keychain

ADULTS

April 17, 4-6PM

No drinks at this happy hour, just a chance to get creative with other adults and learn a new skill or polish up an old one. This month we'll learn how to create flowers using traditional paper-quilling methods. All supplies provided so registration is

required.All of our craft programs are also available as take home kits after the fact, so if they miss a program, you can still snag a kit, just come in anytime that month.



Updates from Westover Hills United Methodist Church

We have had an exciting fall and winter at WHUMC! A huge

thank you to the neighborhood for assisting with pumpkin unloading and supporting the pumpkin patch. We

couldn't do it wihout

you! Fall also saw the return of the Pumpkin Palooza Festival with many neighborhood families joining in the fun. Winter was filled with Christmas cheer as well as fun and laughter from students from PHSSA & WHES at our newly formed Camp Do Good! WHUMC kicked off the New Year with a Red Cross Blood drive and will continue to host drives in the future.

Looking ahead you will certainly want to mark the following dates on your calendars!

- Mom's Morning 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 11am
- Cub Scouts Tuesdays at 6pm
- Scouts BSA Tuesdays at 7pm
- Connect Group 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 10am
- Gentle Yoga Thursdays at 1pm
- FreeHorse Arts Classes Thursdays at 6pm
- Intermediate Yoga Saturdays at 8am
- Children & Adult Handchime / Handbell Choir – 1st & 3rd Sundays at 11am
- Youth Group 1st & 3rd Sundays at 12:30pm

COMMUNITY DINNERS & MEAL

Fundraisers will also be happening as well. Be sure to check out our website westoverhillsumc.org and follow us on FB and Instagram for up to date info!



Some helpful reminders during colder weather. Don't warm up your car and leave it unattended. Don't leave valuables in the passenger compartment that suspects can see and always keep your doors locked. Guns should never be left in a vehicle.

Looking at crimes over the past 90 days or so for the neighborhood we had: theft from motor vehicles, motor vehicle theft, shoplifting, robbery at the convenience store at Forest Hill and Jahnke, tampering with autos, and thefts from building. 17 total crimes since 11/1/22.



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O Pioneers! The First Settlers of Westover Hills

THE SECOND INSTALLMENT IN A SERIALIZED CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF WESTOVER HILLS.

By John M. Coski

Westover Hills must have been a pretty lonely place for 11-year-old Fred Shelor, Jr., 6-year-old Virginia Shelor, and their mother, 31-year-old Weeta Proffitt Shelor, in the winter of 1924-1925. Their father and husband, Frederick L. Shelor, Sr., was a locally-renowned inventor who was head of the Radio Department at The Holladay Company downtown and the Virginia distributor for the Houdaille Hydraulic Shock Absorbers Company. A few years later he opened his own business on West Grace St., selling radios and washing machines.

Sometime in late1924 or early 1925, the Shelor family moved from 3117 Grove Avenue to their new home at 5002 Belleau Road (now Riverside Drive), Westover Hills. If they moved in before the end of 1924, they could have heard the riveters driving in the steel bolts on the girders on the Boulevard Bridge that lay just down the hill from their house. Opened ahead of schedule on New Year's Day 1925, the bridge promised to open the floodgates of new residents.

For the time being, however, the Shelors were alone in Westover Hills. According to the 1925 City Directory (published early in the year), their only neighbors were eight vacant houses distributed widely among South Boulevard, New Kent Road, Evelyn Byrd, and Devonshire Road.

A HISTORICAL VIEW

This is the second installment in a serialized history commemorating the centennial of Westover Hills. The generally chronological articles will cover such topics as first residents, racial segregation, annexation, and the Boulevard Bridge. These articles are not meant to be the final word, but only a stage in compiling a fuller neighborhood history. If you have corrections, additional information, or photographs about these topics, please contact the author at (804) 233-0705 or *jmcoski1@gmail.com*.

The sparseness of settlement stands out in the memories of people who grew up in Westover Hills in the late 1920s and early 1930s. "It could be easily said that, when my family moved into Westover Hills [in 1927], we lived in the 'forest primeval," recalled Ann Field nearly 70 years later. "There were few houses and heavy woods covered most of the area."

The Westover Hills Corporation had opened subdivisions A and B (encompassing the area east of the Boulevard between Forest Hill Avenue and New Kent) in November and December 1923 and reported brisk sales - although the first deeds to properties sold were not consummated until late 1924. The Corporation opened subdivision C (west of the Boulevard from New Kent north to the river), which the sales agent, Laburnum Realty Corporation, described as "the choicest part of Westover Hills" in early 1924. By late August 1924, Laburnum's agents were busy selling lots in subdivision D (the quadrant bordered by New Kent, Forest Hill Avenue, Boulevard and Prince Edward Road).

Lots sold quickly throughout 1924 but, as the Shelors learned, most new owners bided their time, waiting for the opening of the new bridge before beginning construction or moving in.

As in most new subdivisions, the first settlers had to endure the noise and dust of earth moving equipment and

the din of sawing and hammering. The "smooth paving" of Westover Hills Boulevard (known for several decades only as "South Boulevard") was not yet completed when the bridge opened. Apparently concerned about the slow progress of infrastructure work that accompanied the selling of lots, the Westover Hills Corporation contracted with former city public works director Allen J. Saville to speed things along. Saville began his work in August and announced that "sewers, water pipes, and sidewalks would be available for every lot sold in subdivisions A, B and C by January 12, 1925, and that these improvements will be completed April 1, 1925." (The work was still progressing in late 1926.)

"BUILDING IS STARTED IN
WESTOVER HILLS" screamed a
January 12, 1925 headline, two
weeks after the bridge opened.
Groundbreaking had occurred for six
new homes. Boosters predicted in
June 1925 that "between fifty and 100
homes will be under construction or
built" by the end of the summer.
The actual number of houses begun
by mid-September was 37, but a
handful had been completed and the
Shelors were no longer alone
in Westover Hills.

By the end of 1925, at least 23 families with 76 people had settled into Westover Hills. The Shelors were still alone on Belleau, but the McGuires and the Wickers had moved into their houses in the 5200 block of Riverside. The Shelors could stroll over to visit unmarried 50-something sisters Susie and Eva Alexander at 5111 Evelyn Byrd or a little further to a gaggle of settlers on New Kent: the Trigg family at 5106, the Joneses at 5208, the Walkers at 5210, the Richardsons at 5303 (with a daughter who was Virginia Shelor's age), the Baughans at 5305, and Parkers at 5309.





Caledonia was home to another cluster of residents: the Crawford, Wycoff, and Quarles families at 5011, 5012, and 5018; the Strehls and Berkeleys lived across from each other 5100 and 5101; and the J. Leonard Clarkes at 5213, including the first potential neighborhood playmate for young Fred Shelor. The Bowmans and Pauls lived along South Boulevard between Caledonia and New Kent. The family of Paul C. Hinsley lived at 5009 Devonshire, alone on the block for now, but not for long: 5011, 5013, 5019, 5023, and 5027 were under

construction. Herbert Barr and his family at 5018 Sylvan had the block to themselves.

Milton and Temple Eike at 4902 New Kent, Reverend James C. Faw and his family at 4706 King William, and Joshua James at 4615 Sylvan had the entire Subdivision A of Westover Hills east of the Boulevard to themselves.

Who were these "pioneers" – the first residents of Westover Hills – and where did they come from? Find out in the next issue.

A photo and caption from 1924 – "First residence to be complete in suburban development west of the city" (Photo courtesy of Richmond Times-Dispatch).

The same house photographed in January 2023.

[Note: The City of Richmond's GIS map shows four houses in Westover Hills built in 1920 (4615 Sylvan, 5018 Sylvan, 5020 and 5308 Riverside), but the original deeds suggest that no houses were built before late 1924. If anyone knows of any evidence to corroborate the 1920 date, please contact me at (804) 233-0705 or jmcoski1@gmail.com.]









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Sidewalks, Gutters and Alleys

Residents are responsible for keeping sidewalks, alleyways and gutters clear of debris, so take a few minutes to walk the perimeter of your property to make sure that these areas are easy to navigate. In the alleys, we are responsible out to the center of the alley behind our homes. Shrubs and trees should be trimmed to make for easy passage by sanitation workers, neighbors and contractors.

We are also required to keep the street gutters clear of leaf debris which can clog sewer drains, and cause backups of water during heavy rains. The City offers vacuum service for a charge, or you or your lawn service will have to bag and remove.

Every winter, there is the possibility of snow and we are required to quickly remove snow and ice from pathways. If you use ice melting products, consider getting pet-safe varieties for our four-legged friends. And if your health allows, help out an elderly neighbor by clearing their sidewalks too. ■