

City Connection



CITIZENS' ASSISTANCE - CALL 311

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2010

Neighbor to Neighbor

The Neighbor-to-Neighbor initiative is intended to bring out the best in each of us as we support our neighbors in a variety of ways as volunteers. Neighbor-to-Neighbor is made-up of individuals of all ages, races, ethnicities, genders, and faith persuasions. It is made up of the residents of this great city, where history and the present merge in transformative ways to bring out the best in each of us.

Through the meaningful integration of volunteers, the Neighbor-to-Neighbor initiative will provide extraordinary civic engagement, whereby the city of Richmond will be strengthened through cultivated relationships in each of our neighborhoods. This innovative initiative is designed to inspire each of us to develop a closer relationship with our neighbor, especially the children, youth,

elderly and disabled residents of our community.

The goal of Neighbor-to-Neighbor causes us to aspire to be in closer relationship with our 'neighbor'. The city is seeking



individuals to make a commitment to read to our children, spend recreational time with our youth, share a hobby with a group of children or seniors, visit an isolated senior or disabled resident, support our teachers in schools in our free

time in structured and unstructured activities.

Through the Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Human Services, the city will develop partnerships with residents, government employees, businesses, clubs, civic organizations, faith communities, schools, colleges and universities to help us deliver on our promise to become a city where we will not send our neighbor in need away when we have it to give. We will help neighbors from one end of Richmond to the other end—Neighbor-to-Neighbor.

To sign up to volunteer as an individual or with your family, friends, and co-workers complete the Neighbor to Neighbor volunteer application available at www.RichmondGov.com/NeighbortoNeighbor or call 646-7933.

Stay Cool in City Pools

It wouldn't be summer without a visit to the pool!

Citizens who want to beat the summer heat can take advantage of the eight outdoor public swimming pools that are free to use and enjoy during the summer months.

The pools are open Mondays through Fridays from 1 to 7 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Pools are staffed at all times by Red Cross-certified lifeguards, and the water is chemically tested by hand every hour and continuously monitored and adjusted as needed.

The city's pools also have organized youth swim teams, and

each pool has "Adults Only" swim times. Please check with the pools shown below for their schedules, and remember to always obey pool rules and regulations for your safety.

Outdoor Pools:

Battery Park Pool

2917 Dupont Circle, 646-0127

Bellemeade Pool

1800 Lynnhaven Ave.
646-8849

Blackwell Pool

238 E. 14th St., 646-8718

Fairmount Pool

2000 U St., 646-3831

Hotchkiss Pool

701 E. Brookland Park Blvd.
646-3762

Powhatan Pool

5051 Northampton St.,
646-3595

Randolph Pool

1507 Grayland Ave., 646-1329

Woodville Pool

2305 Fairfield Ave., 646-3834

Indoor Pools:

Calhoun Pool

436 Calhoun St., 780-4751

Swansboro Pool

3160 Midlothian Tpke.
646-8088

FRIDAY PICTURES IN THE PARK

Friday Pictures In The Park is a great opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled, wallet-friendly evening brought to you by the department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities. Films begins at 8:30 p.m. so bring a blanket and the family and enjoy an entertaining, FREE night at the movies.

For more information call 646-5733.

- July 9 - *Star Trek*, Abner Clay Park
- July 16 - *Planet 51*, Mary Munford
- July 23 - *The Blind Side*, Blackwell Community Center
- July 30 - *Monsters vs. Aliens*, Jefferson Hill Park
- Aug. 6 - *This is It*, Broad Rock Sports Complex
- Aug. 13 - *Fame*, Chimborazo Park
- Aug. 20 - *G-Force*, Hotchkiss Community Center
- Aug. 27 - *The Princess & the Frog*, Forest Hill Park

Stay cool and
obey the rules
at the pool!



For information or to request city services, call **3-1-1**. One call for all your city of Richmond needs.

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For information on city services, events and programs, tune to *City Channel 17*, available to Comcast cable and Verizon FIOS subscribers living in the city.



Summer Grillin'

Safety Tips

Many of us enjoy cooking on a gas or charcoal grill. Throughout the year Richmond Fire and Emergency Services respond to numerous fires which originated from grilling activities. Many of these incidents spread to nearby structures which sustain severe damage. Please keep these safety tips in mind so you will not suffer a devastating loss.

- Gas or charcoal grilling must be conducted outside any structure.
- Position the grill well away from structure siding and decks.
- Ensure the grill and associated parts are in good working condition.
- Test gas connections with soapy water when you make connections.
- Place the grill a safe distance away from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Declare a three foot "safe zone" around the grill to protect adults and children.
- Use long handle grilling tools to provide clearance from heat and flames.
- Periodically remove grease from trays below the grill.
- Do not use water to extinguish a grease fire as it will cause it to splash and spread. A grease fire must be smothered to be extinguished.
- Keep a fire extinguisher within arms reach of the grill.
- Call 9-1-1 for the Fire Department.



QUICK CITY LAWS

Here are a few laws that you should know and are often violated in the summer time.

- If the James River is above five feet you are required to wear a life jacket in the water and if it is above nine feet, no one without a permit is allowed in the River.
- Dogs must be on a leash at all times, even in city Parks (excluding "dog parks").
- Glass bottles and containers are not allowed on any public grounds, parks, playing fields or playgrounds.
- Grass on private property is not allowed to be over 12 inches tall.
- Hedges, shrubs or other vegetation may not encroach upon the public right of way, such as side walks, streets and alleys.
- There is a curfew of 11 p.m. for anyone under 18 years old.



NATURAL GAS smells like ROTTEN EGGS

Use your NOSE to recognize the "ROTTEN EGG" smell of NATURAL GAS



Natural Gas smells BAD for a GOOD reason --

YOUR SAFETY!

If you smell gas, leave the area immediately.

Go to a safe location and call 9-1-1.

For a free natural gas safety brochure, visit richmondgov.com/publicutilities

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 3, 2010

Whether it's a block party, pool party, sundae social or community cookout, the Richmond Police Department invites you to celebrate the 27th Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

If you register your event through the Richmond Police web site by Thursday, July 23, a representative from the Department will visit your location the evening of Aug. 3.

Richmond Police and Target stores will join forces for a National Night Out kickoff event Saturday, July 31, from noon - 4 p.m., at the Target located at 7107 Forest Hill Avenue. Officers will be on hand with crime prevention materials and children's fingerprinting ID kits. The festive atmosphere also will include free food.

"This really is our big night out," said Community Youth, and Intervention Services Division Captain Sybil El-Amin. "And by our, I mean the Richmond community. Richmond Police can't fight crime alone. Our success, in large part, is due to the active role the residents have taken in helping us help them. We'll celebrate that success on Aug. 3rd."

For more information or to register your event, call 646-4395 or visit the web site at www.RichmondGov.com/police.

VACATION SAFETY

If you are planning to leave your home for an extended time during the summer, you may not be the only one looking forward to your trip. This is a busy time of year for criminals waiting to target unoccupied homes.

Richmond Police Department offers you the following home safety tips for the summer season:

- Make sure doors and windows are locked.
- Have someone watch your house and pick up mail and newspapers.
- If you are gone on garbage pickup day, ask someone to put your garbage cans out and take them in.
- Do not hide a spare key outside your home.
- Set automatic timers to turn on interior lights, a radio or television so your home appears occupied.
- If you will be gone for an extended time, ask the police to check your home periodically.

Nationally, burglars enter a home or apartment every 15 seconds. Don't let your home be a statistic. Burglars look for what the police call targets of opportunity. Burglaries occur because the criminal has the ability, desire, and opportunity to commit the crime, but we can hinder that opportunity. To prevent the crime, you must remove the opportunity and that means hardening the target.

KEEP BURGLARS AWAY WHILE YOU'RE AWAY



Sign up for a free vacation watch from the
Richmond Police Department
Vacation watch forms available at
www.richmondgov.com/police

