



### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Fall Party!**

Sunday,  
October 28<sup>th</sup>,  
4-6 PM  
1400 block  
Sauer Avenue  
Chili, hot dogs  
& beverages.  
*Everyone is  
encouraged to  
dress in their  
Halloween  
costume!*

### **Past Annual Events**

#### **Summer Block Party**

Sunday,  
July 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Neighbor- hood Yard Sale**

Saturday,  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Alley Cleanup**

Saturday,  
May 12<sup>th</sup>

Fall  
2012

## **SAUER'S GARDEN CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

### **SGCA and TJ CONNECTION**

SGCA continues to support TJ High School in many ways. Our members contributed \$1,015 this year that was designated to help the revived Football Program. (See article following on the TJ football effort.) We will also have the "coats for kids" drive at our Fall Party on Oct 28 so come out; have some chili; bring a spare coat and have a good time! I am so happy to have such generous, civic minded neighbors...that know how to have fun too! Valerie Thomson, SGCA President

### **TJ TOT LOT CHANGES**

If you are a regular visitor to the TJ Tot Lot you have already noticed a few changes. The City did a review of the Tot Lot and made some mandatory safety changes. Bottom line is our popular spot had a few too many mobile toys than the City allows. If you like to bring your own toys to the lot please take them back and forth to the lot. Dave Ballard is working with a local business to get a large storage container for mobile toys to keep the Lot in compliance with city standards.

### **TJ Science Fair – Help Needed!**

The TJ Science Department is asking for our support and would love for the neighborhood to participate in this event! This year's Science Fair Open House & Awards Ceremony will be on **Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**. You can help in any of the following ways:

- **Sponsorships:** Funding is light and students are being asked to write "grant proposals" to help them obtain a financial sponsor for their projects. If you're willing to sponsor one or more "grants", it would really help them make the most of the opportunity. Any amount of grant is welcome.
- **Volunteers:** The department is looking for volunteers to serve as Science Fair Judges (science background or professional preferred), Project Assistants (assist students with their projects at regularly scheduled project workshops), and Event Volunteers (assist with providing refreshments, gift bags, and awards at the Fair).
- **Neighborhood Attendance:** The kids would love for the neighborhood families and residents to come show their support by attending the event on January 24<sup>th</sup>!

Volunteers are needed ASAP, so if you're interested, please contact Rachel Green ([rachelngreen@gmail.com](mailto:rachelngreen@gmail.com)) or Doug Barrett ([dougbarrettva@gmail.com](mailto:dougbarrettva@gmail.com)) for more information!

# TJ HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL AND NEW COACH

You may have noticed some changes surrounding the Thomas Jefferson High School football team. In April, TJ hired Chad Hornik as its new head football coach. A graduate of Florida International University, Hornik is a local restaurant owner who lives in the West End with his wife, Kathleen, and their two young daughters. Hornik has coached football for 12 years, including at Freeman, Deep Run, and most recently at Glen Allen High School. Now Coach Hornik has inherited a struggling football team, with too few players, too little money, and outdated facilities. TJ has a weight room, yet the players cannot use it because it is unsafe. Until a few weeks ago, the lockers were decades old and too small to hold football equipment. Any hopes for Friday night lights require the team to travel to other schools, as Thomas Jefferson lacks lights, a field house, or even an adequate field.



Coach Hornik hopes to change all of that and bring TJ out of a culture of losing. He has more than doubled the number of players, he has instituted a twice-weekly study hall, and he plans to raise the minimum required grade point average to play. His efforts are working. On August 31, TJ won its season opener against Colonial Height High School, snapping a 41-game losing streak (the longest-running in Virginia!) While the team lost its next two games, there is a renewed sense of confidence, thanks to Coach Hornik's efforts, as well as the creation of a booster group -- the Tee Jay Vikings Fund.

Headed by Albert Negrin, TJ Class of 1976, the group is working hard to raise both funds and school spirit in support of the Vikings football team. The group has a website -- [www.teejayvikingsfund.org](http://www.teejayvikingsfund.org) -- which includes information on some upcoming fundraisers.

For TJ's neighbors in Sauer's Garden, this is a great opportunity to support the team and to better our community. Coach Hornik stresses that our involvement in the school's PTA could go a long way in setting a great foundation for TJ's future. Membership is only \$5 per person, and getting involved with the school gives us a chance to change the school for the better! Imagine if we could get excited about sending our children to TJ!

Please consider donating to the Tee Jay Vikings Fund, participating in a fundraiser, or attending the games to cheer for the Vikings! **The Vikings will play one game at TJ this season, on October 26 at 4:30 p.m. It would be wonderful to have a strong showing of support from Sauer's Garden!**

*This article is written by Sauer's Garden resident Cathy Haas*

## ELECTION 2012

The November 6, 2012 is a General Election. Virginians must apply to register to vote or update their registration name and current address no later than October 15, 2012!

Our Locality votes at TJ High School 4100 Grace Street. In addition to voting for the President, Senator and Congressman, we have local School Board Representative and local City of Richmond Council Representative positions to vote on. **All four candidates have offered their information and picture for our SGCA newsletter. We provide their unedited information below:**

### Richmond City Council Candidates

#### Bruce Tyler

Over the past six years, Our City has made tremendous progress on many fronts. Our schools are doing a better job of educating our children. We've lowered the Real Estate Tax Rate from \$1.28 to \$1.20 per Assessed Value and saved Richmond homeowners hundreds. Our neighborhoods are safer and crime rates are down across the City.

Now, I am running for re-election to City Council because I want to continue to help make Richmond a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

I know there is still more work to be done. We need to keep our streets safe, improve our schools, and lower the tax burden on our families.

If re-elected to Richmond City Council, my priorities will be working to:

- **Create a Specialty Middle School:** Our schools have made great progress, but one area we must improve is in our middle schools. This year, I began the push for the establishment of a specialty middle school north of the James River to give our children more educational options. If re-elected, I will work with my fellow Council Members and the new 1st District School Board Member to accomplish this goal.
- **Build a More Efficient and Effective City Government:** I know where the wasteful spending is hidden in the budget, and I will continue to work with my fellow Council Members and the Mayor to stop the wasteful spending on ineffective programs.
- **Lower Taxes and Fees:** Our high Real Estate Tax Rate, combined with high water fees, has driven many families from the City to the surrounding localities. I will continue to advocate for lowering taxes and fees that have driven too many from the City.

**If you share this vision for Richmond, then I respectfully ask for your vote on November 6th.**



## Jon Baliles



Serving on City Council requires two simple tasks: listening (and responding) to residents, and collaborating with those who will help accomplish constituent and district needs. I will do both.

I will focus on three main goals if elected. First, the schools - I will work with teachers, administrators, parents and students to make a K-12 education a real option to attract and retain young families whose children deserve the best education.

We also need first class constituent service. I have heard many stories how some areas of our district receive attention while others don't receive the courtesy of a reply. I will be accessible and work hard for everyone in every corner of the district.

Third, we must improve the roads in our district that are in deplorable condition. I will work with the Council and Administration to develop a long term infrastructure strategy to improve our roads.

Other priorities include transparent development decisions free of conflicts of interest and more focus on economic development and job creation that will enable us to lower both our taxes and poverty rate.

Experience in the private and public sectors has given me a unique perspective to serve. Working in the insurance industry requires listening to clients' needs and finding solutions that fit each individual. Working for the City for 4½ years taught me the operable (and inoperable) machinery of City government. I established constructive relationships with many people across multiple departments.

Ten years of service on the Museum District Board, including serving as president, has given me invaluable experience in neighborhood and community issues. And my entrepreneurial spirit is displayed in my web site [www.rivercityrapids.com](http://www.rivercityrapids.com), and co-producing the RVA Street Art Festival.

I believe it's time for a new generation of positive leadership in Richmond. I ask for your vote on November 6 so we can continue to transform our City and realize its potential through dynamic, responsive and innovative leadership on City Council.

## District 1 School Board Representative

### Trent Park

This year voters in the 1st District have a choice of qualified candidates seeking to earn your vote on November 6th. As a candidate for School Board, I've had the opportunity to discuss many of the concerns of parents and neighbors. We're fortunate in the 1st District to have some of the best options in the RPS system - largely due to our engaged parents and involved community - but even our schools aren't meeting expectations. As you probably know, there is no simple fix. The solution to improving the quality of education, both in the 1st District and throughout Richmond, is complex and will require working with other board members and elected officials.



As a parent of three daughters at Mary Munford, husband of a teacher and PTA treasurer, and active participant on the RPS Rezoning Committee, I have the experience and understanding necessary to affect real improvement at all levels of our system. Some of my priorities include:

- Decentralizing authority to allow schools to better serve their communities: Parents/teachers should play a role in principal selection
- Nurturing community involvement from alumni groups, community and faith-based organizations, and the business community
- Aligning RPS assets with needs of the district to maintain a strong, efficient, and modern building infrastructure.
- Strengthening cooperation with our elected leadership

Ultimately, a good representative should be able to work well within the context of the board. It's less about big ideas and more about good ideas, good decisions, and gaining consensus. I believe this was an important consideration of former Richmond School Board Chairman, David Ballard, in his decision to endorse my candidacy and will be a hallmark of my service. Thank you for considering my candidacy for the Richmond School Board. I look forward to the opportunity to earn your vote.

## Glen Sturtevant



As a Virginia native, I had the opportunity to attend great public schools through graduation. I know the benefits of attending neighborhood schools with kids from diverse backgrounds and learning from great teachers. I want my sons to have that same opportunity.

As the husband of a teacher, I understand that hiring and retaining the best teachers and principals is what will attract and keep families in our public schools.

As a father, I know we must have safe, dynamic schools and classrooms so our kids can learn and thrive.

As an attorney, I understand the school system has to be accountable and fiscally responsible so that our tax dollars are spent where they will be most effective: in the classroom, not at Central Office.

As a 1st District homeowner, I know the opportunities and strength of a phenomenal school like Mary Munford. We need to ensure that Albert Hill Middle and Thomas Jefferson High are also viable and attractive options for all children.

I am actively working to create a university partnership between Albert Hill Middle and VCU. We will get VCU on the ground and in the school. We will have professors and graduate students involved in supporting teachers and jointly teaching classes. We will have VCU involved in developing a unique, dynamic curriculum. Partnering with VCU will ensure the middle school is successful.

We will pilot the university partnership model at Hill and expand it to the middle schools around the city to partner with other colleges and universities.

I have already created a working committee of committed parents and community leaders to begin creating this partnership.

Please help bring these changes to Richmond Public Schools by voting for Glen Sturtevant on Tuesday, November 6.

# Don't make it easy for the thieves!



Nobody wants to be the victim of a crime, and in recent months you have probably read crime reports regarding shed and car vandalism and thefts.

Unfortunately, our family was the victim of a shed robbery, and it left us with mixed emotions: thankful that our loss was just a power tool, but a bit violated when we imagined someone sneaking across our back yard in the middle of the night to creep into our shed.

The Richmond Police Department responded, took a report and I got a follow up call from a detective the next day. I was impressed with their response time, concern and professionalism.

Here are a few prevention tips to help protect your property:

**Lighting** Fit a motion-activated outside light. This is a powerful deterrent for burglars who rely on the cover of darkness.

**Defensive planting** Plant prickly shrubs like holly or pyracantha near windows, drainpipes and fences.

**Gravel** Use gravel on driveways and paths, as it could help alert you if anyone is outside. Make sure you lock any gates to your drive or back garden too.

**Mark and photograph the property** you keep in your shed, particularly power tools and valuable equipment. This will help police identify and return your property if it's stolen and recovered later.

**Secure your shed** by fitting a padlock, and consider putting wire mesh across windows.

The above tips relate to sheds, but the detective I spoke with encouraged everyone to keep their vehicles locked at all times, and to avoid storing any items, including sunglasses and phone chargers, in plain sight. He said the majority of the thefts from sheds and cars take place when these are unlocked – the thieves are simply looking to get in and out quickly.

*This article is written by Sauer's Garden resident Betsy Moss*

## DINING WITH DAVE-A Road Trip to Pakistan



**The Kabab Grille 201 Towne Center West Blvd, Suite 707, Next to the Hilton near Short Pump Town Center. 804-716-2546**

If you are looking for a unique, international meal it is well worth the Road Trip. The Grille offers traditional Zabihah halai Pakistani (Punjabi) food at a very reasonable price. The menu is quite complete offering appetizers; Kababs of chicken, beef, lamb, and vegetable; Gyros and Salads with a lamb Gyro Sandwich served with rice, fries, or salad; Karahi Specials that serve two including chicken, beef, lamb and goat; Curry Specials in a wide variety including Fish or Shrimp; House Specials as well as a complete Vegetarian Menu. The Kabab Grill was recently voted "Best Vegetarian Food in Richmond by Richmond.com. Side dishes are available as well traditional desserts including Baklava and rice pudding. Drinks include fountain soda, ice tea, assorted juices, a variety of Pakistani teas and special non alcoholic imported drinks including Ginger Beer.

My favorite is The Kabab Grille Buffet available for lunch and dinner. This is a great way to sample Pakistani food to see what you like best. My first introduction to Pakistani food was at the Intercontinental Hotel in Karachi, Pakistan back in the '70s and I have loved the food since that time. I have on good authority, Jodie, that the lamb Gyro is excellent. Tuesday through Friday you will find a wide variety of items on the buffet featuring chicken, lamb, beef, goat and a host of vegetables. Wednesday night is Allie's favorite, the Vegetarian Buffet from 5pm – 8:30pm. Saturday the All Day Buffett features the chef's special soup, fresh tandoori naan(brick oven flat bread) sweet halwa(cream of wheat and many items selected by the chef, each week is a little different. Sunday offers a Brunch Buffet from noon – 8:30 pm. Oh I forgot to mention the Buffet is "All You Can Eat". So go ready to eat. If you have a question about one of the items on the menu or the buffet, just ask Chris Ballard when you arrive, he will be glad to assist you. Take out orders are available by phone and the menu is available at [www.Kababgrille.com](http://www.Kababgrille.com). Please allow 10-15 minutes for all to go orders. The Kabab Grill also caters events and parties and that menu is also available on the website. *This article is written by Sauer's Garden resident David Ballard*

*Hours are Mon CLOSED Tuesday – Thursday – 11 am to 9 pm; Friday and Saturday – 11 am to 10 pm and Sunday – 12 pm to 8:30 pm. The Grille is closed for break daily from 3-4pm except Saturday and Sunday.*

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