



The JAYBILL

Monthly Newsletter of the Richmond Jaycees

June 2005

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Project WARM Returns - We Need your Help

Attention all Jaycees that joined the Richmond chapter to make a difference in our community, develop leadership skills, and meet new people. Few opportunities allow the chance to accomplish all these goals set by new members when they initially join the Jaycees. Project WARM offers the ability to meet new people in a casual environment where a common goal that benefits the underprivileged is reached. It opens doors to leadership opportunities involving logistics, public relations, and team building. **It is a well-established easily run project that lacks only one thing – YOU!**

Volunteers are needed all year long to stockpile wood for the winter months. Splitting occurs on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings. Stop by for a few hours after work or from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday. Get a workout moving the logs around and avoid the boredom of the gym! We need people to operate the levers as well as move logs around so no matter how hard or light you want to work we have a task for you. For more info, please contact Fred Clark at 840-8317.

WANTED: CO-CHAIRS FOR PROJECT WARM

In addition to regular volunteers, several people are needed to chair this project. As a chair, you commit to attend one splitting day per month (Wednesday evening or Saturday morning). On that day, you supervise the splitting, ensuring that everyone uses the equipment safely and properly. For questions about chairing this project, please contact Fred Clark at 840-8317.

Directions to the Woodlot:

From west side of Richmond: Take 64 East to 95 North. Take first exit on 95 (Lakeside Ave/ Hermitage Road exit). At the end of the exit ramp, turn left onto Westbrook Ave. Follow Westbrook Ave. over Brook Road and Chamberlayne Ave. until it ends at Old Brook Road. Turn right onto Old Brook Road (Henderson Middle School/John Marshall High School are on your left). After the High School and North Richmond YMCA, turn left onto Bellevue Ave. Follow this road all the way behind the schools/playing fields, almost until it ends. (If you reach the police K-9 unit, you have gone too far). You should see a dirt/gravel parking lot on your right, turn into it and drive straight back to the far back right hand corner of the parking lot. From there, look to your right; you should see a dirt driveway back to the woodlot area.

From the Southside or City: Take 95 North, take Chamberlayne Ave. exit (near MCV area). Go North on Chamberlayne Ave. (past Laburnum Ave. stoplight). One stop light after Laburnum Ave. interchange (Ginter Park Elementary School is on the corner), turn right onto North Ave. Go about ¼ mile, turn left onto Old Brook Road (big water tower on the corner). Follow Old Brook Road for about ½ mile, then turn right onto Bellevue Ave. Follow this road all the way behind the schools/playing fields, almost until it ends.

Drive for the Blind: Year End Picnic

Drive for the Blind is a little different in June...

Come out and meet members of the Federation of the Blind. The Federation of the Blind will have a picnic at a local park on Saturday, June 4th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Unlike our usual Drive for the Blind events, the Richmond Jaycees will stay at the event after we drive the Federation members to the picnic. The Richmond Jaycees will help grill food and set up for the event. If you would like to volunteer to drive visually impaired individuals and assist in the picnic, please contact, Susan Burkhart at (804) 598-0594 or (Cell) 337-1802 or Jackie Jones at jsquaredx2@aol.com or 796-3562. The regularly scheduled Drive for the Blind events will be on hiatus from June through August and will start back up again in September.

Saturday, June 4th
3:00 to 7:00 PM

For more info, contact:
Susan Burkhart
598-0594
Jackie Jones
796-3562
jsquaredx2@aol.com

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Sunday, June 11th

Time: TBD

Place: Contact John Scheid at 559 - 2565 for more information

All members welcome

Chapter Meeting: Homelessness in Richmond

Did you know...

An average of 1,600 people are homeless in the Greater Richmond area at any one time.

Nationally, children under five are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. More than 360 children are homeless in the Greater Richmond area at any one time.

Between 25 and 40 percent of homeless people are employed.

Earning minimum wage, a person would have to work 87 hours a week to afford a two-bedroom apartment.

Source: ESI Connections website at www.esiconnections.org

Despite these grim statistics there are local agencies working to assist those who are homeless by providing shelter and the tools needed to foster self-reliance.

To learn more, come hear Valerie Holton from ESI Connections, a local non-profit agency that provides a variety of shelter and programming for homeless men, women and children from the greater Richmond area.

The chapter meeting will be held in the back room at Baja Bean Co. at the corner of W. Main and Lombardy, in the Fan. Free on-site parking. (804) 257-5445. Social time starts at 6:00pm and the meeting will start at 6:30pm.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Nikita Patel (358-6340), look forward to seeing you there!

Baja Bean Company
1520 W. Main Street
(804) 257-5445
Tuesday, June 7th
6:00 PM - Social
6:30 PM - Speaker begins

For more information,
contact:
Nikita Patel
358-6340

Richmond Jaycees Foundation Donates Funds to Chapter

Members of the Richmond Jaycees Foundation awarded a check for \$2,250 to the Richmond Jaycees at the Business Meeting on May 3, 2005.

The Foundation was formed fifteen years ago after a particularly prosperous project resulted in a net profit of \$50,000 for the Richmond Chapter. In its history, the Foundation Board has assisted the Chapter during stressful financial periods. This year, the Board of the Foundation decided to make a contribution directly to the Chapter for scholarships to Camp Virginia Jaycee. The mission of Camp Virginia Jaycee is to provide outdoor education and recreation experience for persons with mental retardation and many Richmond Jaycees projects raise money to enable local citizens to attend.

With a weeklong stay at the camp costing \$550, the generous gift will help at least four campers attend this year. Foundation members Jim Foudriat, Leanne Raynor and Sharalyn Bailey presented the check to Nikita Patel, President, and Kelley Hope, Vice President of Community Development.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to the Board of Directors of the Richmond Jaycees Foundation for their generosity.

Mix and Mingle - Friday Cheers

You know it is summertime when there is a different outdoor concert event every night of the week here in River City. Come celebrate the start of the weekend with your fellow Jaycees at Friday Cheers on June 10, 2005. Not only will you get a chance to catch up with your friends, but also you can take in the sounds of the Spin Doctors live in concert on Brown's Island. Harken back to the 1990s with the group that brought you "Little Miss can't be Wrong" and "Two Princes." We will meet will at 6:30 pm at the bottom of the steps at Brown's Island.

Mix and Mingle - Friday Cheers
Browns Island
Friday, June 10
6:30 PM

For more info, contact:
John Scheid
559-2565

James River Clean Up

It's Our River. Enjoy it. Care for it!

Calling all volunteers willing to clean up Richmond's most beautiful jewel, the James River! The Richmond Jaycees will be assisting the James River Advisory Council and James River Association (JRA) with the annual James River Clean Up on June 11.

More than 200 people generally participate in the cleanup around the Reedy Creek portion of the James River Park in the City, with more cleaning up the 50 miles of river from Lynchburg through Charles City. The clean up

continues through noon, at which time all volunteers will be provided lunch (hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, chips, sodas). Please remember to wear gloves, insect repellent, sunglasses, long pants and sturdy closed-toe shoes! For more information about the clean up, visit www.jamesriveradvisorycouncil.com.

James River Cleanup
James River Park System -
Reedy Creek Entrance
Saturday, June 11
7:45 AM to Noon

For more info, contact:
Kelley Bartell-Hope
247-2460 (m)
726-5270 (H)
curliegirly@yahoo.com

Restaurant Rendezvous

The rendezvous girls are taking a vacation from their typical second Wednesday of the month outings. This month the rendezvous will be on Wednesday, June 22nd and this time we will be enjoying the slow southern style of Croaker's Spot. This leisurely affair will allow folks to take in the historic Jackson Ward neighborhood and according to Richmond legend, enjoy the best crab cakes (and other southern fare) in town. Be sure to dress in comfortable summer clothing for our outdoor dining experience and save room for the large homestyle portions!

Croakers Spot
Corner of Leigh and 2nd
Wednesday, June 22
Happy hour at 5:30 PM
Dinner at 6:00PM

For more info, contact:

Lori Hall

739-1587

Emily Gupton

794-6373

gupgirl2002@yahoo.com

Beer Pouring

Come out to Friday Cheers on July 29th, August 12th, 19th, and 26th to help raise money for the chapter. You can enjoy the great bands and hang out with Jaycee friends while helping serve beer or sell tickets and check IDs. We earn \$400 from each event we work as long as we have 10 people sign up. Come out and do your part. Call Elizabeth Miller at 648-7445 for details. There is also a possibility that we will be asked to work an event on June 11th. Please keep that date open if possible.

Quarterly Award Announcements

Thanks to all our members for volunteering your time, talents and know-how to ensure that our chapter endeavors are successful. In addition, to acknowledge projects or individual chapter members that have contributed above and beyond to the chapter, the board determines recipients for quarterly awards. Our first quarter recipients are:

Project of the Quarter: Restaurant Rendezvous

Member of the Quarter: Emily Gupton

New Member of the Quarter: Paul Childress

Happy Birthday to:

Jason Bhattacharya
Amy Carter
Matthew Pitzer
Greg Sekelsky
Jared Stock
Barbara Weber

June Renewals

Debbie Duncan
Donna Joyce
Margaret Maruri
Rodolfo Maruri
Nikita Patel
Steve Skinner

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