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SCA meets the third Tuesday of every month except August when there is no meeting, 7:15 p.m., Southampton Recreation Center, 3201 Chellowe Road.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

**\* HOLIDAY MEETING/SOCIAL \***

### **OXFORD GARDEN CLUB**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER**

10:00 a.m. southampton Baptist Church

### **MPACT MEETS**

**WED, NOVEMBER 9,**

**WED, DECEMBER 14**

**WED, JANUARY 11**

6pm – 7pm, Byrd Park Round House Corner of Lakeview Avenue and Westover Road in Byrd Park.

Join your neighbors to meet with city officials to discuss priority issues. Precinct level meetings offer the chance to learn more about MPACT, meet your co-chairs and provide feedback to the city.

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# Over the Fence



The Newsletter of the Southampton Citizens Association

## A Year in Review

Another SCA year has passed. Most of our efforts have gone in to providing information to neighbors, communicating issues to the city, and providing input with developers. We attended the Department of Public Works focus group. Here, neighbors representing different areas of the city discuss city services from the past year. An SCA representative attends monthly, MPACT meetings, Mayor's Participation Action Communication Team, monthly meetings. Citizens and city department representatives exchange information and concerns about their neighborhood.

The SCA has provided and will continue to provide input on the three projects major projects affecting our neighborhood, the Huguenot Bridge, the new Huguenot High School and the Forest Hill Improvement Project. At this time last year only survey work had been completed around the bridge. According to the Mosley architects' web site the job for the new Huguenot High School is out for bid this fall. As for the The Forest Hill Avenue Improvement project, an SCA repre-

**By not reporting the crime, you prevent the Police Department from gauging the magnitude of the theft in the neighborhood.**

sentative is attending the new stakeholders' meeting to provide input towards the final design.

Highlights from our monthly meetings include a presentation from Mike Mather from Public Works Urban Forestry Division. He discussed the city's tree policy. Scott Turner, neighbor and owner of True Timber discussed the health and welfare of our trees. Fulton Hill Partnership's provided their vision for the City Stadium site. Representatives for Martins Grocery store shared plans for a Martins gas station that will replace the gas station at the end of Cherokee Road.

To provide an opportunity to meet neighbors, we held our Holiday Social in December and a June cookout is an effort to do the same.

Earlier this summer several board members volunteered in the parking lot at the Pony Pasture. It was an interesting and rewarding experience.

### Crime Busting Tips

#### Prevent Crime by Reducing the Opportunity

- Get to know your neighbors and exchange phone numbers. Create a neighborhood watch group. A watch group creates greater awareness of crime, promotes neighborliness and increases the reporting of suspicious activity.
- Place dead bolt locks on all external doors.
- Make sure all outside doors are metal or solid hardwood. Your back door and garage door should be as secure as your front door. Secure sliding doors with a commercially made bar.
- Make sure all windows are secured with locks or pins.
- Don't hide keys around the outside of your home. Keep an extra key with a trusted neighbor or friend in case you are ever locked out.
- Keep outside lights on or use motion sensitive lights.
- Make sure shrubs and trees around windows or doors don't provide hiding places for burglars.
- Prepare when leaving your home for an extended period. Set timers so that lights, TVs, and radios go on and off. Have someone pick up the mail, pick up newspapers, set out trash, mow the lawn or shovel snow.

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## The Leaves, Here They Come

The Department of Public Works will publish the area leaf schedule early in November. This will be phase 1. Once this is complete Phase 2 of leaf pickup will be scheduled.

You do not have to wait and you do not want to fill your ditch too early because it may cause flooding. The city will pick up to six bags of leaves the same day as your garbage is collected

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## Updates

The large stormwater drainage project continues at Hathaway and Warner. The project is funded by the Stormwater Utility and does include extending the sidewalk. Longview has been paved up to Wallowa Road.

Stratford Hills Shopping Center has lost Benny's BBQ and the Mandarin Palace. There are no known plans for the old McDonalds building which is owned by the corporate headquarters.

Sweet Frog premium frozen yogurt has opened at the Ramz Center. It has another location in Cary Town. They sell frozen yogurt and a large variety of toppings

September 9, New York-based Tiffany & Co. opened at Stony Point Fashion Park occupying a 2,500-square-foot-store. This the second store for the company in Virginia. The other location is at Tysons Corner in Fairfax County.

For 46 years area flower enthusiasts have found inspiration and shared a common interest in learning in the Oxford Garden Club. With current enrollment at 27 very active members, they are looking for new members, and you don't need plant experience to join. Members pay yearly dues of \$40. The Club meets at Southampton Baptist Church, Cherokee Road the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. If you are interested and want to attend a meeting, call Lucy Shires. Due to the limited space it is important to check in before attending. We presently have 27 members.

Our goals are "to further member's knowledge of the requirements for floral design and arrangement and horticulture. To increase member's awareness of the opportunities for the conservation of natural resources.

Programs:

October: The Low Down on Flower Judges

November: Fabulous Floral Designs for the Holidays

December : Jones and Jones Christmas Party

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## Redistricting winds down and Rezoning heats up

Come November we should see a draft plan for Richmond's redistricting. The deadline is December. Our District 4 has been relatively unchanged. This process has had a few heated moments in regards to the 2nd, 3rd, and 6th.

Rezoning school districts can always be a little touchy. As a part of their new 2010-2012 Strategic Plan is starting this process with a series of public meetings and request for committee members. According to RPS, the result would be better used facilities, increased parental involvement, more neighborhood schools, and a more coordinated feeder system from elementary to high school.

The entire RPS system will come under examination. Thompson Middle Schools' attendance zone extends eastward along the river stopping just beyond 95. Thompson's current zone reflects changes made after Lucille Brown was built. Huguenot High School's zone covers just about all of southside Richmond from its Bon Air boundary to just beyond Hull Street road.

## biking

Southampton neighbor Maureen Egan got lost the first time shBike racing is coming back to Richmond with the Road World Championships. Many of you may remember the excitement of the Tour de Trump followed by the Tour Dupont. The last race occurred in 1996. The impact of these events on biking in our area was almost immediate. Groups of bikers decked out in bright biking uniforms advertising some local business took to riding along Riverside.

The big biking event will take place September 19-27, 2015. Unlike the earlier races that were stage races, more like the Tour de France this race will be held only Richmond and it's surrounding counties. Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) award the 2015 Road World Championships to Richmond, sept xxx. The last time it was held in the United States was 1986 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

This nine-day event features 12 Championship races for Elite Men and Women, Under 23 Men and Junior Men and Women. Athletes compete in three different disciplines including the traditional Road Race, the Individual Time Trial and the recently introduced Team Time Trial. World Champions are crowned in each discipline.

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The Southampton area is zoned for two elementary schools, Southampton for those east of Huguenot Road and Fisher for those living west of Huguenot. This year two neighbors, Missy Murchie at Southampton and Kris Lyons, at Fisher, have taken the leadership roll of PTA president their schools. They have provided Over the Fence with a short introduction.

My name is Missy Murchie and I am excited to serve as the PTA President at Southampton Elementary School this year. My family and I have lived in Stratford Hills for the past 3 years and our daughter, Camille, is a 1st grader at in the Spanish Immersion program at Southampton. There are over 500 students enrolled at Southampton, where we met AYP this year and are fully accredited!

There are many great things happening at the school this year. I hope you have seen our beautiful Learning Gardens that one of our neighbors, Mary Arginteanu, worked hard to create.

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