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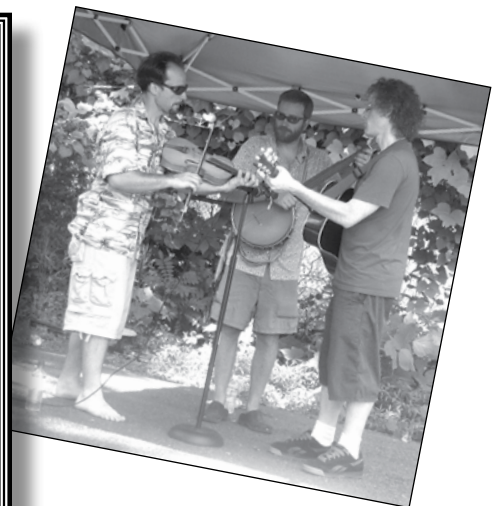
*Who is going to lead Richmond?  
Get to know the candidates at the*

**\* MAYORAL FORUM \***

Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m

Forest Hill Presbyterian Church 4401 Forest Hill Avenue

Sponsored by: Westover Hills, Forest Hill, Woodland Heights and  
Southampton Citizens Associations



Rusty String Busters  
entertain at  
Southampton  
Riverfest held June 7th



# Over The Fence

## 2008 Southampton RiverFest and 5K WickedRiver

Record breaking heat and humidity arrive in time for Southampton Riverfest held June 7th with temperatures reaching 100 degrees.



The morning starts with the 5K Wicked River Run.



Tree climbing provided by **Riverside Outfitters**.



First place runners were Xantha Keith-Midgette, (far left) ladies 15 and under, Connor Partlow, (second from left) men's 15 and under, Paul Smartschan (third from left) male overall, Alison Manning, (second from right) first female overall.



River City Rickshaw provided rides on the closed section of Riverside.

### Mark Your Calendars!

**Southampton Citizens Association**  
Meets the third Tuesday of each month, 7:15 p.m., at Southampton Recreation Association, 3201 Chellowe Rd.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 16**
- **Tuesday, Oct. 21**  
Annual Meeting with Guest Speaker
- **Tuesday, Nov. 18**

**Huguenot Neighborhood Team**  
Meets the first Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., Bon Air Library, Rattlesnake Rd.

**Mayoral Forum** Wednesday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m., at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, 4401 Forest Hill Ave.

**Councilwoman Graziano's Fourth District Meeting** Wednesday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 7757 Chippenham Pkwy.  
School Board Candidates Forum.

**For updated listings go to [www.scarichmond.com](http://www.scarichmond.com).**



## 2008 Southampton Citizens Association Membership Form

Membership \$15 per year.

Your dues secure membership for the calendar year in which you paid. Your address label will indicate this.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail (for alerts) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Southampton Citizens Association.

Mail to SCA Treasurer, P.O. Box 11347, Richmond, VA 23230.



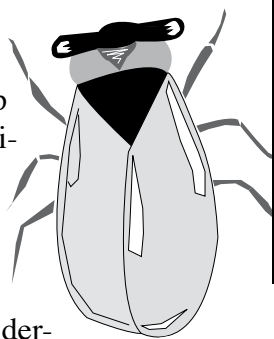
Housing sales in the Richmond area dropped 23 percent from the same period a year ago, according to a recent report. The average price of a home also dropped 2 percent, to \$283,546.

While the real estate market continues to face challenges, some Realtors and others are beginning to see better buying and selling opportunities. The local market, and more specifically Southamptton, Bon Air, and Oxford, shows signs of improvement in number of sales, according to Dottie Figg, managing broker with Long and Foster. Prices, however, will continue to be lower than they were just two years ago, she says. Recent legislation at the federal level should help, she says, but the market still needs to adjust to the steep appreciation of home values in the early 2000s.

It is not uncommon to see homes stay on the market for close to a year if they are not in good condition. "Tired, dated properties do not move well unless offset by the location," says Mrs. Figg. Our neighborhood is especially attractive in that it offers convenience to downtown, easy access to major travel arteries, and proximity to parks and the James River.

Sellers should consult a good Realtor and consider these factors: 1. To sell, a home must be in tip-top condition with updated kitchen and baths; 2. Price and assessment may not be relative and it may be wise to seek an appraisal to determine today's value; and 3. A home inspection before marketing will help fix the problem areas and ensure that the seller will net the best sales price.

Have you ever wondered what creature makes that loud, machanical buzzing up in the trees? It is the male cicada singing for a mate. Cicadas lay their eggs in the tree branches. The hatched nymphs fall to the ground and burrow. They remain underground for two to five years. Unlike their periodical cicada cousins who emerge every seventeen years, the annual cicadas' broods overlap, so adults appear every year. The mature nymphs return to the surface in June and July, shed their outter skin, and fly back into the trees. Their hard former skin can often be found attached to the trunks of trees. The adult cicadas' green color allows them to hide from their predators. Their size may be startling, but they do not bite or sting. People often refer to cicadas as locusts, but this is incorrect. They are seldom harmful to plants.



## Critter Corner

## Tower Proposal Voted Down

June 17th the board of the Southamptton Citizens Association voted not to support nTelos proposal to place a stealth monopine on the property of the Southamptton Baptist Church at the corner of Cherokee and Comanche.

This proposal represented a modification in pole height, appearance and number of carriers.

Taking into consideration the number of neighbors opposing the project with other factors the board voted to not approve this on grounds that it is was not appropriate use of R2 Zoned property.

The SCA sent the following note to the Planning Commission with a copy to Councilwoman Kathy Graziano.

July 8, 2008

On June 17, 2008, the Southamptton Citizens Association (SCA) voted against the installation of a cell phone tower on the property of Southamptton Baptist Church at the corner of Comanche and Cherokee roads. This property is R-2 zoned land. The board believes that it would be inappropriate to erect a cell tower in this residential space.

Southamptton residents who live adjacent to the property expressed significant opposition as well as those who reside in the greater Southamptton community. Forty-four people wrote in opposition of a cell tower and many others wrote e-mails, via the website, to oppose the tower. Eight residents wrote in support of the tower.

The June 17th vote is the second time that the SCA Board has voted not to support a cell tower at the church property. In 2007, N-Telos made an initial proposal to the SCA Board and the Board voted against the proposal.

We would appreciate receiving advance notice should a cell phone tower proposal be submitted to your Committee for consideration.

## School Board Seat Up for Grabs

Councilwoman Graziano's upcoming Fourth District Meeting will be devoted to a forum for School Board candidates. The forum will provide an opportunity to hear from the candidates, to ask questions, and to share your ideas with them.

Four candidates are running to replace George Braxton, who is not running for a third term. Bert Berlin and Jonathan Mallard are from the eastern end of the district, both residing in Westover Hills. John Lloyd lives on Traylor Drive in Traylor Estates and Adria Graham Scott lives in the Wayland subdivision off Huguenot Road.

**Fourth District Meeting - St. Luke Lutheran Church,  
7757 Chippenham Pkwy, at 7:00 pm, Sept. 10th.**

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# Area Activity

Information in this column is subject to change.

By the time this newsletter hits mailboxes, change will be in the air, vacations over, students back at school and cooler days. But today is a true hot summer day. With most of the Over the Fence staff still on vacation, this resident wonders just how much area activity has taken place, and I decide to take a "Sunday drive."

Mission one is to check the progress at Riverwatch on the James located on Cherokee Road headed west. Had its red clay hills rutted from the winter rains been tamed? Yes. The yet to be paved road with curbs intact heads up between these graded brown hills. An erosion control, black fence surrounds the entrance. With no machines or men in sight, Riverwatch appears quiet, neat and tidy.

Driving towards Huguenot brings me to Stony Point Green at the end of Stony Point Road. An impressive stone wall provides the back drop for huge beds of black-eyed susan. An attractive sign advertises nine select homesites starting at \$1,100,000. This development sits quietly under the hot August sun.

A quick drive through newly landscaped Bon Air reveals a new and used book store called Tumble Weeds and its neighbor True Boutique and Spa. These stores fill spots that seem to always need filling.

Left on Forest Hill, I head back into the Southampton area. The yellow from the Maids fleet of cars catches my eye across from Huguenot High School. Several Huguenot band students practice in the shade in front of the school. Both Huguenot and Thompson seem quiet and unchanged as the day after the students left for summer break. But inside both schools see change in leadership for this school year. Rickie G. Hopkins takes the helm at Thompson from principal Dr. Beatty, who moves to Richmond Community, and Natasha Thompson steps into the principal role at Huguenot.

The rebuilt Arbors Seniors Home advertises that they are now open after experiencing a fire several years ago.

At the Ramz Shopping Center across from WalMart, I can't help but think of musical chairs seeing Little Ceasars Pizza which formerly was located near Food Lion. ATT and Tropical Smoothie join the group with Playtrade not far behind.

AllTel fills the hole left by Curves at the Chippenham Square shops. But this out parcel always seems to have one store in and one store out. America's Best Contact and

Eyeglasses sits on the opposite side of this strip.

Feeling a little like Rip Van Winkle, I find Curves beside Ukrop's in the Shoppes at Stratford Hills. And almost next door, Dilligaf tattoo and tanning salon calls the newly renovated, former dry cleaners building home. Food Lion continues to redesign the interior of their store. Santa has gone back inside Once Upon a Vine South. Christmas in July is well over. This slow summer drive has allowed me to catch up with the neighborhood.



June 7th was a good day for bikes. Young riders show their stuff in the annual bicycle parade.

## A Big Thanks to all who helped with RiverFest

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**Byrd Park Group**  
**Richmond Road Runners Club**  
**Mary Aginteanu and Larry Robinson and the Richmond Audubon Society**  
**James River Parks System**  
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**Pool Days may  
be over, but  
we've got tennis  
all year long!  
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