

SCA – Highlights from 2008-2009



Dear Neighbors:

The October Annual Meeting marked the passing of another busy year for Southampton Citizens Association. Now, as the calendar year winds down, I'd like to recap SCA activities for 2008-2009.

First, I want to welcome two new board members -- Jeanne Wall and Brian Hampton. We thank them for stepping up to serve our community. I'd like to thank all of the Board members for the time and effort they dedicate to SCA.

To become a stronger advocate for the area, last winter the SCA surveyed residents to find their primary concerns. City services, safety, opportunities for socializing with neighbors, and beautification were most often mentioned as important. The Board organized specific efforts around these areas. It was through this process that a neighbor alerted us to numerous rotten and missing poles along Rattlesnake Creek where Stratford meets Riverside Drive. The SCA addressed this with the City and new wooden rails were provided.

SCA has worked with Dexter White, Director of Public Works, to address the concern about last year's late and reduced leaf pick-up schedule. This year, Southampton will have two leaf pick-ups – one in November and a second, later pickup, the date to be announced. Board members also communicated concerns about safety issues along Riverside Drive. Board members met with City Traffic Engineering, and this summer, speed tapes were put down to record traffic. Rumble strips were placed on Riverside Drive to help slow traffic near the Meadow and Pony Pasture parking lot. VDOT provided detailed information about the new Huguenot bridge at an SCA meeting this past year and will return early in 2010 to give an update.

The SCA Board began considering ways to address the dying trees and shrubs along Chippenham Parkway and the interchanges at Huguenot Road and at Forest Hill. We are beginning to explore the feasibility of partnering public and private resources to beautify the area.

SCA continues to be a conduit for Richmond City Police to connect with our community, through updates and attendance at our monthly meetings. Recently, our Sector Captain attended an SCA meeting and reported a very low incidence of crime in the area and commended residents for watching out for one another.

A Social Committee has been formed to address your desire to create more opportunities for neighbors to connect. In October, SCA hosted a playgroup at the Norma Blaylock Tot Lot on Prairie Road to give neighbors with small children an opportunity to get together. Although the weather did not cooperate, and turnout was low, we will continue to offer ways for neighbors to meet.

Recently, the Board donated \$1,500 to Southampton School's Educational Garden to enhance the educational experience for students and provide an attractive and interesting destination for residents. We published an article in the newsletter asking residents to help with donations to this worthy project. A long-time resident made a generous donation of \$5,000 for the gardens. We are excited to see the results of all the hard work.

Communications remains a high priority. Our e-group messages are used to alert you to important events, city meetings, SCA meetings and crime alerts. We continue to maintain and enhance our website, providing links so you can access city departments, schools and elected officials easily. We are now accepting advertisements for our newsletter that reaches 2,400 households in the area – a great way to advertise your business.

As always, we invite you to attend our monthly meetings or get involved with a committee. Please join us for our upcoming Holiday Social on Tuesday, December 15th at 7:15 p.m. in the Southampton Recreation Clubhouse on Chellowe Road. Children are welcome. Our young adults will have a craft activity for them. Refreshments will be served. Plan on coming for an hour or so and meet some of your neighbors and catch up with old friends.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year. Stay in touch and pass along your thoughts and ideas to help make Southampton an even better place to live in 2010.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Blanchard".

Mary Blanchard
President

Mark Your Calendars!

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

Dec. 15 - Holiday social

Jan. 19 - Business meeting

Feb. 16 - Business meeting

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Neighbors young and old,
please join
the Southampton Citizens Association Board
for a

Neighborhood Holiday Gathering

Tuesday, December 15, 7:15
Southampton Recreation Center, 3201 Chellowe Road
Refreshments provided
Our young adults will provide crafts
for our youngest neighbors

