Community Clean Ups





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PRAYER

We have to start this issue with a prayer for our Philippines Chapter where 1 of their members are still missing

Today we pray especially for our Philippine Chapter Members and everyone killed or injured in the devastating storm named Typhoon Haiyan. Reports are that as many as 10,000 people have died, and widespread damage has occurred with thousands of homes, businesses, and buildings completely destroyed. During times like these we wonder "what good can come from this?" We cannot know, but in truth, only God knows. We must ponder this truth as we mourn the losses of our neighbors as a result of this natural disaster. So please, lift one another up in prayer as our brothers and sister continue to lose their lives in the wake of this devastating event.

Here's the link to a video showing the **Philippines Guardian Angels** going out to assist as strong waves battered and destroyed coastal communities around Davao, Mindanao after a previous storm.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEBb3RX_Coc

Before After Before After

PATROLS



911/2013

Highland Park, Brookland Park, Providence Park and Highland Terrace, VCU

We continue to focus more on the North Highland Park area in the third quarter of the year as we continue to have a nice reduction in crime. Our Head of Patrols, Tom "TNT" Kirkland will set the schedule for those VCU patrols.

We continue to keep a special eye on the Ann Hardy Park and the Meadowbridge Corridor. Other patrols include 911 and Taking it to the Streets.



Taking it to the Streets

TRAINING

Giving more thanks to Anthony McLean and the Virginia Department of Emergency Manage-ment for our CERT Training. Several of our Richmond Guardian Angels members are members of the Richmond CERT Team:

Jo White Thomas Cox Lorraine Wells Ali Abri William Bey Melvin Brinkley Saevon Hudson Michael Waddy



NEW ANGEL



LAURA GRAHAM

WELCOME BACK LAURA GRAHAM. Laura was with us in 2010 and 2011 but left after she was involved in a major car accident. Laura was severely injured but she's back in the swings of things and back with the Richmond Guardian Angels.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We now have 282 members in the Highland Park Neighborhood Watch. Our Highland Park NW meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of the month in combination with Councilwomen Ellen Robertson's Community meetings, however, due to other events we had with the community, we substituted those events for our community meetings for the past few months.

"The Law of A Few - 20% of the people do 80% of the work". We need 20% of Highland Parkers to come together and stand up for a better community. With 20% of us working together we can accomplish all the goals we talk about in our community meetings - from reducing crime to building more stail would.

"Time to Live" Breast Cancer Awareness Walk



We just had our first planning meeting for the 2014 Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. The meeting was very productive and everyone is excited. We are now looking for other church families that would like to join us in 2014. Our current churches partners are:

Bethlehem Baptist Church Second Baptist Church 31st Street Baptist Church Ebenezer Baptist Church Fresh Anointing cathedral Holy Rosary Catholic Church Good Sheppard Baptist Church Mt. Tabor Baptist Church

The "Time to Live" Breast Cancer Awareness walk is brought to you by: The Richmond Guardian Angels, VCU/Massey Cancer Center, Susan G. Komen, Virginia Cancer Foundation, Bon Secours, Cross Over Ministry, the Virginia Department of Health, and Capital Area Health Network.

For more information please visit our website at <u>http://timetolivewalk.wix.com/time-to-live</u>, or call (804) 937-6836.

CHOOSING HOPE OVER FEAR



Richmond, Virginia Chapter Members

Chapter Commander Jo White

> Head of Patrols Tom Kirkland

Sargent of Arms Ali Abri Lukas Settle

Self Defense Specialists and Tactics Coordinators Tom Kirkland

Director of Community Affairs Laura Graham

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Richmond GA Members for Community Service Activities Casey Landes Michael Waddy Edwina Cook

DARE TO CARE

THE LONG WLAK TO FREEDOM

I want to thank everyone that came out on Saturday, October 19th for this year's 2013 Long Walk to Freedom. The walk started with an opening ceremony at the Richmond City Jail followed by a 4.2 mile walk and a closing ceremony with entertainment and food at the Richmond Juvenile Center.

Long Walk to Freedom is designed to achieve two goals: 1) raise awareness of the challenges facing released prisoners and 2) raise funds for programs like ours that provide solutions to these challenges. The walk, scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2013 will begin at Richmond City Jail and end at the Richmond Juvenile Center.

Long Walk to Freedom participants will experience the "virtual reality" of re-entry issues from the perspective of released prisoners. They exit the Richmond City Jail and the challenges begin: How and where do I eat and sleep? How do I get a job and/or training for a job? How do I cope with the broken relationships I left behind? How do I recover from self-destructive habits? How do I become part of a productive, law-abiding community? And the question underlying all the others: Who Cares?

Along the way, walkers encountered the challenges of reentry and the community resources dedicated to helping individuals needing a second chance. Stations along the walk represent the various barriers to and solutions for the exoffender. Those stops address housing, food, identification, self-esteem and emotional competency, addiction recovery, transportation, employment and restoring relationships with family and community.



PLEASE JOIN US NEXT YEAR

2ND ANNUAL HIGHLAND PARK CHRISTMAS CRAWL (By invitation only)

This years event will be held on Tuesday, December 17^{th} starting at 5:30 PM. There will be 2 starting locations this year, the Guardian Angels Headquarters at 3206 Maryland Avenue for North Highland Park and a second location in the Southern Tip, to be determined. Each group will spend a half hour at the first locations where they will enjoy h'orderves and finger foods, then walk together to the 2^{nd} locations where they will enjoy soup and salad, and the 3^{rd} location will have main course foods. Then everyone will meet together at the final location, the home of Councilwoman Ellen Robertson's for desert.

The maximum amount of people we will be able to have at this event is 60, therefore, we had to select the people that we would like to invite, and you are one of those people. Please check your calendar and let me know if you will be a part of this year's Highland Park Christmas Crawl.



If you would like to be invited next year or if you would like to have a Christmas Crawl in your area, please call (804) 937-6836 and let us know.

Richmond Guardian Angels Advisory Board Meeting

We have scheduled a Guardian Angels Advisory Board meeting for Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30 PM, we will meet at the 4th Precinct, 2219 Chamberlayne Avenue.

Our Advisory Board meetings are held to provide us with advice, feedback, guidance, and support. The Guardian Angels Board of Directors is in New York so our Advisory Board does not govern the chapter, they review the objectives, accomplishments and weaknesses in the chapter and provide suggestions on strategies and goals. Although the board does not have governing power over the chapter, we make every effort to incorporate their feedback and suggestions into our policies and activities.

Some of the things we will be discussing in this meeting are:

- Ann Hardy Park patrols during and after improvements
- Gabriel Prosser Freedom Park opening
- Meadowbridge and Brookland Park Blvd. loitering at stores
- National Campaign
- Highland Park Neighborhood Watch North/South
- Plans to increase membership
- Fundraising for youth memorial, uniforms and patrol equipment
- Kaboom playground, Holiday patrols and more

If you are interested in joining our advisory board, please call (804) 937-6836.

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND



Our Baltimore Chapter, headed by Commander Marcus "Strider" Dent, is the supporting Chapter for Richmond. We share several activities from training to patrols, oh, and yea...fun.













Alliance of Guardian Angels

Some of our Chapter include: New York City, NY Atlantic City, NJ Baltimore, MD Chattanooga, TN Chicago, IL Cleveland, OH Dallas, TX Detroit, MI El Paso, TX Hartford, Conn Honolulu, HI Houston, TX Indianapolis, IN Jacksonville, FL Las Vega, NV Los Angeles, CA Madison, WI Miami, Dade Co. FL Minneapolis, MN **MS Gulf Coast** Nashville, TN New Haven, CT New Orleans, LA Orlando, FL Paterson, NJ Philadelphia, PA Phoenix, AZ Portland, ME Reno, NV Richmond, VA San Diego, CA San Francisco, CA Savannah, GA St Louis, MO Sussex, NJ Tampa, FL Toledo, OH Washington, DC Yonkers, NY York, PA Africa Australia Canada Europe Japan Italy Israel Korea Mexico New Zealand Philippines South America

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 18th, 6:00 PM Highland Park Quality of Life Meeting. Ann Hardy Park

November 19th, 6:00 PM Richmond Guardian Angels Advisory Board Meeting. 4th Precinct.

November 20th, 6:00 PM RPD Neighborhood Watch Quarterly Meeting. Police Academy.

November 23rd, 3:00 PM Whitcomb Court Community Day

December 5th, 9:00AM Kaboom Meeting at LISC.

December 5th, 6:00 PM Highland Park Quality of Life Meeting. Ann Hardy Park.

December 7th, 9:30 AM CERT Meeting, Fire Department Headquarters.

December 11th, 9:30 AM, "Time to Live" Breast Cancer Awareness meeting. Behtleham Baptist Church.



Guardian Angels.....Taking Our Streets Back

From Chapter Commander Jo White and the Richmond Guardian Angels Family

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

For more information or to find out how to join us, please contact:

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Saving Our Youth VA is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 2009 in Richmond VA The Mission of Saving Our Youth is to be a part of the community by providing services to at risk youth through programs designed to: stop juvenile delinquents from re-offending and going to jail; assist college bound students in low resource families to attend good colleges; offer neighborhood assistance

hrough neighborhood watch programs.

OUR WORLD IS IN THEIR HANDS