



---

## COMMUNITY CLEAN UPS



---

## International Alliance of Guardian Angels Richmond, VA Chapter

---

*International Alliance of Guardian Angels  
Richmond, Virginia Chapter  
December 2012 Issue*

WOW! The end of 2012 already. What a year it was. I'll do a 2012 recap in a January issue. But today, let's take a look at what's been going on the last couple of month.

## PATROLS

Highland Park, Brookland Park, Providence Park and  
Highland Terrace

We've focused more on the North Highland Park area in 2012 but we will also turn our focus to Brookland Park, Providence Park and Highland Terrace.

We opened our Chapter in 2010, since then there have been no murders in the North Highland Park area. I contribute that to the community stepping up and getting involved as well as a combination of help from RPD, City Council and the Mayors office.



## VISIT WITH CURTIS AT HIS RADIO BROADCAST STUDIO

November 23, 2012



*This was Curtis's last day at this studio. This is a great move because his new studio has much more visibility because he has a first floor window unit.*

\*\*\*\*\*



## TRAINING

Giving more thanks to Anthony McLean and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management 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*



We've already had to use our training this year with these intense storms rumbling through the areas with very high winds knocking down trees and power lines leaving thousands of people without electric.

## FORMATIONS





## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We now have 231 members in the Highland Park Neighborhood Watch. That's 17 more than we had at for Octobers newsletter when we had 214 members.

Our Highland Park NW meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in combination with Councilwomen Ellen Robertson's Community meetings.

**"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 respectful youth.

\*\*\*\*\*

## NEW GUARDIAN ANGELS

We want to welcome the following new Guardian Angels to our family

*John Westbrook III*

Commander White has know John for about 20 years as friends and business partners. John joined us for a short period about a year ago but shortly after moved to North Carolina. John is back and ready to take his place in the Guardian Angels Family again. He has already started working with our outreach team and will start training at the beginning of the year to join our patrol team.



(John, bottom left)



## JUNIOR GUARDIAN ANGELS

The future of our communities is truly built upon the training, guidance, and security of our youth. Neglected, abused, bullied, or corrupted, our youth only turn to violence and brutality to solve their problems. There is no question that the structure of our economy and society has provided youth with less stability and fewer role models, guides, parenting, and adult supervision. The Guardian Angels youth program helps to provide the needed structure, guidance, training and other prevalent skills to succeed in today's society.

### JUNIOR GUARDIAN ANGELS HIGHLIGHTERS

Junior Guardian Angel Amber Cook-Sims turned 18 on October 15<sup>th</sup> and voted for her first time in the November Presidential Election



## JUNIOR DEBATES

Most of our Juniors participate in our Junior debate sessions which are held weekly on Thursday evening but were not in session in Nov or Dec. I look forward to getting them running again in January. I'm also looking forward to part 2 of "The New Jim Crow VS The New Black Identity" debate. Part 2 will be held at the Richmond City Jail and will be moderated by Sheriff C. T. Woody. You don't want to miss this so give us a call.





## LONG WALK TO FREEDOM

Over 10,000 men and women are released from the Richmond City Jail each year, but this year it was almost doubled that. A total of 18,213 men and women were released from the Richmond City Jail from July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012. So we know important it is to help these individuals rebuild their lives to ensure that they don't return to jail or prison?

*The 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 that provide solutions to these challenges, we ask for a \$15 donation for that purpose. This year's walk was held on November 17, 2012. It began at Richmond City Jail at 9:00AM and end at Freedom House's Conrad Center on Oliver Hill Way. Along the way, walkers experienced the "virtual reality" of reentry issues from the perspective of released prisoners. They exit the Richmond City Jail and the challenges begin:



\*\*\*\*\*

## HIGHLAND PARK CHRISTMAS CRAWL

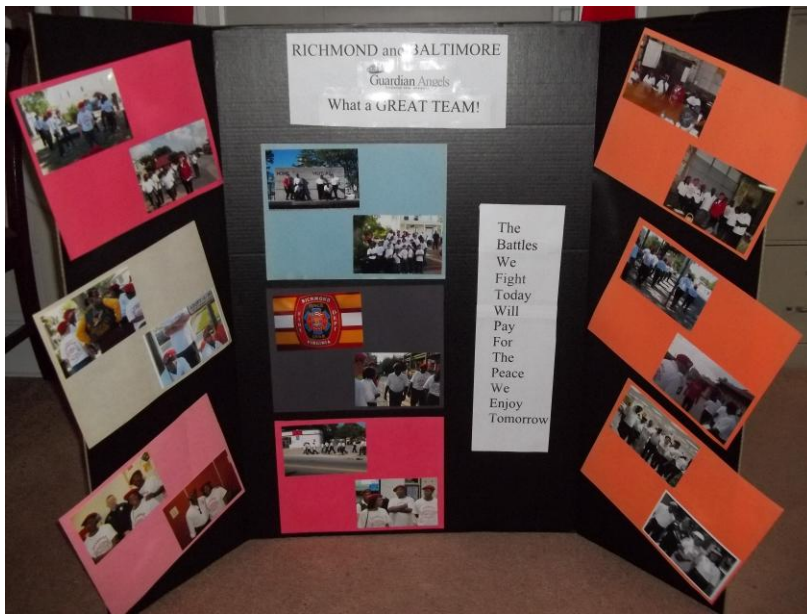
We did something a little different this year in Highland Park. We held our first annual Highland Park Christmas Crawl on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 week before Christmas. We met first here at RVA Guardian Angels Headquarters, at 5:30 to mingle to enjoy refreshments. Then at 6PM we walked 1 block over to Shanell Lewis's house for more mingling and refreshments, then at 6:30PM we went to Councilwoman Ellen Robertson's house for more mingling and refreshments, and the last house was Hope Elliott's where we finished off our mingling and filled what every spots in our stomachs we could find with her delicious refreshments, What an absolute Wonderful evening it was!!!



## 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.



## NIGHT OF THE 100 ELVIS'S



## 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

**“DARE TO CARE”**

*Our Mission: Providing peaceful solutions to safeguard neighborhoods, schools and cyberspace from bullying, gangs, and violence. Empowering individuals, especially at-risk youth, to prioritize academic achievement and become role models for their peers.*

The Alliance of Guardian Angels is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 1979 in New York City, New York. Our mission is to provide positive role models for today's youth and work toward promoting community safety and betterment for the good of society overall.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 LWTF Planning meeting with Richmond City Jail

January 21<sup>st</sup>, Martin Luther King Candlelight Walk with Boaz & Ruth

January 29<sup>th</sup>, Career Fare at Ann Hardy Park

January 31<sup>st</sup>, NRRC luncheon with RPD, Parks & Rec., RFD, and more



## Guardian Angels.....Taking Back Our Streets.

\*\*\*\*\*

From Chapter Commander Jo White  
and the Richmond Guardian Angels Family

Wishing you blessings for 2013

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

Jo White  
Chapter Commander  
(804) 937-6836

[richmondva@guardianangels.org](mailto:richmondva@guardianangels.org)  
[www.guardianangels.org/chapters/richmond](http://www.guardianangels.org/chapters/richmond)  
National website: [www.guardianangels.org](http://www.guardianangels.org)  
3206 Maryland Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222