



We continue our 3rd Saturday Neighborhood Clean Ups.



International Alliance of Guardian Angels Richmond, VA Chapter

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Wow! The first half of the year is already over. Let's recap some of our activities and look ahead to some upcoming events.



ANTI-LITTER

Litter is more than just a blight on our landscape. Litter is costly to clean up, impacts our quality of life and economic development, and eventually ends up in our waterways and oceans. We are as committed as ever to providing people with the resources to help prevent litter in Richmond with the ultimate goal of helping to end littering in the City of Richmond.

To assist with our campaign, we looked to see what other cities have done that were successful. We decided that we would like to include activities done by the state of Texas. They have a very successful anti-litter campaign called "Don't Mess With Texas", and London's "Neat Sweep" anti-litter campaign is brilliant.

The campaigns include targeted, innovative, anti-litter signs and activities to make people feel good for putting their trash in the can instead of on the ground. Creating the signs and ideas for the signs will include input and designs from our newly created 6PIC (6 Points Innovation Center) Youth Steering Committee in Highland Park.

PATROLS



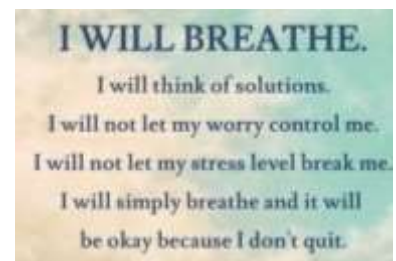
We continue to focus more on the Highland Park Community. With crime increasing in Richmond and in basically every major city across the US, we have to look at ways to be creative in our approaches. This is where our Positive Messaging Campaign comes in.

When you do your morning or evening run, or walk to the bus stop or walk around your community, do you notice the signs and flags people have in their yards? Probably not, because, outside of election time, the only time people normally notice signs is at election time.

Would you notice a flag in the yard, not one hanging off of your porch but in your yard, that says “Love Your Neighbors” or “You are Loved? Would you notice it even more if you saw it again at another near location, and then again? And if you notice it, would you think about it?

Signs are powerful and you never know who will be touched by what they say. Someone could have had a bad day at work or could have just had an argument with someone. Those stressful situations too often turn deadly. A simple calming factor could mean the difference between life or death.

With all the homicides and increased crime here in our beautiful city of Richmond, it’s time to pull out all the weapons.





To the new 6PIC
6 Points Innovation Center
3007 Meadowbridge Rd.,
Richmond, VA 23222

Each week the 6PIC will have open hours for teens from 3pm-6pm and provide transportation. In collaboration with Guardian Angels, Saving Our Youth, Storefront for Community Design and Groundwork RVA, we will provide a “safe space” model Mon.-Fri. and some weekends. Youth will use the space for homework, tutoring, eating, and personal activities. From 4pm-6pm Mon.-Wed., our organizations will work with youth through collaborative, Highland Park-focused programming and cooperative scheduling. Every Thursday from 4pm-6pm these partners will host Changemakers, a collaborative youth council to discuss their initiatives in Highland Park and, over time, serve and engage the broader community. With adult leadership from our Highland Park QoL initiative, we will foster intergenerational discussion on important neighborhood issues to forward strategies for improving the neighborhood. Join us for our Ground Breaking on June 6th from 6:00PM – 8:00PM.





NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We now have over 300 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. On May 26th we had the Highland Park Spring Break event substituted the meeting.

"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.

"Time to Live"

Breast Cancer Awareness Walk



Please join us in our 6th Annual "Time to Live" Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. The "Time to Live" Breast Cancer Awareness Walk is not a 5-10 mile walk to raise money for Breast Cancer, this is a door-to-door, face-to-face walk to disseminate breast health information, such as how to do self exams, where to get free testing if you are uninsured, and to urge people to get mammograms when the time is due. We are there to inform people of the importance of early detection to help them choose hope over fear.

The date of the walk is Saturday, June 3rd, from 9AM-12:00PM.

The "Time to Live" Breast Cancer Awareness walk is brought to you by: The Richmond Guardian Angels in association with Saving Our Youth Virginia, VCU/Massey Cancer Center, Susan G. Komen, VA Cancer Foundation, Bon Secours, Cross Over Ministry, and the Virginia Department of Health.

Our church hub this year is: Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Avenue, Richmond, VA just east of the new MLK Elementary School.



HONK 4 THE MISSING

Between June 1 and June 10th, the 5th Annual “Honk 4 the Missing” campaign will take place across the globe. Here in Richmond, we will do our walk on June 10th. The campaign raises awareness for missing persons the world over. During the “Honk 4 The Missing” event, Angel Chapters, Advocacy Groups, Family and Friends of Missing Individuals throughout the world stand in solidarity to raise awareness for those who have gone missing.

The event starts at 11:00AM. and lasts until approximately 1:00 p.m. During this time, participants stand with Posters featuring photos of the missing individual (i.e. John Doe) and the words “Honk 4 John Doe.” The event takes place at an intersection where people driving by can see the posters and honk their horns as they go by. This year we will be standing at the corner of Chamberlayne Avenue and Brookland Park Blvd.

Please join us!

Youth Memorial

We continue to work on the memorial dedicated to remembering the lives of family members and friends who have been killed due to violence in the Highland Park area. The memorial is to provide a way for people to share their losses, provide healing for those who have lost a loved one, and to humanize the issue to others. We are in no way condoning violence, but we are bringing recognition to the fact that are babies are dying and we need to do something about it. I know many people will say that a 16 or 17 year old is not a baby, but you best believe that the child was still his/her mothers baby, and that the mother was very hurt by her baby's death.

This type of thing is done in different areas across the USA such as Chicago, DC, Missouri, and Philadelphia. We feel it would be a benefit to the families and community where it sits. We want to put this type of memorial in other areas as well, but we want to start in Highland Park for the northside area.

I'm meeting with the head of Parks & Rec. Friday, June 2nd to discuss this further.

DARE TO CARE

The Alliance of Guardian Angels celebrated our 39th anniversary on February 13, 2017. The Richmond Chapter was formed on June 19th, 2010. Most people recognize the Guardian Angels from news reports of young volunteers patrolling New York's most dangerous subway lines and streets. Patrolling the streets is only one of the strategies we use. Our organization is committed to improving our communities and dealing with all kinds of problems.

EVENTS

Past Events not included in this Newsletter that will be included in the next one:

- Highland Park Spring Break
- Taking it to the Streets Community Cook Out

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3rd - 9:00AM-12:00PM

Time to Live Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. Bethlehem Baptist Church.
1920 Fairmount Ave. Richmond

June 6th - 6:00-8:00PM.

6PIC Ribbon Cutting, June 6th, 6:00PM – 8:00PM. 3007 Meadowbridge Rd. Richmond

June 17th, 10:00AM – 12:00PM

3rd Saturday Clean up. Also July 15th, August 19th, September 16th,
October 21st

June 23rd, 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Takin it to the Streets Community Cookout. Also, June 23rd, July 28th,
August 25th, and September 22nd. Gabriel Prosser Freedom Park. 3100
Meadowbridge Rd. Richmond

August 1st - National Night Out, 6PIC

From Chapter Commander Jo White

Live right, love right, dream good dreams, and above all

DARE TO CARE

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