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In the twenty-one year existence of the Mother's Day House Tour, more than 100 of the Museum District's most beautiful and unique homes have been featured. Such homes include the stately properties of Monument Avenue and the hidden gems that typify the character and charm of the Museum District. Many doors have graciously been opened throughout the years - some more than once - to more than 25,000 guests, including quite a lot of mothers!

The tour is not just about beautiful homes and gardens. Each year, proceeds from this annual event are reinvested in neighborhood environmental and safety projects. Additionally, donations are made to local non-profits. Previous years' recipients have included Albert Hill Middle School, Byrd Theater Foundation, Fan Free Clinic and the FRIENDS Association for Children.

In order to continue these efforts, the Museum District Association relies on the well-attended Mother's Day House Tour. This popular event would not be possible without the support of those who graciously open their doors and give of their time to this event each year. Become part of this annual tradition and help the Museum District Association continue to advance, advocate, protect, and unite the interests of our historic neighborhood.

Consider showing off your own beautiful home or nominate one of your neighbors. There are so many wonderful houses in the Museum District and we need your help to find the ones that best showcase the diversity and eclectic nature of our neighborhood.

There are also some affordable and exciting sponsorship opportunities in 2015. With more than 1,000 attendees projected and hundreds of volunteers, the Mother's Day House Tour offers numerous ways to spotlight your business or service.

One of the best ways to help is by volunteering a few hours of your time on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2015! There are a number of positions and shifts available, and there's no better way to give back to your community than by helping with this event!

We look forward to hearing from you.

Get Involved in this Year's Mother's Day House Tour:

- Volunteer the Day of the Tour
- Become a Sponsor
- Attend
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President's Column

Steve Thompson, 2015 MDA Board President

Dear Neighbors,

I have been your MDA public safety chair for the past four years and I am excited to have been elected to serve as your 2015 MDA president. I look forward to building on the great energy and success that Andy Scudder has passed on to me from our 50th Anniversary year.

Now is a great time to be living in the Museum District!

- Our median along Roseneath is undergoing upgrades with trees donated from the city, and the spruced-up triangles are being maintained
- The RVA Bike-Walk Street along Floyd Avenue, if implemented, will come right through the Museum District
- The gas lines have been completed
- Most of our streets are being repaved
- Crime levels are very low thanks to Richmond Police Department Sector 311 officers and your continued vigilance
- We have new businesses in the neighborhood and existing businesses that are expanding
- New residences are being planned for multiple areas in the neighborhood.

The Museum District is often cited as one of the most sought after places to live in the area!

Yes, neighbors, we are at the top of the list for good reason. We can build and expand upon that success, and that involves **YOU!** What we need is **YOU** to support your neighborhood and build a stronger community by becoming a member of the MDA!

The MDA is a neighborhood association and not a homeowner's association. If you reside in, own a business, own a property, or are a friend of the Museum District you can be a member of the MDA. The MDA board consists of owners and renters, reflecting the makeup of the neighborhood. Your membership more than pays for itself in the events, comradery, friendship, services, and support you receive.

Let's take the MDA to the next level. Can I count on **YOU** to join and be a part of it?

Sincerely,
Steve Thompson

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Upcoming Events in the Museum District

<u>What</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Where</u>
Town Hall Meeting	March 4, Wednesday 6:30 - 8 PM (see page 5)	St. Benedict Catholic School 3100 Grove Avenue (Enter via ramp on Belmont Ave.)
Day Light Saving Time Begins	March 8, Sunday	Spring your clocks forward & change your smoke detector batteries
Monument Avenue 10k	March 28, Saturday	Monument Avenue
Spring Alley Clean-Up	April 4, Saturday (see page 11)	Museum District Alleys
Spring Fling*	April 30, Thursday	Home of the Muses, 3319 Monument Avenue
Mother's Day House & Garden Tour	May 10, Sunday 1 - 6 PM	Throughout the Museum District

* Members Only Event: Dues will be taken at the door or you can join/renew at museumdistrict.org, or by completing the enclosed membership form.

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Town Hall Meeting



The Museum District Association will host a town hall meeting for the neighborhood on Wednesday, March 4. We will again be holding it in the evening instead of a Saturday morning because last year's event brought more than 80 attendees. This popular event is designed as a forum for the MDA board to visit with neighbors to hear what is important to you, answer questions, and provide an ongoing dialogue.

Please plan on attending to share what is important to you as a resident of the Museum District. Representatives from the Police Department, Fire Department, as well as our elected officials will be invited. Bring your suggestions and ideas to enhance the place we call home!

When: Wednesday, March 4

Where: St. Benedict School, 3100 Grove Ave. (Please enter via ramp on Belmont Ave)

Time: Refreshments 6:15 - 6:30 PM; Town Hall Meeting, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

This meeting is open to all residents and business owners in the Museum District.

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Many people are using Nextdoor to spread the word about suspicious activity or break-ins, find a trustworthy babysitter or handyman, or request nearby neighbors' help in finding missing pets. Nextdoor's mission is to "use the power of technology to build stronger and safer neighborhoods" and it is a great resource. You can join online or download the app and stay connected with neighbors through your phone or tablet.

As of January 16, there are 274 Museum District neighbors already utilizing this site. Let's make the Museum District, with over 4,500 residents and businesses, the largest neighborhood in Richmond on Nextdoor!

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Welcome to our Newest MDA Board Members

Trey Mason, Public Safety Chair

Trey and his wife, Gracie, have lived in the Museum District on Grove Avenue for several years. Trey moved to Richmond a little over five years ago from Charlottesville where he enjoyed four years at UVA. He and his wife enjoy all aspects of the neighborhood, most notably walking their dog, Chunk, through Carytown. In his free time he enjoys playing sports, reading and travelling and in his non-free time he is busy working at Capital One.



M.A. Powers, Secretary

M.A. (Margaret Anne) Powers and her husband, Patrick, are thrilled to have moved back into the city this past spring after a decade-long hiatus to Henrico County. They spent 18 months renovating a home on Floyd Avenue that they share with two dogs, two cats, and three adult children when they are around for holidays and vacations. M.A. was a middle school teacher prior to dedicating 20 years to being a full time stay-at-home mom and Patrick practices allergy and immunology in Mechanicsville. M.A. volunteers in a variety of capacities at the Girl Scouts Commonwealth Council on Augusta Avenue and with the United States Naval Academy Parents Club of Central VA. She is looking forward to being involved in the Museum District, serving on the board, and getting to know more neighbors in the coming year.



Come Cheer for the Albert Hill Tigers at The Monument Avenue 10k

The Albert Hill Middle School running club will have a team of students and teachers participating in the Monument Avenue 10k on Saturday, March 28.



FIX THIS HOME *By Sean Wallace*

There could be a sleeping dragon in your home right now... It lives in your clothes dryer and grows while you unsuspectingly transfer your fresh lavender-smelling clothes in and out of it. When conditions are right, the dragon dangerously breathes fire and may cause serious property damage, injury or worse...take someone's life!

The dragon is lint. Lint builds up slowly and gradually over time with each use of your dryer. Lint is created from clothes as water is removed during the drying process. This lint will build up in crevices deep down inside the lint filter trap, and all along the dryer vent hose.

Here is a list of tell-tale signs that your dryer, gas or electric, may have an excessive lint build up problem within the venting system and is in need of a cleaning:

- Clothes take longer and longer to dry;
- Clothes don't fully dry;
- Clothes are hotter than normal at the end of the cycle;
- The outside of dryer gets very hot;
- The outside exhaust vent flapper does not open very much indicating low exhaust velocity;
- The laundry room becomes more humid than usual;
- A burnt smell is evident in the laundry room.

Now I know what you are thinking, "I clean my dryer vent screen/filter after every load...lint is not a problem for me!"

Although this is a good practice, it only lessens the overall amount of lint that finds its way further down the dryer vent system. If given enough time, the risk of fire will increase.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommends a dryer vent system cleaning at least once a year and inspecting for blockages at the six month mark in between cleanings. Personally, I also believe that the best time to clean is in the fall before the onset of winter. Dry winter air increases the probability of static discharges, which is a deadly ignition source for excessive lint build up.

Cleaning is simple. You can go by your local home improvement store and buy a dryer cleaning kit for a relatively cheap price. The kits are better than your vacuum because they have stiff bristles to agitate the inside of the duct system, specifically between the dryer itself and the outside discharge. Make sure to start at the dryer vent screen, work your way through the hose and then finally check the discharge vent outlet outside. If you don't want to get dirty, you can always call a professional. Calling a pro would also be a good idea if the discharge vent on your dryer is longer than ten feet and contains a lot of bends and elbows, which make cleaning it yourself much more difficult. Lastly, if you have a gas dryer, shut off the gas valve closest to the dryer. If it is electric, unplug it. Remember, always take safety seriously.

Now, let me go put the clothes in the dryer...



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MDA Membership - What's It All About?

By Claire Sanderson, Membership Chair

Ok, so you get your copy of *The Columns* every quarter, and you may know it is produced by the Museum District Association. But what is this association and what does it do? Furthermore, why should you join?

We are a neighborhood civic association made up of volunteers who support the Museum District. Our mission is to unite, protect and advance the interests of the neighborhood in order to realize its potential and improve the quality of life in the neighborhood and community. We are an active organization, with over 500 members and growing.

We bring value to our members every day. Some of the things that we do are:

- Promote open communication with the city and surrounding neighborhoods
- Initiate beautification projects to improve the overall appearance of the neighborhood
- Provide input on zoning issues
- Work closely with law enforcement officials to promote a safe neighborhood
- Publish *The Columns*, a quarterly newsletter which is hand-delivered to every residence and business in the district that contains updates on the activities of the MDA as well as stories about our neighborhood, its people, and its history
- Communicate with our members via eCards and social media to notify them of important events and safety concerns.

We work hard, but we have fun, too! We host a variety of functions for our members throughout the year that allow them a chance to get out and get to know their neighbors better. Some events include:

- Mother's Day House & Garden Tour
- Spring Fling Social
- Family Fun Summer Picnic
- National Night Out
- Annual Meeting
- Alley-cleanups in the spring and the fall
- Town hall meeting

As you can see, the Museum District Association does a lot to make our neighborhood a safer, more beautiful, and more neighborly place to live. But we cannot do this alone. Becoming a member is a great way to give back and invest in your neighborhood. Whether you are picking up this newsletter for the first time, or are a longtime member and are considering renewing, we hope that you will make the choice to join the MDA. You can do so by mailing in the form inserted in this newsletter, or by going to www.museumdistrict.org, where you can also sign up for our e-card communications.

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Annual Meeting & 50th Anniversary Celebration

The annual meeting was not only the business meeting but also a chance to celebrate the Museum District Association's 50th Anniversary. The Virginia Historical Society (VHS) auditorium was filled with new and long-time residents who came to celebrate. Mr. Dan Slone Esq., Partner, McGuireWoods LLC, provided a street-level look at the Museum District's past, present, and future.



Local officials offered greetings and best wishes. Following the business meeting and a hearty thank you to Andy Scudder, outgoing president, the new officers were elected and the meeting moved to the foyer for refreshments.



Over 150 members of the MDA filled the VHS with laughter and memories of life in the Museum District.

A special thank you to the following for their donations:

- Cakes by Graham for a beautiful cake
- Ardent Brewery for local libation
- Classical Revolution RVA for the music



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Time capsule

As part of the 50th Anniversary celebration, the MDA board with the assistance of VHS has assembled a time capsule. The time capsule is to be opened in 25 years by the 2039 MDA board. It is hoped that the objects in the capsule will provide them with an idea of what life was like in the MDA in 2014. Included are the front page of the Times Dispatch and New York Times for November 13, a letter from the MDA board describing what has been placed in the capsule and why, information about the VHS and its renovations, and the VMFA's current exhibit including the 3D printer which we are sure will be considered "low tech" by then! In addition, pictures



of the party, the Museum District and the Proclamation from the City Council celebrating the MDA have been included. There is still room for more. If you have something that you think future generations would like to see, please contact Sue Patow at

MDAPrograms@
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The time capsule will be stored at the VHS until the MDA's 75th Anniversary bash! Many thanks to E. Lee Shepard, Vice President for Collections at VHS, for his most generous assistance and guidance.



Hey, did you know that the best time to trim your liriopse is January through March? Be sure to remove all existing growth before the ground warms and new growth emerges.

Noodle Green, MDA resident

Spring Alley Clean-up April 4



What: Spring Alley Clean-up

Where: Volunteers will meet at Albert Hill Middle School

When: 7:45 a.m. on April 4

Why: Scheduling the alley clean-up in April will allow us to pick up the unwanted furniture and other debris from the moving and rental turnover that accompanies the end of the school year and before the May Mother's Day House & Garden Tour.

How to get involved: If you are interested in helping with the alley clean-up, please contact:

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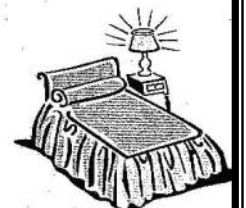
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Richmond Police Department Spotlight, Meet Our Sector Lieutenant



Name: Michael Lionel Stith

Title: 311 Sector Lieutenant

How long have you been with the RPD? 25 years

How long have you been in Sector 311? 5 years

How many officers are under your command? Approximately 30 officers.

What is a fun fact that most people don't know about you? I am an ordained Minister of the Gospel

What is the most exciting/rewarding thing about your job? I enjoy devising strategies to decrease crime and capturing suspects responsible for those crimes.

What is a typical day like for you? A typical day includes a balancing act of a multitude of duties ranging from: reviewing criminal incidents, maintaining community partnerships through meetings and information sharing, analyzing

criminal complaints, crime statistics and trends to guide deployment of resources, handling internal administrative issues, and responding to high priority calls to provide oversight for critical incidents.

Why is it important to report suspicious/out of place activity? Often reports of a suspicious person or activity either provide a lead on who may be involved in criminal activity or play a role in helping to resolve a crime issue.

What is something citizens can do to prevent/deter crime? Citizens who are aware of their surroundings and participate in their neighborhood by being a part of their neighborhood watch or communications network such as the Nextdoor program become a tremendous assets in the fight against crime. That, combined with taking advantage of the police department's offers such as: classes on personal safety, home and business security surveys, vacation home and business checks, and robbery prevention helps to provide the support to make crime prevention work.

This is the first in a series of articles where we will spotlight Police Officers and Fire Fighters that serve the Museum District.

Public Safety Update

By Trey Mason Public Safety Chair

2014 was a great year! Overall, the Museum District had another quiet year crime-wise. This is a result of several factors, including being cognizant and aware of our surroundings, reporting suspicious activity to the police, remembering to remove all items of value from our vehicles, and most importantly locking our cars. The total incidents reported in the Museum District for 2014 were down 15 percent from 2013, and down 25 percent from 2012. Thefts from vehicles were also down for the year..

Now that winter is upon us and people are more likely to be inside, there is an increased risk of fire. Did you know the majority of fires in the city are related to cooking? Don't risk becoming a fire victim by leaving food cooking unattended. Would you like a free Home Fire Safety Survey? Do you need help changing the batteries in your smoke detector? Is your smoke detector 10+ years old? Then call 804-646-2500 and schedule free assistance provided by our Richmond Fire Depart-

ment. The next time you see our Station 18 firefighters around the neighborhood please say thank you. They support the MDA by participating in many of our events and are trying to work themselves out of a job by helping us lower the chances of house fires.

As we enter 2015, we are all looking forward to a year as safe and successful as w2014. Thank you for all of your help!

Data for all years span 1/1 to 12/12.



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The Reason Behind the Special Use Permit *By Stephen Versen, Zoning & Land Use Chair*

There are so many reasons to love the Museum District, but its visual appeal, compactness, and human scale are top among them. We benefit from living in a community that was intentionally built as a suburb, where residential comfort and beauty were paramount, but it is also a neighborhood built before widespread automobile use, where walk-ability and mixed use were a natural part of the neighborhood.

Background

The streetcar had been around at least 20-30 years before most of our homes were constructed, making it very much an ordinary and expected part of the suburban landscape. So, much like how contemporary suburban communities are now built around the automobile; our neighborhood was built around the streetcar. The implications of this were long, straight, wide streets, with compact rows of housing built alongside, offering only pedestrian access to the main thoroughfares. All other ways of accessing one's property – whether by horse, wagon, or automobile – were through the back or side of the lot, which were served by narrower side streets and service alleys. This lack of vehicle curb cuts in front of houses has not only served to make travel through the neighborhood safer and smoother (east to west at least) – it has also created the long, consistent views down the street and pleasant walking and jogging opportunities that we love so much about our neighborhood.

1927 Brought Changes

In 1927, this pattern of development was codified through the first City Zoning Ordinance which, in short, gives our City government (i.e. you and me) a way to prevent new construction or redevelopment projects that might negatively impact the quality, functionality or consistency of our neighborhood. Thus, any significant building project requires permits from the City, and if that project does not conform to the zoning and ordinances controlling that property's development, the permits won't be issued.

However, zoning, especially traditional zoning where land uses are strictly separated, sometimes cannot accommodate developments that do not fit its rigid regulations. For example, the two zoning categories encompassing most of our neighborhood, R-6 and R-48, don't allow for business uses, which at first seems odd since they permeate the neighborhood and their presence is widely considered an important part of any established, urban residential neighborhood. Fortunately, structures and uses in place before the 1927 zoning implementation are grandfathered in, but any new use, or change in use, must comply with the underlying zoning requirements.

Special Use Permits

So, the question arises that, without completely changing the current zoning of the Museum District, how can our neigh-

borhood have the flexibility to add uses that do not meet existing regulations in order to remain the vibrant, dynamic, mixed-use neighborhood that it is? The answer of course: Special Use Permits (SUP); they are the mechanism for allowing City Council to provide relief from zoning regulations. Although the changes and new uses that Special Use Permits allow, when appropriate, can be vital to maintaining the health of our neighborhood, they are a permanent change to a community that most of us feel is pretty good as is. Therefore, the process to receive a SUP is an appropriately difficult one that requires careful consideration from several parties.

The process is not an easy one, but obtaining a SUP can be the key to unlocking a property's potential, both for the owner, as well as the neighborhood. Therefore, it's important that a community understands the SUP process, our partnership with the City, the impact individual projects can have on the community, and the central role that the neighborhood association plays in that process. The MDA encourages our residents to be engaged in the process and to help us protect what we love about our neighborhood by carefully balancing needed change with the need for continuity and preservation.

Check back in our spring issue for a complete outline of the steps it takes to obtain a Special Use Permit.

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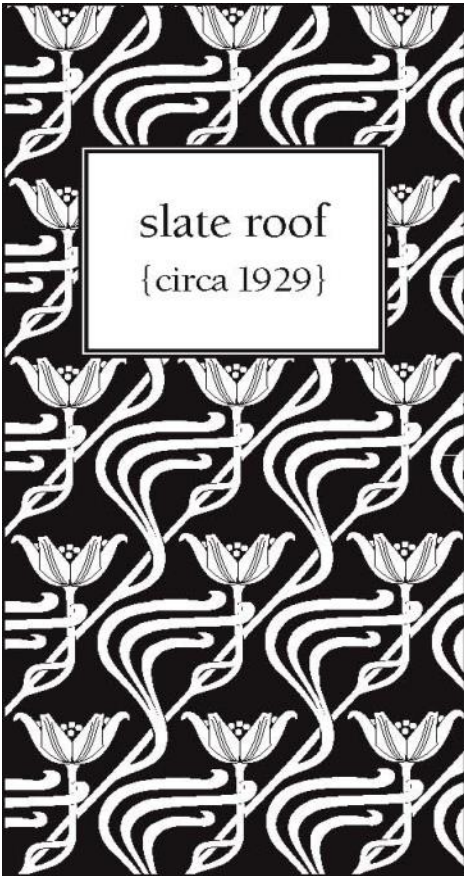
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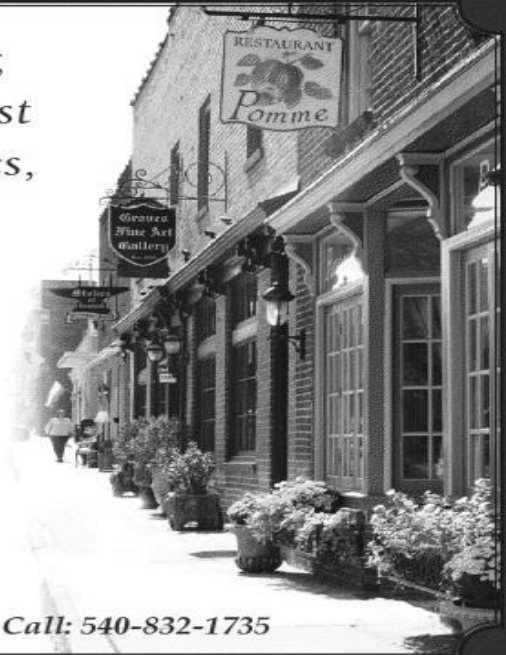
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NonProfit Corner—Richmond SPCA

Contributed by Abbey Howarth, Communications Specialist



Walk, run or jog with your dog for the Richmond SPCA!

Join thousands of devoted animal lovers at the Richmond SPCA's 13th Annual Dog Jog and 5K Run on March 21!

The Dog Jog and 5K Run, presented by Holiday Barn Pet Resorts, is one of Richmond's most fun family- and pet-friendly events. Held at the Robins-Starr Humane Center, the day begins with a competitive, chip-timed 5K (3.1 mile) run/walk for humans only, followed by a dog-friendly, leisurely, one-mile Dog Jog. Throughout the morning, supporters will enjoy a pet-friendly vendor fair at the humane center, featuring a Kids Fun Zone packed full of fun activities for the whole family. Prizes donated by generous local sponsors will be awarded for top individual and team fundraisers, as well as fastest 5K Run finishers.



This year, the Richmond SPCA hopes to raise more than \$147,000 to save the lives of thousands of homeless dogs and cats, and to continue providing essential educational programs and veterinary services to the community. You can fundraise as an individual or as part of a team through a simple online fundraising tool. Even non-participants and out-of-towners can contribute by fundraising in advance and "Cat Napping" through the event!

Since its founding in 1891, the Richmond SPCA has advanced from a local to a national leader in humane care and education. As a private, non-profit, no-kill humane organization dedicated to the principle that every life is precious, the Richmond SPCA has strengthened a compassionate community through its development of numerous lifesaving programs and services including those dedicated to adoption, rehabilitation, sterilization and education. The Richmond

SPCA saves the lives of more than 3,500 homeless animals each year and cares for about 350 cats and dogs daily.

In addition to adoption services, the Richmond SPCA operates a free and low-cost spay/neuter clinic and behavior helpline and offers pet behavior classes, children's educational programs, a full-service, low-cost veterinary clinic and numerous volunteer programs.

As a private nonprofit, the Richmond SPCA receives no monetary support from the government or taxpayers and operations function based on the donations of individuals and foundations, endowments, service fees, corporate support and events such as the Dog Jog and 5k Run. Fortunately, the Richmond community has been more than generous in contributing time and money to see that the Richmond SPCA continues to be able to provide services and save the lives of animals not just in Richmond, but from around the state and country.

For more information about the Richmond SPCA and the Dog Jog and 5K Run, including a list of sponsors, and to register visit www.richmondspca.org/race.

The Richmond SPCA was nominated for this NonProfit Corner by Museum District Resident and SPCA board member, Pat Manning. To nominate your favorite local charity, contact MDA Newsletter Editor, Karen Headley at MDANewsletter@musemdistrict.org





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Neighborhood Business Profile

Tanya Cauthen & The Belmont Butchery



Tanya Cauthen is the proud owner of Belmont Butchery - a Museum District gem that is nationally acclaimed for its fine meats and charcuterie. Tanya was a meat girl from an early age. She grew up in a Navy family and remembers ordering her meat rare at the Friday night officer's club dinner at age six. She went on to major in aerospace engineering at the University of Virginia, but while cooking her way through college she discovered a Swiss apprenticeship opportunity that had her hooked. She took a leap of faith in 2006 and opened up Belmont Butchery. This local butchery has been featured in Food & Wine magazine for their 'Charcuterie,' a fancy word for cured meats, particularly the bacon, which has received rave reviews and is amazing any time of day. They slow smoke it over hickory and cure it with natural ingredients. Belmont's sausages tell a story of old world technique. They are unique and crafted by hand in small batches. Belmont Butchery doesn't stop there...poultry, pork, beef, sausage, exotic meats, and other charcuterie items are available. Their website lists current offerings, but if you don't see what you are looking for, give them a call and they'll do what they can to get it as soon as possible!

Tanya and her team have deep respect for the animals that make their craft possible. She has learned a lot about anatomy and once a year she takes her employees to a local farm where they learn to humanely slaughter by hand. Tanya says, "We need to be thankful for the food we have. We need food, and I would rather have it raised with compassion and killed with respect by someone who values its life and what it provides for us."

Tanya also knows the value of supporting local farmers. "The passion and joy of the local farmer raising very special cattle means a spectacular selection of robust flavors you wouldn't otherwise be able to taste. Each of the local

farms that provide us with beef offers its unique take on what makes for an exceptional cut of meat. By bringing these different farms to your table, Belmont offers you a tremendous variety of selection—and that sets us apart from everyone else in Richmond and for that matter - Virginia. We are always trying out new farms as potential sources for our beef."

Reviewers express delight about the staff's wealth of knowledge and the high quality of meats. So what are you waiting for? Whether it's a prime beef cut or something more exotic like wild boar head over to Belmont Butchery and see what they are all about!

The Belmont Butchery logo is set against a background of white starburst patterns. At the top, the website address 'www.BelmontButchery.com' is written in a serif font. Below this, a rooster stands on top of a pig. The pig's body is a white silhouette with the text 'since 2006' written on it. The pig stands on top of a cow. At the bottom, a banner contains the words 'BELMONT BUTCHERY' in a stylized font, with decorative flourishes on either side.

RESIDENT SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

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