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*The Columns*  
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## MDA Annual Meeting

*November 17, Thursday*

*Refreshments 6:00 PM*

*Meeting 7:00 PM*

*Temple Beth El*

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The guest speaker is Wilson T Mustian, publisher of *Facts and Legends of Richmond Area Streets*.

Join the Museum District Association for a review of 2016, meet neighbors and local elected officials, and discover the origin of your street name.

The Annual Meeting is a members-only event. You can join online at [MuseumDistrict.org](http://MuseumDistrict.org) or at the door.

Please respond by Monday, November 14 to [RSVP@MuseumDistrict.org](mailto:RSVP@MuseumDistrict.org). For more information, contact [mdaprograms@museumdistrict.org](mailto:mdaprograms@museumdistrict.org) or call 804-410-1632.



*Museum District -  
Richmond, VA*



# President's Column

M.A. Powers, 2016 MDA Board President

## Greetings Neighbors:

This issue of *The Columns* is the final publication for 2016 and typically in this space, the president makes remarks fitting to the close of his or her one-year term in the position. The MDA board is in an unusual position, as I have made the commitment to continue as president for another year.

Though I have made strides towards my personal goals for the position, I find that I still have a few things left to see through to completion. I am honored that the board deems it appropriate for me to remain president for an additional term.

Some neighborhood highlights from the summer that I am pleased to share, include:

- The MDA was excited to be named Second Best Neighborhood Civic Association by Richmond Magazine readers! Our neighbor, the Fan District Association, received a First Place honor by readers.
- Residents and churches in the neighborhood contributed loads of school supplies to Thomas Jefferson High School and provided breakfast items for a fabulous welcome back to school celebration for teachers and staff at TJHS.
- A weekly email series entitled: "This Week in the Museum District" was introduced to highlight events happening in and close to the Museum District. Visit our website to subscribe to our email distribution list.

- In September, the MDA sponsored a town hall meeting: Supporting Our Schools. PTA representatives and school leaders from Mary Munford, William Fox, Albert Hill, James Binford, and Thomas Jefferson were on hand to share challenges and needs unique to their buildings.

The coming year will bring changes to the board of the MDA. After decades of leadership, Zoe Anne Green will retire from the board. We will miss her constant presence but know that she will remain here in the neighborhood as a fabulous resource and friend. Karen Headley, who has also served in a variety of positions during her decade of service, will be noticeably missed for her contributions to the board. Many thanks to Zoe Anne and Karen!

We are actively recruiting residents dedicated to the neighborhood to replace these valuable members. Please email me if you want to discuss serving on the board in the coming year. [MDApresident@museumdistrict.org](mailto:MDApresident@museumdistrict.org)

As we journey into the colder months, please look out for each other. Be vigilant in watching for and reporting suspicious activities and crimes throughout the district. Connect with the neighborhood for important events and fun activities through our website, emails, Nextdoor, and Facebook. Feel free to reach out to me or any other board member with your concerns or questions.

Best wishes,

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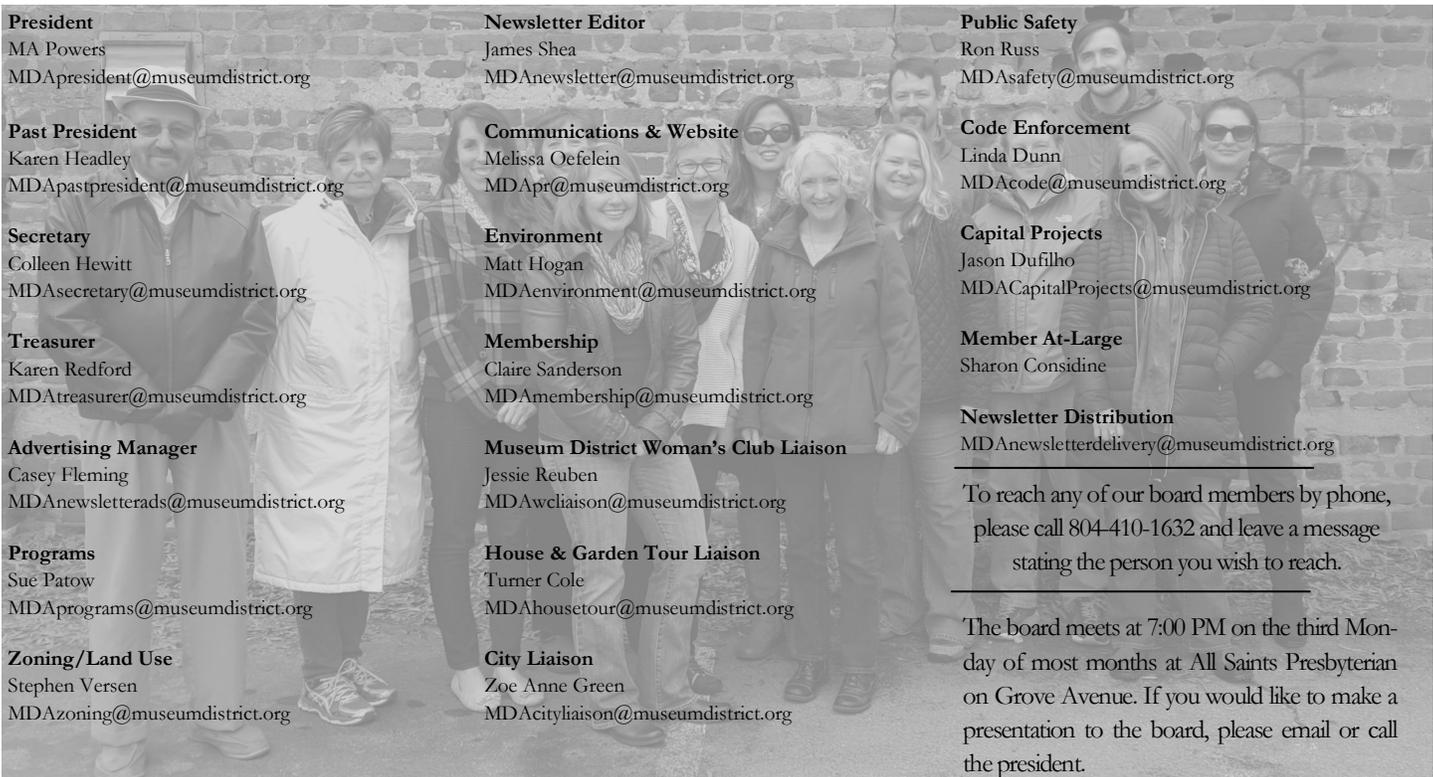
<u>What</u>	<u>When</u>	<u>Where</u>
Daylight Saving Time	November 6, Sunday 2:00 AM	Turn clocks back an hour
Election Day	November 8, Tuesday	Local polling stations
MDA Annual Meeting *	November 17, Thursday Refreshments: 6 PM Meeting: 7 PM	Temple Beth-El 3300 Grove Ave (Please enter on Roseneath)

\* The Annual Meeting is a members-only events. If you are not a member, you may join online, MuseumDistrict.org, or at the door.

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# Woman's Club News & Schedule

The Museum District Woman's Club is encouraging women to become involved. The group held its annual kick-off Wine Tasting at Can Can Brasserie recently. Over 100 women attended the event.

Many members took this opportunity to renew their membership and a number of new members joined.

Ellwood Thompson presented several Spanish wines and Can Can provided delicious snacks.

The Woman's Club has an engaging year of programming planned. If you have not renewed your membership, it is not too late.

You may join online at [www.MDWC.org](http://www.MDWC.org).

## October 19

Event: Scott's Addition, Hofheimer Building  
Location: 3010 Floyd Ave

## November 16:

Event: The Jefferson Davis Family  
Location: 202 N Sheppard St.

## December 21:

Event: Holiday Social  
Location: The One Bed & Breakfast,  
1 N Boulevard

## January 18:

Event: Benefits of Using a Travel Agent  
Location: 2901 Grove Ave

## February 17:

Event: Elements of Carytown  
Location: 3425 W Cary St

All meetings begin at 7:30 PM



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# Front Porch

Byrd Theater

**Date:** Friday, October 28

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Location:** 2908 W Cary St

The Byrd Theater is presenting the original 1925 version of Phantom of the Opera. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Bygones Vintage Clothing. No tickets will be sold the day of the event.



Virginia Historical Society

**Date:** October 15 - January 15

**Time:** Museum hours

**Location:** 428 N Boulevard

The most significant pieces from the Coolidge Collection of Thomas Jefferson Manuscripts are returning to Virginia including Jefferson's handwritten copy of the Declaration of Independence as originally drafted. Free to members and \$10 for non-members.

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

**Date:** Until January 29

**Time:** Museum hours

**Location:** 200 N Boulevard

An exhibition brings together the work of Charles Meryon and John Taylor Arms, printmakers who revered the art and architecture of medieval Europe. Meryon was a champion of the Etching Revival in France. Admission is free.



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## **MDA creates election guide**

It's election time, and the MDA has developed a guide for residents of the Museum District on its website. Residents of the Museum District fall mostly into the First District, but it also has homes along Monument, Grace, and Cutshaw that fall into the Second District, as well as homes along Ellwood and the Boulevard that fall into the Fifth District. See you at the polls.

Visit: [www.MuseumDistrict.org](http://www.MuseumDistrict.org)  
for more information



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# Woman follows passion with tattoo shop

By James Shea, MDA Newsletter Editor

Art has always been Kimberly Wall's passion. Now, it's her job. Wall and her husband, Ryan Wall, own Black Rabbit Tattoo on Belmont Ave.

Her shop focuses on comic book, anime, and cartoon-style tattoos, an area where she has developed a cult-like following. She has 52,000 followers on Instagram and is booked through the middle of next year.

When she opened the shop, she followed a dream to design tattoos based on a style of art that she loves.

"I never let go of it from when I was a kid," Wall said. "It was my life growing up, and when I grew up, I didn't want to let go of this thing that I loved. I learned how to draw through watching anime and reading manga. I learned character design through video games. I learned anatomy through watching anime. It became my life and what I loved."

The process of opening her shop, however, has been long and challenging. Wall started as an intern at a local tattoo shop. She was not paid well but learned the traditional art of tattooing.

Wall eventually branched out and began tattooing the type of art that she enjoys. She tattooed various anime and cartoon characters for several people and was surprised when the interest in that type of artwork grew.

"I don't think she realized that her love of the subject matter would explode the way it did," Ryan Wall said. "There is a large clientele who wanted exactly what she has always been passionate about."

After seven years at a traditional tattoo shop, Wall was ready to venture out on her own. Wall, 31, rented an apartment in the Museum District in her early 20s and thought



*Kimberly Wall and her husband, Ryan, opened Black Rabbit Tattoo on Belmont Ave.*

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the area would be perfect for her style as a tattoo artist.

“I really love the Museum District,” Wall said. “I’ve always wanted to live here. I really like this area, because it’s also residential. There are a lot of people walking around. It’s a good community. It’s comfortable. It’s safe.”

She gets her hair cut at a salon on Belmont. Last year, she walked out of the shop after getting a haircut and saw that one of the nearby shops was empty. The shop had been the long-time home of Tom French Flowers.

Wall contacted the landlord and learned that the space was available. She immediately jumped at the opportunity and signed a lease.

To help make the business successful, she asked her husband to join her. Wall is an artist but has no business background. Besides, she has no time to balance the books and pay the bills, given her growing client list. Ryan Wall was enlisted and became the business manager.

“We got him on the team, because I can’t do it all,” Wall said. “We needed him to run the business, so I

could focus on the art. It’s really hard to do both.”

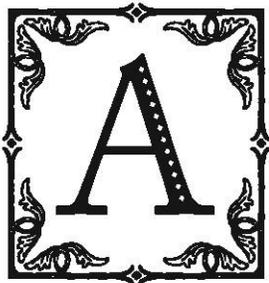
Besides Wall, the shop has three other female tattoo artists. She sees the shop as a place where women can feel comfortable, as the tattoo industry is generally male dominated.

“I feel like there aren’t any shops in Richmond that are all female,” Wall said. “We wanted to create an environment where that was showcased a little bit. Obviously, I came up in a pretty traditional tattoo world.”

The shop is about to celebrate its one-year anniversary, and Wall said the reception from the community and customers has been overwhelming. Local businesses have expressed support, and a recent promotional event had lines out the door and down the street.

Wall is amazed that she has been able to make a living as an artist and said there is no way to pigeonhole her clientele. She tattoos a variety of people including moms, law enforcement officers, and business professionals. Her goal, she said, is for people to enjoy the same brand of art that she does.

“When people come in and get tattooed, and they get this super nerdy thing that they love, it makes them happy that somebody is happy to do it for them,” Wall said.



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# Library holding Diamond Jubilee



Belmont Diamond Jubilee, which has a theme of "Celebrating 60 years of serving this community," is being held at the Belmont Public Library on Monday, October 24. This special day is a chance to look back through the years and look forward to exciting days ahead.

The event will feature: local authors, local artwork, a raffle, special displays, time capsule, special family story time, refreshments, and music.

### Schedule

4:00 PM	Children's event (grades 4-6)
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Refreshments
6:45 PM	Raffle drawing*
7:00 PM	Family Storytime

\*Tickets are on sale now at the library.

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# Two Legends Leave the MDA Board



It would be hard to find a project or activity in the Museum District that Zoe Anne Green hasn't touched in some way. She has lived in the Museum District for over 30 years and has been on the MDA board for at least 25 of them! When she joined the board in the 1990s, everything was done

in hard copy form – no internet, no email. Minutes were typed, copied, and mailed to each board member! Every small effort was very time consuming.

She recalls a time early on when she and three other individuals sat around the table to determine if the association (founded in 1964) was going to fold or continue. Each person took a leadership role, and, well, the rest is history. The board has grown and now includes 16 members, with board positions being added as our world changes.

Zoe Anne has been president of the association three times, and has chaired most of the committees, except those reliant on databases, she jokes.

Her favorite roll has been that of City Liaison, where she has worked with her extensive list of friends and contacts in the City and surrounding neighborhoods to advance the interests of the MDA and see projects spring to life. Zoe Anne is a tireless worker and enthusiastic supporter of the Museum

District Association. She promises to stay involved and invites neighbors to seek her out if she can help in any way.

A few projects and activities that she helped are:

- In 1994, partnered with other board members to canvass all properties in our then-named West of the Boulevard neighborhood, to have those properties added to the State and Federal Registry of Historic Places. The house plaques you see today reflect that designation
- In 1997, served on the formation committee for the first Mother's Day House & Garden Tour and serves on that committee at present
- In 2001, worked to change the name of the neighborhood and association from West of the Boulevard to The Museum District

Zoe Anne's extensive knowledge, institutional memory, and editorial eye have been invaluable to the MDA over the years. We are grateful for her many years of exceptional service to the neighborhood!

*"I love the Museum District. It's a very special neighborhood full of energy and diversity, coupled with everyone's willingness to help his or her neighbor."*



Karen Headley moved to her home in the Museum District in 2007. Her realtor suggested she attend the MDA's Annual Meeting and possibly become involved with the Mother's Day House & Garden Tour in order to meet more people and learn about her neighborhood. She did just that.

Within eight months, she had joined the MDA board and was chairing the House Tour committee. After helping to grow the House Tour revenue, Karen moved on to serve as President of the MDA and then to build the MDA Newsletter, *The Columns*, as its editor for three years.

During her tenure on the board, she has helped local businesses, built relationships with landlords, worked to

establish strong partnerships with other neighborhoods and business associations, and more.

Eight years and multiple roles later, Karen has mixed feelings about ending her time on the board. She has loved getting to know so many of the hardworking, caring volunteers who devote their time to making the Museum District the best place to live, work, and play. But she also knows it is time to bring in new energy and ideas.

Karen loves her neighborhood and her neighbors and is committed to continuing to support the great things that are happening here.

Be sure to look out for her and her pup, Louie, walking through the district, picking up trash, and celebrating at MDA events.

We would like to thank her for her tremendous contribution to our neighborhood and the City.

# MDA Works to Improve Area Schools

The Museum District Association has recently begun active engagement with our neighborhood schools. The board believes that all residents have a vested interest in the public schools, whether it means having a safe neighborhood, living with educated and informed students, or maintaining property values.

The MDA is committed to bridging the gap between its schools and its residents, even those without children. The board had tremendous support for our school supplies drive in August and the welcome-back breakfast for staff at Thomas Jefferson High and is looking forward to offering ongoing support to our schools.

In this effort, a new board position has been created for 2017. Museum District native Hannah Abbey has been instrumental in planning for the position and defining the scope of responsibilities and the MDA board is thrilled to have her on board as our newest member. It appears that the Museum District is one

of the first neighborhood associations in the city to designate a position on its board for school engagement.

The MDA School liaison will focus on supporting our local district schools for the improvement of the neighborhood, as it relates to the MDA mission. The liaison will serve as a board member. She/He will bring awareness to the community of school events and happenings, school needs, and school board issues which may affect the district schools. The liaison will be responsible for communicating with school administrations, school board representatives, and local PTAs regularly. The liaison will coordinate fundraisers, supply drives, volunteer efforts, and town hall meetings as needed. He/She will oversee the establishment and appropriation of a post-secondary educational scholarship to a graduating senior of Thomas Jefferson High School. The school liaison will oversee any school-related MDA committees which may be established.

## *Celebrate the Season*

### *Church Hill Annual Historic House Tour*

*Sunday December 11, 12-5PM*

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Church Hill is the oldest community in historic Richmond with homes built as far back as the 1700s. The neighborhood is an elegant mix of Federal, Greek revival, and Victorian homes alongside innovative condominiums within historic structures and a growing number of thriving new restaurants and businesses. Neighbors will open their treasured homes for you to experience the sights, smells, and sounds of holidays past. Shuttle service is offered between each home beginning at St. John's Church.

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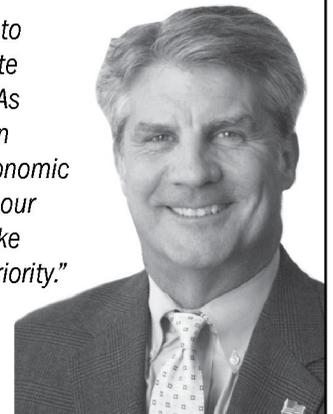


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# MDA Bids Farewell to a Treasured Neighbor



Bertie Selvey, who lived with her husband Bill on Kensington Avenue for over 30 years, passed peacefully from this life on September 7, 2016, at the age of 80. Bertie provided more than a decade of contributions to the Museum District Board in the 1990s and early 2000s, serving as programs chair, president, and House Tour volunteer.

Selvey had a radiant smile, a ready laugh, and unrivaled hospitality. Bertie and Bill opened their beautiful home, which they operated as a bed & breakfast for many years, for countless neighborhood gatherings and were on the Museum District Mother's Day House & Garden Tour at least twice. In addition to opening their home, Bertie chaired the House Tour one year and served on the committee for several.

Bertie and Bill hosted many notable guests, including actors Kevin Bacon and Kyra Sedgwick and their son during the filming of *Miss Rose White*, in which Ms. Sedgwick plays the title role. Bacon passed some time learning from the Selveys' son how to play basketball, preparing for his role in *A Few Good Men*.

Selvey was an enthusiastic and tireless champion for a number of important causes, but one that was very near to her heart and very dear to our neighborhood was the establishment of the Byrd Theater Foundation, which rescued the Byrd Theater from demolition in 2007 and keeps this landmark in good repair so that everyone can enjoy movies in 1920s splendor for only \$2 a ticket.

The Museum District Association is so grateful for everything Bertie did to make our neighborhood and city the wonderful place it is. She will be greatly missed.



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# Demand for Alley Construction Grows

By Stephen Versen, Zoning Chair

We all know how fortunate we are to live in a thriving urban neighborhood like the Museum District. We are also not the only ones who think so, as witnessed by the continuing rise in property values, new in-fill developments, and the conversions of office and commercial space to residential. People are clearly interested in becoming part of our neighborhood, too. Currently, there are several proposed projects that would involve Accessory Dwelling Units and Alley Homes.

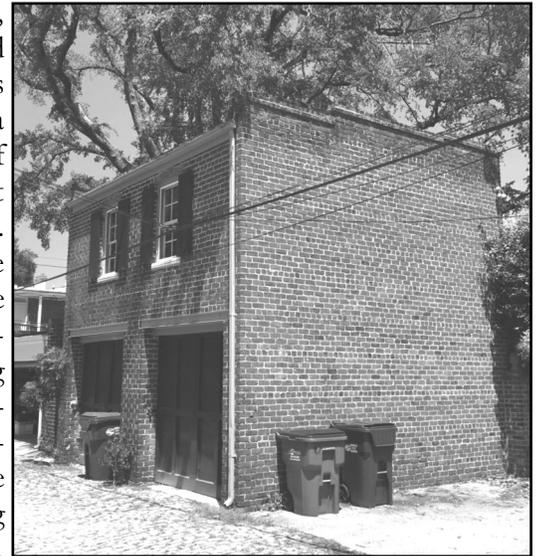
Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Alley Homes, also referred to as granny flats and carriage houses, are typically smaller, detached structures, equipped with a kitchen and bath, located on the alley behind a primary residence. The biggest difference is that ADUs are on the same parcel as the primary structure while alley homes are on a separately owned parcel.

There are several of these housing units in our neighborhood and in the Fan; however, very few would be considered new construction. They are almost all in structures built before current zoning laws were applied to the neighborhood. In addition to the zoning that prevents the “by-right” development of almost all ADUs and any Alley Home, there are several other challenges to their development. These include the potentially high-costs of bringing utilities to the structure, dealing with storm water runoff, and perhaps most importantly, opposition from neighbors.

Some of the opposition is similar to that seen with any new residences under consideration, such as infill housing or an office-to-residential conversion. These include less parking, more noise, lower property values, and more (potentially undesirable) people in the neighborhood. Proposed ADUs and Alley Homes can also bring additional, even more personal concerns, such a loss of privacy (“I don’t want someone looking through my back window!”) or changing the character of the neighborhood. Combine these specific concerns with any community’s general resistance to change, and it’s easy to see why these residences can be so controversial.

However, through a review of the potential benefits of these residences, both to owners and the broader community, it is easy to understand why we continue to see interest in their construction. From the community’s

standpoint, ADUs and Alley Homes can provide a number of important benefits. They create more diverse and affordable housing options, maximize the efficiency of the city’s existing infrastructure, reduce sprawl, and increase



*Here is an example of quality alley construction.*

the neighborhood’s overall property values. From the standpoint of an individual homeowner, the reasons are varied. The two most common being new income through rent and housing a family member, such as an elderly parent or adult child.

ADUs and Alley Homes also represent a way for neighborhood residents to stay in the neighborhood as they age – either by moving into their property’s accessory unit and renting out the main house, or renting out the unit to offset the living costs of their larger home.

Just as residents in our neighborhood support or oppose (in varying degrees) new ADUs and Alley Homes, the Museum District itself has features that could both make the case that these residences should be widespread, or that they should be looked at cautiously. Two important ways that our neighborhood appears to be an ideal candidate for new ADUs and Alley Homes is the Museum District’s walkability and its existing mix of housing.

The Museum District is perhaps the most livable community in the entire region for those who don’t own a car, making ADUs located here suited for the active elderly or Millennials who don’t own a car and prefer smaller living spaces. This walkability means more of these kinds of residents can be added without significantly increasing the number of cars.

Second, our neighborhood is distinguished by a variety of

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housing types: row houses, garden apartments, detached single family homes, duplexes, and traditional apartments. This means an influx of ADUs and Alley Homes would not change the character of the neighborhood as much as if this were exclusively a neighborhood of detached single family dwellings. In fact, these new dwellings could make the neighborhood even more like itself—a relatively dense, vibrant, mixed-use residential neighborhood with diverse mix of people and housing options.

Lastly, there are also the positive benefits that will accrue to our alleys, as they become a place where people, and not just our cars and trashcans, live. These new residences in our alleys will help make our alleys cleaner, safer, and put more pressure on the City to better maintain the alleys.

However, there are also reasons that proposed new ADUs and Alley Homes should be viewed with caution.

First is the continuing growth and development happening around us. Major new residential and retail developments along Broad Street, the possibility of new mixed use developments along I-195, and the continued conversion of office/commercial spaces to residential could create

major parking problems, especially on the periphery of the neighborhood.

Second, there is the concern that allowing some new ADUs and Alley Homes in parts of the neighborhood that are a good fit for them may set a precedent and weaken the neighborhood's ability to prevent them in places that are not appropriate.

Third, there is the concern that a property with a single-family home with an ADU would be less likely to remain owner-occupied when it is sold. These are important concerns in an era of rising demand for rental property, rising property values, and shrinking demand for large, single family homes.

The potential increase in ADUs and Alley Homes is a complicated issue. They offer both great benefit and potential challenges to our neighborhood and its residents. It's important that we as a neighborhood recognize that we will continue to see interest in these types of homes, along with a continued interest in apartments, in-fill development and residential conversions. People want to live here—and more of them are going to find a way to do so. By taking a proactive approach in how our neighborhood grows and develops, we can help control and direct this growth to our long-term benefit.



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We have also been cautioned that once our neighborhood earns a reputation for being an easy target with high returns, crime could escalate to include home break-ins and personal attacks. To minimize the possibility of such a scenario, we are moving forward with a Neighborhood Watch program. If you are interested in being part of the program please contact, Ron Russ at [MDAsafety@museumdistrict.org](mailto:MDAsafety@museumdistrict.org)



Please continue to watch our Facebook page, Nextdoor, and our website for information regarding our plans. Our president and safety chair will be attending the next Richmond Police Department Neighborhood Watch meeting for the 3rd Precinct. All

Museum District residents are invited to attend as well on Thursday, October 27 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Police Training Academy, located at 1202 W Graham Rd. RSVP at: [RPD-Cares@richmondgov.com](mailto:RPD-Cares@richmondgov.com) or call Officer Paul Lewis at 804-646-7179.

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The committee is already hard at work scheduling homes for the tour on May 14, 2017. Consider showing off your own beautiful home or nominate one of your neighbors. There are 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. If you are looking to make a difference with your time, consider joining our seasoned house tour committee. You can help with a variety of activities including event hosting and planning,



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## Annual Meeting Guest Speaker



The MDA Annual Meeting takes place Thursday, November 17, at 7:00 PM. Refreshments start at 6:00 PM.

Wilson T. Mustian, a Richmond native, is the keynote speaker. Mustian grew up watching his grandfather, Thomas Mustian, research and discover the history of Richmond neighborhoods and streets.

His grandfather's curiosity grew into a family legacy when he compiled his findings into a book entitled *Facts and Legends of Richmond Area Streets*. The book was published by his son, C. Thomas Mustian, in 1977. Twenty-eight years later, the book was updated by Thomas Mustian's grandson, Wilson T. Mustian, who collaborated with photographer Wayne Dementi.

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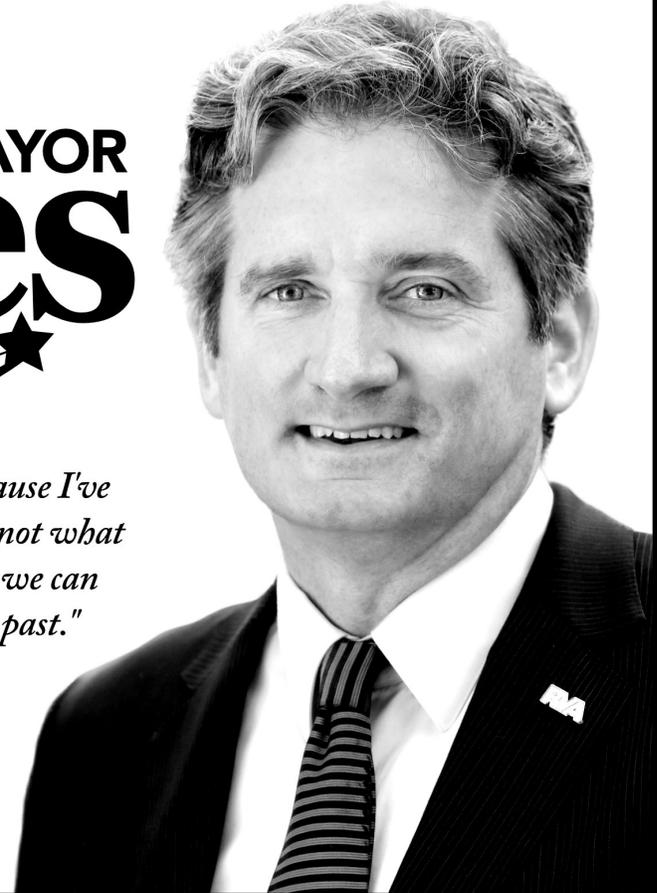


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