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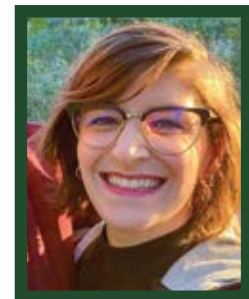


PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

HAPPY FALL, NEIGHBORS!



It's officially my favorite time of year, and I hope to spend as much of it as I can sitting beside a fire pit with a good book. Personally, I find it challenging to get into books these days—even after my toddler's in bed and the house is a bit less chaotic, my brain is often still racing. But nothing calms my anxious thoughts quite like the peaceful crackling of an open fire on a crisp autumn night, so I'm optimistic I'll finally make a dent in my ever-growing list of books to read.



JANINE DOYLE
 2023 MDA PRESIDENT

As gleeful as I am about the changing season, I have to admit it was also an excellent summer. National Night Out in August was such a delight—thank you to all who attended! It's always wonderful to spend time with friends and meet new neighbors, all while enjoying live music, face painting and more.

The MDA's next big event is our Annual Meeting, which will take place on Thursday, November 16. If you're unfamiliar, this meeting includes updates from the MDA on the past year's activities, a presentation of our Star Awards, the opportunity to approve the next year's board slate, and a chance to hear from guest speakers. Details are still being finalized, so please save the date for now and make sure you're subscribed to our Monday e-newsletter list (<https://www.museumdistrict.org/subscribe>) for more updates down the road.

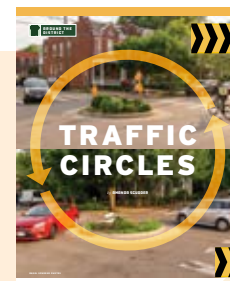
Speaking of the board slate, we do have some positions that are currently open or opening up at the end of the year, and we'd love to hear from you if you're interested in getting more involved. Our current board list is on our website here: <https://www.museumdistrict.org/board>. Whatever your interests, we can most likely find a good fit for you!

Being a volunteer with the MDA has been one of the best decisions I've made since moving into the neighborhood—I've made tremendous friends and feel great pride in the work we do to enrich our community. Please feel free to reach out if you'd like to learn more: mdapresident@museumdistrict.org.

Enjoy the season! 🍂

CORRECTION

The Traffic-Circle article in the Summer 2023 issue of the *Columns* incorrectly noted that the yellow diamond sign means "yield." Instead, a yellow diamond indicates "caution." Thank you to the attentive reader who brought this to our attention!



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Cricket (AKA Generation Ex, Florida) is known to recline on her front porch, waiting to greet other greyhounds as they pass by.

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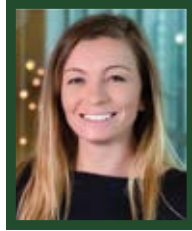
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INSIDE THE MDA

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

MOLLIE ANDREWS COMMUNICATIONS



Mollie is excited to join the board as the Communications chair. She is new to the neighborhood but is a Richmond native and has lived in Midlothian, Downtown, Near West End and the Fan before ultimately choosing the Museum District as her home. She loves being outside, renovating houses, her 100+ pound hound dog Cooper and trying out the numerous Richmond restaurants. Mollie's full time job is a graphic designer so she has a fun time running the MDA's social media and sending out the weekly newsletters.

DANIELLE DEL VECCHIO MOTHER'S DAY HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR



A native New Yorker, Danielle moved five times in 10 years—from Philly to Columbus to Brooklyn to D.C.—before settling in Richmond in the fall of 2019. She and her husband bought their first home on Ellwood Ave. in May of 2020 with the plan to NOT MOVE for a while! Looking for ways to make friends and get involved with her new neighborhood, Danielle quickly found her way onto the MDA's Mother's Day House & Garden Tour Committee, where she shadowed the legendary Beth Bostian as Print Materials Chair-in-training until taking over that role for the 2022 tour. Danielle is excited to join the board as the House Tour Chair this year and looks forward to expanding her network and connection to this amazing community. In addition to her MDA commitments, she is a yoga teacher with the YMCA and a graphic designer at VEDP, and in her very limited spare time, she loves napping. If you see her around the neighborhood walking/carrying her blind pug Westley, be sure to say hello! 🐶

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ORIGIN: Once called Scuffle Towne Road for unknown reasons but rumor has it that residents had to scuffle for a living.

STREET NAME: PATTERSON AVENUE

DIRECTION: East-West

ORIGIN: Named for Dr. Richard Archibald Patterson who was a surgeon during the Civil War. While he tended to soldiers during the Battle at Malvern Hill, his wife gave birth to a son they named Malvern. He also ran a tobacco business from a small farm that was at the time part of Henrico County. A road was cut through his farm and named Patterson Avenue. His son, Malvern, worked in the tobacco business and once created a blend that Patterson exclaimed was a "Lucky Strike" and went on to become a popular cigarette available until 2006. 🐶



AROUND THE DISTRICT

LOCAL TRIVIA TEAM BECOMES STATE TRIVIA CHAMPION FOR 2023

The Museum District's amazing trivia team, the **Belmont Bastard People**, who are based at Buddy's Place, defeated over 30 other teams to win the state championship in Virginia Beach this past September. The overall competition ran from January to August and the top 5 winning teams from each establishment across the state qualified for the state semifinal and final tournaments. In the finals, the team came from behind and won on the last question of the tournament to snatch the \$1,200 cash prize and trophy.



The Belmont Bastard People, who all live on the same block on Belmont Ave., are (left to right): Trish Fields, Scott Fields, Robert Van Horn, Greg Schulte and Ben Hopkins. On the far right is Buddy's Tuesday night trivia host, DJ Rodney Lee.

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JANET BROWN INTERIORS: STYLING RICHMOND HOMES FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS

by **LIZ BRYANT**

A lot of people change careers multiple times throughout their lives. Not Janet Brown. She knew from an early age exactly what she wanted to do.

“I have always lived in older houses and done renovations on them,” said Brown. “My mother was very interested in antiques, and we were always on the hunt for pieces for the house. I have been painting rooms since I was a child.”

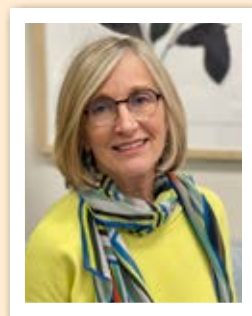
That childhood was spent in Connecticut; then Brown and her family moved to Virginia when she was a teenager. With a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design from East Carolina University, she opened Janet Brown Interiors in 1980. The bulk of Brown’s work is residential, and she says her design process with a client involves getting to know them and how they use their space.

“I do believe that my clients live in their houses and that my job is to help them find their style making the best choices for their home. I love to give them options and let them complete their style.”

Brown lives in the Museum District and has her design studio and retail storefront in Scott’s Addition on Arthur Ashe Boulevard.

“We have a huge in-stock inventory of pillows, linens, accessories and furniture. Many other Richmond designers buy their pillows and lamps from us.”

This year marked the fifth that Brown has taken part in the Richmond Symphony League Designer House. Happy to



“MY GREATEST JOY IS A CLIENT SAYING THEY LOVE THEIR HOUSE AND IT IS EXACTLY WHAT THEY DREAMED IT WOULD BE.”

JANET BROWN

support the symphony, Brown was also delighted to showcase her work in a historic property.

“I could not say no to a house built on Monument Avenue!”

While there is a lot of fun in Brown’s work, she says it is not without its challenges.

“The greatest challenge is how prices keep going up. I want to stay within a client’s budget, yet that today can be a big challenge.”

But in the end, the challenges are all worth it.

“My greatest joy,” said Brown, “is a client saying they love their house and it is exactly what they dreamed it would be.”

For more information, and to contact Janet Brown, please visit her website at janetbrowndesign.com. 



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SIMPLIFYING STUFF: STRATEGIES FOR DECISION MAKING

by **AMANDA SCUDDER**

In part one of the four-part Sticky Stuff series, Summer 2023, we explored why letting go of things is hard even when we believe doing so will be beneficial. In this issue, we will discuss strategies for overcoming this resistance when making decisions about our stuff.

When making decisions, it can be easier to start with less sentimental items, which vary by person but might include clothes, kitchen gadgets, pantry items, toiletries or office supplies. Beginning with practical things like these helps develop decision-making skills, providing increased clarity and confidence when dealing with more challenging categories such as books, photographs, keepsakes and family heirlooms.

It can also be helpful to put like things together. Doing this simplifies decision making by allowing comparison within a category. As my husband drolly observed when we laid out our 17 screwdrivers, “*We might* have some overlap!”

Once your items are in categories, there are many criteria you can use to evaluate your stuff. William Morris famously said, “Have nothing in your houses that you do not know to be beautiful or believe to be useful.” While beauty (form) and usefulness (function) are key, so are fit, feeling and financial considerations. Together, **THESE FIVE CRITERIA MAKE UP WHAT I CALL THE “F” TEST.**



FORM refers to the aesthetic appeal of an item. A thing that is pleasant to look at, well-crafted and feels good in the hand is vastly superior to a similar lackluster, non-descript or flimsy object. Considering the relative beauty and quality of something can help you weed out any second-rate stuff (including duplicates) that you already have and can help you select new things you will use and enjoy for years.

FUNCTION is about how well a thing does its job AND how many jobs it can do. This criterion can help you cull out things that are broken, poorly made or of limited usefulness. If there is no room to cook in your kitchen, you might have more than your fair share of what Food Network host Alton Brown humorously derides as uni-taskers (strawberry slicer, we're looking at you!). Opting for multi-taskers like a quality chef's knife and nonstick pan can free up space and save you money in the long run.

FIT can refer to how things like clothing or shoes fit your body, how furniture or a collection fits into your space, or how things associated with a former hobby or career fit your current lifestyle. Things might physically fit but no longer be a good fit in terms of use, style or preference. We change as we go through life, as does our perception of and relationship with the items around us. Asking, "Does this fit me here and now?" can be informative.

FEELING is about your emotional reaction to an object, bringing to mind Marie Kondo's "spark joy." However, there are other emotions to consider. Is a thing taking up space because you really enjoy it or because you feel bad about letting it go? Guilt can be a difficult emotional hurdle to overcome, but it is liberating to give yourself permission to release things you don't love or use. You might discover you can turn your trash into treasure (and guilt into generosity) by finding your unwanted items a new home where they'll be appreciated, a subject we will explore further in part three of this series.


FINANCIAL considerations include current cash flow, what something costs to acquire, its value, the cost of keeping it (including dollars, time and energy) and even the potential cost of getting rid of it. While BOGO sales can be a great way to acquire stuff at a discount, they may also lead us to buy things we otherwise wouldn't or to stock up on stuff that takes up space we can't spare. For items you are keeping (just in case), Joshua Fields Millburn and Ryan Nicodemus of *The Minimalists* recommend a 20/20 rule: "Can I replace this for less than \$20 and in less than 20 minutes?" The 20 is arbitrary and can be adjusted up or down depending on your own

WHEN MAKING DECISIONS, IT CAN BE EASIER TO START WITH LESS SENTIMENTAL ITEMS



comfort level. When assessing things you are holding on to only because they might be worth something, a quick online search can give you real-time information about market value.

There are many reasons for keeping things or letting them go, and that decision process is an inherently personal one. I hope the F Test provides you with a helpful starting point to facilitate your own decision making. If you find something to be beautiful, useful, flattering, uplifting and valuable, it has likely earned a place in your life. If instead you think it unattractive, impractical, uncomfortable or guilt-inducing, you are not obligated to keep it, even if you spent good money on it.

Having put your stuff to the "F" Test, you may find that you are ready to be rid of a surprising number of things. But where should the stuff go? Stay tuned for part three of the Sticky Stuff series, where we will discuss finding good homes for the things you no longer want or need. 

IT CAN ALSO BE HELPFUL TO PUT LIKE THINGS TOGETHER.





ANSEL SCUDDER PHOTO



Students participate in a plant identification treasure hunt game during a science discovery.



Albert Hill Native Plant Garden Prospers Under Care from the Community



Stephanie Perry, 6th grade science teacher at the garden entrance in 2020.

by **MA POWERS**

There is a special garden maturing at Albert Hill Middle School (AHMS) on Patterson Ave. At the east end of the school park, directly across from the main building on Patterson Avenue, is an outdoor classroom that was the dream of 6th grade science teacher Stephanie Perry. She imagined an environment in which students could work, learn and enjoy time outdoors as part of their curriculum. Her vision came to fruition through a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association) grant provided to James River Association and James River Park System. The federal grant specified that money be used to create meaningful watershed experiences for 6th graders in Richmond Public Schools. In 2020, AHMS received its funding and the foundation of the outside classroom became a reality.

Because the school received the money during a time of remote learning, teachers and Museum District residents largely performed the inaugural work, volunteering their physical labor and expertise in native plantings. They installed split rail fences, gravel walkways, mulch and edging during the COVID lockdown. Retired tree and plant specialist Karen Kelly, who had been volunteering on the grounds since 2016, agreed to help plan the garden. Neighborhood residents Bill Rider and Jim Rosendale joined the project, garnering various donations and contributing countless hours of physical labor in the garden. These three Museum District residents have been vital to the making of this ecosystem that is an important part of learning at Albert Hill. Teaching experiences now extend beyond the science classroom, as the garden serves as inspiration in art and writing lessons, as well as after-school family activities.

The outside classroom is ever-evolving. Now in its third full year, there are 11 tree species, 17 varieties of shrubs, 39 herbaceous perennials, and three vines that climb along the fences. Volunteers selected plants because of their form, foliage, flowers and fruit, so there is almost always something interesting to discover. Each plant is labeled

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with common and botanical names. The Virginia Museum of History & Culture donated picnic tables, and an anonymous friend of the garden provided numerous garden benches. This season, Bill and Jim designed and built a rainwater collection system, complete with a hose bib and spigot, making regular watering and maintenance easier. Students take an active role in the care of plantings, and even the Richmond Tree Stewards have assisted by trimming other mature trees in the larger park area, as well as along Patterson Ave. The Richmond Audubon Society recently added a group of bluebird houses, and a water feature is in the planning stages. This former field of wire grass and weeds is now a haven for birds, insects and other wildlife, adding rich biodiversity to our community.

Neighbors are welcome to relax in the garden and learn about native plants before adding to their own gardens. Please plan your visits outside of school hours, which are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and remember that dogs should not be in the garden. Volunteers are needed! If you are a native plant enthusiast, like to dig in the dirt, have money to donate or are skilled in resource generation, please consider volunteering in the garden. Contact karenkelly3157@gmail.com for details. 



Museum District resident Karen Kelly has volunteered on school grounds since 2016 and was instrumental in the development of the AHMS Native Plant Garden.



AHMS Native Garden Wish List

- One additional hexagonal picnic table
- Five 9-foot wooden patio umbrellas
- 24" concrete birdbath
- Materials to complete a white board for instruction
- Funds to support painting by local muralist Matt Lively
- Poles and hardware for mounting bluebird houses
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GREYHOUNDS

RETIRED RACERS FIND A HOME IN THE MUSEUM DISTRICT

by **MA POWERS**

For years, my husband wanted to adopt a greyhound. I just couldn't get on board. It seemed like a daunting task to navigate through the application process and months of assimilating a retired racer into home life. Finally, when all our kids were launched, and the dogs raised alongside them gone too, I was ready to take the plunge. In 2019, we completed the online application, followed through with a home visit and welcomed an amazing creature to our family!

For a greyhound, it can be quite shocking to leave the confines of a kennel for the first time. Most racers have never been in a home and don't know how to function outside of the kennel environment. It is as if they are giant newborns, experiencing the world for the first time. As an owner, the experience can be quite entertaining. We could not help laughing while trying to teach our 70-pound dog to go up a flight of stairs for the first time or when we saw her dumbfounded expression as she tried to walk through the screen door. Fortunately, these dogs are quite adaptable and learn routines quickly. Accustomed to being a member of a pack, they are fiercely loyal and eager to become part of your life.

Our greyhound, Cricket, became my constant companion during the pandemic, and the time together at home helped her to feel secure in her new environment. She was on the track until she was 4 years old, so you have to imagine that it



As a senior girl, Stryker's (AKA MH Post Striker, Florida and Alabama) favorite thing is getting doggy ice cream from her neighbor!

takes a lot of TLC to establish a relationship with a dog that has been in a kennel for that duration. Those tentative, early days are long gone, and Cricket is now a regular, cherished family dog. She is low key, never barks and stays in bed until someone offers a reason to get up. She is always excited to take a walk but equally excited to take a nap. Even though greyhounds are big and goofy, they are low maintenance. Former racers take their retirement seriously. They need a couple of walks a day and an occasional run, much like any other dog.

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Emma (AKA Scarlet, Florida) loves to relax with her little sister Joy.



One of the oldest Museum District greyhounds at 13.5 years, Roger (West Virginia) is pictured here with his late sister Pawnee Girl (Florida, 2006-2020).



Maestro's (AKA Jet Blue, Florida) favorite activity is sleeping on the couch and favorite neighborhood spot is a blanket in the VMFA Sculpture Garden.



Fritz (AKA Ty Abilene, Arkansas and Florida) long time Museum District resident who recently passed away at age 13.

GREYHOUNDS


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Dog racing is controversial and complicated. Widely criticized and outlawed in many states, it has never been legal in Virginia. But through my involvement in greyhound adoption, I've learned that racetracks have made vast improvements to the care and keeping of racing greyhounds in states where tracks are legal. In recent decades, adoption groups and racetrack operators have developed positive and cooperative relationships that meet the needs of both organizations. In partnership, they work together so that dogs are not extinguished at the end of their racing careers. These former racers make wonderful companions, so naturally questions about the breed linger as the fate of dog racing remains unclear: Do greyhounds make amazing pets because of the way they are bred and reared? Why are they so low-maintenance and easily adaptable? Would the same type of dog result from traditional breeding and adoption programs? Without the promise of selling perfect specimens for racing, would breeders dedicate the same resources to each and every offspring? Will this refined breed slowly die out?

Greyhound breeding is also complicated. New puppies stay with their mother for several months, living and playing alongside their siblings before any training begins. They are raised on farms, become part of a familiar pack and learn to conform to structure and routine from the beginning. An enormous amount of time and money goes into every puppy with the hopes of creating a champion. As the dogs grow, the time they spend in a kennel and at a track can be stressful and

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not always ideal. The better they are, the longer they race. The downsides of being a racer are imaginable. Regardless, greyhound owners, such as myself, are grateful for the resources that were dedicated to their pet and thrilled to welcome them to retirement. We are honored to parent a former racer and hope that there will always be greyhounds available for adoption. Will the breed continue outside of the racing industry? The answer is not clear, but since greyhound racing is still wildly popular and legal in other parts of the world, it is likely that breeding programs will continue for some time.

Since falling in love with this gentle breed, I have become an adoption counselor for James River Greyhounds, our local adoption organization. I review applications, make home visits and support new parents as needed. Currently, there are many dogs coming out of West Virginia that need forever homes in the Richmond area. If you have ever been curious about adding a greyhound to your family, now is the time. Honestly, there could not be a more perfect companion to join you in your apartment, condo or house.. 



HISTORY OF GREYHOUND RACING

- Greyhounds are in the class of sighthounds and are one of the oldest purebred dogs known.
- Greyhounds are the only dogs mentioned in the Bible and are part of records dating back to the reign of Pharaohs in Egypt, where they were used for hunting and kept as family pets.
- The first track in the U.S. opened in 1919 in California.
- Legal tracks followed in Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Texas, West Virginia and Wisconsin while unsanctioned tracks spread to other parts of the country.
- Dog racing was never legal in Virginia, and in 1995, the state preemptively outlawed dog racing and race simulcasting.
- In the 1980s, the mistreatment of dogs became apparent at some racetracks, and regulations became standardized across the sport.
- With governance in place, adoption agencies began to pop up, situated close to tracks so that injured, ill or retired racers could be quickly turned over to rescue groups.
- Dog racing is now illegal in 42 states.
- There are only two active racetracks in the country, both in West Virginia (Wheeling and Charleston).
- In 1989, James River Greyhounds was established to bring retired racers to the Richmond area.
- Since its inception, JRG has placed nearly 2000 hounds into forever homes.
- Most of the greyhounds you see in the Museum District and surrounding neighborhoods have been retrieved from tracks by James River Greyhounds.



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Explore our updated website <https://rvalibrary.org/> for continuing updates to programs and library access. Also check out our new, advanced, library catalog to search for items and place holds.

New to the neighborhood? Get a head start by applying for an e-card, giving you some immediate library privileges. Once you visit an RPL branch, you can convert your e-card to a physical card and check out materials. <https://rvalibrary.org/services/get-card/>

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We are no longer offering curbside service because all of our RPL locations are now open to the public. And because we are no longer quarantining returned library items, library users can get their items with less wait time! Our hours at this time are Monday-Friday 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Saturdays 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Programming remains virtual at this time.

STAY INFORMED BY:

- **Reading the MDA (This Week in the Museum District) email update** – it's a terrific source of the most up-to-date information. Have you signed up for this?
- **Checking out our RPL website** reopening guide <https://rvalibrary.org/reopening/>
- **Exploring our website** to discover events, concerts and other special happenings. <https://rvalibrary.org/events/>
- **Checking out our virtual programming** for children and teens <https://rvalibrary.org/kids/online-programs/>. Here you will find weekly storytimes, crafty sessions, author highlights and classes of all kinds.

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YOUR AUTUMN OPPORTUNITY

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Your home in the Museum District never looks more beautiful than it does in autumn. Because inventory remains low, this season is an opportune time to showcase your property's best features.

After three months of record temperatures across the nation, homebuyers are back outside and back on the hunt. It's true that Richmond summers keep many folks indoors. In a market that's driven by low inventory in a walkable neighborhood such as the Museum District, this can bring exceptional competition among buyers.

It's in your best interest to keep up your property's curb appeal should the perfect opportunity arise during the neighborhood's most picturesque season. The leaves will change colors on their own, but you have control over so many other factors as a seller.

Fall is the perfect time to plant grass seed. Tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass are among the best for residential lawns in central Virginia. Specifically, the best time to plant is mid-September. A fresh, healthy lawn is well worth the investment when you're an urban dweller.

Has sooty mold infected your crepe myrtles? Crepe myrtle bark scale infested record numbers of these trees this summer. Fall is the time to address the illness. Luckily, a simple spray treatment can, with time, completely change the appearance of these trees unique to our part of the country.

General maintenance to your home, such as the roof or siding, is also best completed this time of year. The mid 90s of July and August make work difficult for contractors. And with AC and other systems working overtime during the summer months, it can often be more expensive and more difficult to get on specialists' schedules. Alternatively, the winter months often bring rain and snow that prohibit completion of certain exterior maintenance. Make sure you get in that sweet spot for proper home maintenance practice. 



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THE PROUST QUESTIONNAIRE

The Proust Questionnaire is a series of questions about personality that became popular in the late nineteenth century. While French author Marcel Proust did not write the questions, his answers (and the questions) were published in 1890. Modified versions of the questionnaire have been used over the years by James Lipton as part of his show “Inside the Actor’s Studio” and Vanity Fair magazine, which features the answers of celebrities in the back pages of each issue.



KELLY TILL

*President, Richmond Times-Dispatch -
Lee Enterprises Virginia*

WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF PERFECT HAPPINESS?

Traveling with my husband Keith – toes in the sand with a drink in my hand.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Tight, confined spaces. Claustrophobia is a thing!

WHICH LIVING PERSON DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?

My mother.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE?

Travel and fine dining.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST REGRET?

Not adopting a greyhound rescue sooner.

WHAT OR WHO IS THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE?

My blended family (husband Keith, our 5 children - Taylor, Payton, Olivia, Emily, and Brock --and Weller, our greyhound). #eightisenough

WHICH TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE?

Athleticism and culinary skills both escape me.

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT STATE OF MIND?

Happy – we love where we live!

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

Work achievements aside, I am most proud of my children.

WHAT'S YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

My antique wedding ring.

WHAT DO YOU REGARD AS THE LOWEST DEPTH OF MISERY?

Personal loss.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU MOST DISLIKE?

Rude, dishonest or unethical people.

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO DIE?

In my sleep at an old age. I am not done yet!

WHAT IS YOUR MOTTO?

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WHAT'S THE MOST RICHMOND THING YOU CAN DO?

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Public Works (<i>Leaf and trash collection, sidewalks and tree maintenance, etc.</i>).....	804-646-6430
Building Permits, Inspections.....	804-646-4169
Property Maintenance/Code Enforcement.....	804-646-6398

POLICE & FIRE

Emergency.....	911
Fire Non-emergency.....	804-646-6640
Police Non-emergency.....	804-646-5100
Crime Stoppers.....	804-646-6733
3rd Precinct.....	804-646-1412
Animal Control.....	804-646-5573
..... (after hours)	804-646-5123

RVA311

RVA311 is the City of Richmond's centralized format for easily reporting, filing and tracking all resident service requests.

RVA311 is a full-scale online and mobile app solution that allows residents to record service requests directly to various government entities, including the Richmond Police Department, the departments of Public Works, Public Utilities, Social Services and Finance, and the Department of Planning and Development. Requests for service cover everything from pothole reports, broken streetlights and damaged infrastructure to unlawful dumping, sanitation concerns, graffiti, abandoned vehicles and much more. The system is very user-friendly, and even includes a FAQ section to help with general questions about taxes, parking and other city-related functions.

To get started, residents can go to www.rva311.com and set up an account for reporting. Once issues or complaints are filed, they can be tracked from inception to assignment and ultimately through to conclusion.

CITY COUNCIL

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To watch school board proceedings and meetings:

Go to: <https://goboarddocs.com/vsba/richmond/board.nsf/public>

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Sen. Ghazala Hashmi (10th) - district10@senate.virginia.gov	804-698-7510

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Rep. Jennifer L. McClellan.....	DC Office - 202-225-6365	Richmond Office - 804-486-1840
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US SENATE

Sen. Mark Warner.....	DC Office - 202-224-2023	Richmond Office - 804-775-2314
Sen. Tim Kaine.....	DC Office - 202-224-4024	Richmond Office - 804-771-2221



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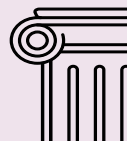
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