



Richmond City Council Formal Awards Ceremony Docket

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#	TITLE/RECIPIENT	TYPE	SUMMARY/NARRATIVE	MAIN PRESENTER/S
1	<p>Mrs. Mary Thompson Chair, 2017 Richmond East End 7th Voter District National Night Out Committee</p> <p>To be received by: Mrs. Mary Thompson Chair, 2017 Richmond East End 7th Voter District National Night Out Committee</p>	RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD	To recognize, honor and celebrate Mrs. Mary Thompson, Chair of the 2017 Richmond East End 7th Voter District National Night Out Committee and thank her for her work in helping to make Richmond an even better and safer place to live, work, learn, love, visit and raise a family.	Newbille
2	<p>Richmond Kinship Care Month</p> <p>To be received by: NewFound Families</p>	RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION	To officially recognize, honor and celebrate the many dedicated individuals and families providing kinship care on behalf of children.	Robertson
3	<p>Richmond Walk and Bicycle to School Month Richmond Bike to School Day</p> <p>To be received by: TBA</p>	RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION	In recognition and according to a child's safety and ability as determined by parents, caregivers and schools to proclaim the month of October to be Richmond Walk and Bicycle to School Month and the first Wednesday of the first full week in October to be Richmond Bike to School Day.	Addison

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4	<p>Virginia Commonwealth University Office of Residential Life and Housing RAM CAMP</p> <p>To be received by: Virginia Commonwealth University Office of Residential Life and Housing: Lisa Cooper, Assistant Director of Residential Life for Leadership Programs Kaitlin Griffith, Interim Assistant Director for Student Involvement Sherif A. Elnakhal, Camp Director Greer "Allie" Meagher, Camp Director Rachel Childs, Camp Director Alexis Taylor, Camp Director</p>	<p>RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</p>	<p>To officially recognize, honor and celebrate the Virginia Commonwealth University Office of Residential Life and Housing and its RAM CAMP and thank its staff, volunteers, supporters, partners, and participants for their role in helping to make Richmond an even better place to live, work, learn, play, love, visit, and raise a family</p>	<p>Agelasto</p>

The following Richmond City Council Formal Awards were presented in the community at a different date.

5	<p>Robert Francis Bedell</p> <p>Presented in community on September 16. 2017</p>	<p>RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD</p>	<p>To recognize, honor and celebrate him on upcoming 93rd birthday.</p>	<p>Hilbert Larson</p>
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RICHMOND OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially recognize:

Mrs. Mary Thompson

Chair, 2017 Richmond East End 7th Voter District National Night Out Committee

The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor, and celebrate Mrs. Mary Thompson, Chair of the 2017 Richmond East End 7th Voter District National Night Out Committee.

Held August 1, 2017, *National Night Out* is an annual neighborhood crime fighting event that establishes a vehicle for families to come together and focus on fighting crime in their neighborhood through unity and education. The event empowers residents and strengthens neighborhoods by creating an opportunity for families to visit and talk with one another and with civic groups, local officials, firefighters, law enforcement, businesses, and neighborhood organizations.

Local National Night Out events include crime prevention activities ranging from turning on porch lights to block parties and cookouts that include food and games for children.

Held each year on the first Tuesday of August, National Night Out was established in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch as a program to help build neighborhood unity in fighting crime. The celebration includes participation in all 50 U. S. states, U.S. territories, Canada and U.S. military bases around the world.

Each year numerous local National Night Out events and activities are locally planned in neighborhoods throughout Richmond, these events are great way to meet, talk and play with neighbors and enjoy fun-filled family activities.

Producing successful larger-scale events requires great dedication and includes hundreds of hours of hard work in directing, planning, producing, communicating, advertising, coordinating, and managing, which includes overseeing ongoing and sometimes fluid organizational dynamics, logistics, volunteers, vendors, talent, attendees, health and life safety/security needs, and numerous other critical details. Many times a thankless task, successful events, with their many facets and responsibilities, are typically led and directed by a committed event manager and aided by assistants.

Now, Therefore, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council do hereby officially recognize, honor and celebrate Mrs. Mary Thompson, Chair of the 2017 Richmond East End 7th Voter District National Night Out Committee and thank her for her work in helping to make Richmond an even better and safer place to live, work, learn, love, visit and raise a family.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the twenty-fifth day of September, two thousand seventeen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eightieth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-first year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District



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RICHMOND OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially proclaim:

Richmond Kinship Care Month

Whereas, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially declare and affirm that the well-being of our children is one of our community's foremost and most important concerns; and

Whereas, Children are one of our most precious resources and deserve the care, security and stability of a permanent loving family unit to help teach, support, guide, encourage, love, protect, nurture and prepare them for happy, healthy, whole, productive and successful lives; and

Whereas, Fundamental to their success is education, which begins at home with the child and the critical roles and responsibilities of parents and caregivers in providing early childhood education and ongoing direction, nurturing and support in helping build the social, academic, physical, intellectual, creative and emotional capacities and tools our children need to maximize their abilities in being successful students and adults; and

Whereas, Out of love, loyalty or circumstances, many children in Richmond are being cared for and raised full-time either formally or informally in kinship caregiving arrangements by individuals and families such as grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, godparents, great-grandparents, family relations or friends that have stepped forward to care for them during times in which biological parents are unable to do so; and

Whereas, Much still remains to be done to help ensure that all children have a safe, loving, nurturing, and permanent family, regardless of circumstance, age or special need; and

Whereas, Richmond City Council commends the many dedicated individuals and families in Richmond who have opened their homes and hearts to children in need and providing for their financial, educational, nurturing, and physical caregiving needs; and

Now Therefore, In recognition, honor and celebration of the many dedicated individuals and families providing kinship care on behalf of children, Richmond City Council does hereby officially proclaim the month of September to be Richmond Kinship Care Month and thanks them for helping Richmond children and making our city even better place to live, work, learn, love, visit, and raise a family.

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The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District

The Honorable Ellen F. Robertson
Councilwoman, Richmond City Council
Richmond Gateway 6th Voter District



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By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially proclaim:

Richmond Walk and Bicycle to School Month Richmond Bike to School Day

Whereas, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to declare children to be one of our community's most precious resources; and

Whereas, Fundamental to their success is good education and health, which begins at home with the child and the responsibilities of parents and caregivers in providing early childhood education and ongoing direction, nurturing and support in helping build the social, academic, physical, and intellectual capacities and tools our children need to succeed; and

Whereas, Key to building and maintaining healthy and productive lives is healthy lifestyles, which include healthy eating habits and nutrition; physical health and fitness; mental health; and, cultural, environmental, medical healthcare, and socioeconomic factors; and

Whereas, According to the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, rates of U.S. childhood obesity have more than doubled over the past 30 years and there have been significant increases in diagnoses and medication of children for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder; and

Whereas, During the past 30 years, controversial public school testing and funding cuts have been cited for the elimination of daily physical education and reduction of recess time for public schools children; and

Whereas, In hopes of helping increase the health of public school children, the Partnership for a Walkable America organization established a Walk to School Day initiative in Chicago in 1997, which was later expanded nationally; increased to include the month of October; added on to include bicycling; and, promoted with a Safe Routes to School Program component; and

Whereas, Local event promoters are encouraging public school children ages 5 to 11 who live within a two mile radius of their school to walk or bike to school and have partnered with the following Richmond Public Schools: Woodville Elementary School, Chimborazo Elementary School, Ginter Park Elementary School, J.E.B. Stuart Elementary School, Mary Munford Elementary School, Oak Grove Elementary School, and Fairfield Court Elementary School;

Now Therefore, In recognition of this initiative and according to a child's safety and ability as determined by parents, caregivers and schools, Richmond City Council does hereby proclaim the month of October to be Richmond Walk and Bicycle to School Month and the first Wednesday of the first full week in October to be Richmond Bike to School Day and thanks everyone for helping to support healthy children.

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The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District

The Honorable Andreas D. Addison
Councilman, Richmond City Council
Richmond West End 1st Voter District



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By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially recognize:

Virginia Commonwealth University Office of Residential Life and Housing RAM CAMP

Whereas, The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor, and celebrate education and the many accredited higher learning and career and technical students moving to, living in, and attending the high quality colleges, universities, schools, academies and training programs in our great city; and

Whereas, Transitioning to and navigating within new places can sometimes be daunting and Richmond City Council commends those educational programs and services that assist student acclimation and success on behalf of our community; and

Whereas, A leading example of such an initiative is delivered by the Virginia Commonwealth University Office of Residential Life and Housing and its RAM CAMP project, which is a freshman new student orientation program for students living in campus housing; and

Whereas, Established in 2013, the Virginia Commonwealth University Office of Residential Life and Housing RAM CAMP is a week-long introduction workshop designed to help transition new campus housing residents into the university and its greater community; and

Whereas, Beginning with 100 students in its inaugural year, RAM CAMP now hosts up to 700 new students living in campus housing a year in helping them as they become Richmond residents; and

Whereas, Dating its beginnings to 1838, Virginia Commonwealth University's evolution include its academic campus once serving as a division of the College of William and Mary and its medical school being established by Hampden-Sydney College; and

Whereas, Virginia Commonwealth University has earned a sterling reputation as one of the largest and most highly respected colleges in Virginia and features some of our nations leading educational programs, which include mass communications, medical, arts, design, social work, education, music, business, government, research, and urban research;

Now Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate the Virginia Commonwealth University Office of Residential Life and Housing and its RAM CAMP and thanks its staff, volunteers, supporters, partners, and participants for their role in helping to make Richmond an even better place to live, work, learn, play, love, visit, and raise a family.

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The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District

The Honorable Parker C. Agelasto
Councilman, Richmond City Council
Richmond Central 5th Voter District



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By virtue of the authority vested in the United States of America, Commonwealth of Virginia, Virginia Code of Laws and the Richmond City Charter: The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby officially recognize:

Robert Francis Bedell

The Honorable Members of Richmond City Council, the governing body of Richmond, Virginia, in the United States of America, do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to officially recognize, honor, and celebrate Mr. Robert Francis Bedell on the auspicious occasion of his upcoming 93rd birthday.

Born in Springfield, Massachusetts on October 8, 1924, Mr. Bedell is known by friends, family, and associates for his love of travel, outdoors, art, cooking, reading, and life.

Mr. Bedell has earned the respect of all in reaching such an aspiring age and is indeed a living treasure and a testament to health, fortitude and longevity.

As it has been said, "It's not the years in your life but the life in your years that count" and Richmond City Council hopes Mr. Bedell's years have been and continue to be filled with life, love, family, personal fulfillment and happiness.

Each year brings opportunity, possibility and wonderment and Richmond City Council extends its best wishes and hopes that Mr. Bedell has a truly outstanding and very Happy Birthday!

Now, Therefore, Richmond City Council does hereby officially recognize, honor and celebrate Mr. Robert Francis Bedell on the auspicious occasion of his upcoming 93rd birthday and brings this to the attention of all Richmond residents so that they may share in this joyous celebration.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto given under our hands for presentation on the sixteenth day of September, two thousand seventeen, of the Common Era, in the two hundred eightieth year of the foundation of Richmond in 1737, in the two hundred forty-first year of the Commonwealth of Virginia and United States of America.

The Honorable Chris A. Hilbert
Council President, Richmond City Council
Councilman, Richmond Northside 3rd Voter District

The Honorable Cynthia I. Newbille
Council Vice President, Richmond City Council
Councilwoman, Richmond East End 7th Voter District

The Honorable Kristen Nye Larson
Councilwoman, Richmond City Council
Richmond Southwest 4th Voter District