



## International Alliance of Guardian Angels Richmond, VA Chapter

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*NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
Highland Park  
August 6, 2013*



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### **PATROLS**

Highland Park, Brookland Park, Providence Park and  
Highland Terrace, VCU

We continue to focus more on the North Highland Park area in the second quarter of the year but we are now turning our focus to the VCU areas because of the problems they're having in that area and the requests we've had to come to the area. Our Head of Patrols, Tom "TNT" Kirkland will set the schedule for those VCU patrols.

Highland Park continues to have a nice reduction in crime. The year to date reduction is approximately 24%. I contribute that to a cooperative effort with the Richmond Guardian Angels, Richmond Police Department and our community members. .



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## JUNIOR GUARDIAN ANGELS



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Thrift Store, or maybe coming out to worship at Fresh Anointing Cathedral or 5<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church. Don't forget to stop and do your banking at the Bank of America after you finish paying your bills at the S&K across the Street. And if you need to pick up dinner for the kids, make sure you stop at New York Fried Chicken or the Chicken Box. And don't worry about running out of gas because you can just gas up at the BP on the corner. So again, when they ask you what you're going to do next, tell them you're going to HIGHLAND PARK!

Ellen Robertson – Richmond City Council Vice President  
Jo White - Chapter Commander, Richmond Guardian Angels

## TRAINING

Giving more thanks to Anthony McLean and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for our CERT Training. Several of our Richmond Guardian Angels members are members of the Richmond CERT Team:

*Jo White*  
*Thomas Cox*  
*Lorraine Wells*  
*Ali Abri*  
*William Bey*  
*Melvin Brinkley*  
*Saevon Hudson*  
*Michael Waddy*



## EDITORIAL

THE NEW HIGHLAND PARK is what we're calling this amazing transformation. Richmond Police Department, Richmond Guardian Angels, Highland Park Quality of Life Team, Highland Park Neighborhood Watch, Councilwoman Ellen Robertson and the community coming together to create magic. For the past 10 weeks, Sector 411, which Highland Park is a large part of, has been number 1 in crime reduction and number 1 for the quarter.

A main player in this transformation is Lt. Lewis Mills in the 4<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Lt. Mills transferred from a Sergeant in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct to Lt. of Sector 411 approximately 6 months ago. Right away he started working with us to get a feel of the area and formulate his plan to help bring down the crime. Lt. Mills is a hands on guy. He meets with the community leaders, community members and the business community face to face on a constant basis. He has already become a trusted partner and leader to this community.

Some of the events you can expect this year in Highland Park are: Highland Park Spring Break, Taking it to the Streets with the NOC, NRRC Prayer Chain for Change, Time to Live Breast Cancer Awareness Walk sponsored by the Richmond Guardian Angels, Community National Night Out, Boaz & Ruth Diamond Talent Contest, We Care Festival hosted by 5<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church, HP Christmas Crawl coordinated by the HP Quality of Life, and more.

So when someone asks you what are you going to do next, tell them you're going to visit HIGHLAND PARK! Tell them you're going to have lunch at the Firehouse Restaurant, or you're going to shop at Sunny Days

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



We have now crossed the 250 mark in number of members in the Highland Park Neighborhood Watch. That was a goal we had for the first quarter of 2013.

Our Highland Park NW meetings are normally held on the first Wednesday of the month in combination with Councilwomen Ellen Robertson's Community meetings, however, due to other events we had with the community, we substituted those events for our community meetings for the past few months. This month we have the Highland Park Spring Break event which will substitute the meeting.

*"The Law of A Few - 20% of the people do 80% of the work." We need 20% of Highland Parkers to come together and stand up for a better community. With 20% of us working together we can accomplish all the goals we talk about in our community meetings - from reducing crime to building more respectful youth.*

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The big Spring Break and Prayer Chain for Change will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Come out and join us.

Will Rollins will DJ the event as he did on National Night Out. Moore Street Care will be catering the food, Parks & Rec has ordered two bounceys for the kids, Master Yi will hold the Taekwondo Demonstration and Kimberly Reese is heading up the Zumba, Hope Elliot will do face painting and we have go-carts for the kids. There will be 7 raffle drawings throughout the day for gift cards. The police chief, Council Person Robertson, and other city officials will be stopping by. A fire truck will be present for the kids to explore. And to top it all off, the weather is supposed to be PERFECT.

Spring Break will start at 1:00PM, Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, in the Ann Hardy Park. But first join us in Ann Hardy Park at 11:00AM for the "Unity in the Community - **Prayer Chain for Change**" as we form a human chain to ask God to Bless our event, our families, schools, churches, government, economy, armed forces, businesses, police department, and more.

The next newsletter will include pictures from this event.

We will be joined by our **Baltimore Chapter** and I hope all of you will join us too.

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Laquiechia Cook

Guardian Angels Changed me.

I started off in life as a good but bad person. I did some things that I can now regret. I helped many different people out. But soon things took a very bad turn. I soon realized that I need to change my life style. I was talking to my friend one day about the Guardian Angels. He told me that it was a good organization to join. So I thought about joining. I joined to change my outlook on life. As I got deeper in the Guardian Angels, I learned and studied different important things. I told myself that it's not always about me, it's about helping other people. I realized that the Guardian Angels main focus is youth and the community.

## **“Time to Live” Breast Cancer Awareness Walk**

*Richmond, Virginia Chapter Members*

*Chapter Commander  
Jo White*

*Head of Patrols  
Tom Kirkland*

*Sargent of Arms  
Ali Abri  
Lukas Settle*

*Self Defense Specialists and Tactics  
Coordinators  
Tom Kirkland  
Deerick Lofton*

*Director of Community Affairs  
Edwina Cook*

*Other Patrol Team Members  
Thomas Cox  
Lorraine Wells  
William Bey  
Ishmal Saleem  
Akio Jackson  
Corey Entzmingeer  
Daquan Tayler*

*Control Angels  
Amber Simms  
Laquiecia Cook*

*Richmond GA Members for  
Community Service Activities  
Casey Landes  
Michael Waddy  
Roland Nutt*

**DARE TO CARE**

Please join us in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Time to Live” Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. The “Time to Live” Breast Cancer Awareness Walk is not a 5-10 mile walk to raise money for Breast Cancer, this is a door-to-door, face-to-face walk to disseminate breast health information, such as how to do self-exams, where to get free testing if you are uninsured, and to urge people to get mammograms when the time is due. We are there to inform people of the importance of early detection to help them choose hope over fear.

The date of the walk is Saturday, June 8, 2013, from 9AM-12:00PM. The following churches are hubs for this walk:

The “Time to Live” Breast Cancer Awareness walk is brought to you by: The Richmond & Baltimore Guardian Angels, Saving Our Youth Virginia, VCU/Massey Cancer Center, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, VA Cancer Foundation, Bon Secours, Cross Over Ministry, the Virginia Department of Health, and Capital Area Health Network

Our church hubs are: Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1920 Fairmount Avenue, 31<sup>st</sup> Street Baptist Church, 823 N. 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Ebenezer Baptist Church, 216 West Leigh Street, Fresh Anointing Cathedral, 3001 Second Avenue, Second Baptist Church, 3300 Broad Rock Blvd. Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 1200 N. 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 3300 R. Street, Mount Tabor Baptist Church, 2211 Fairmount Ave., 5<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church, 2800 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

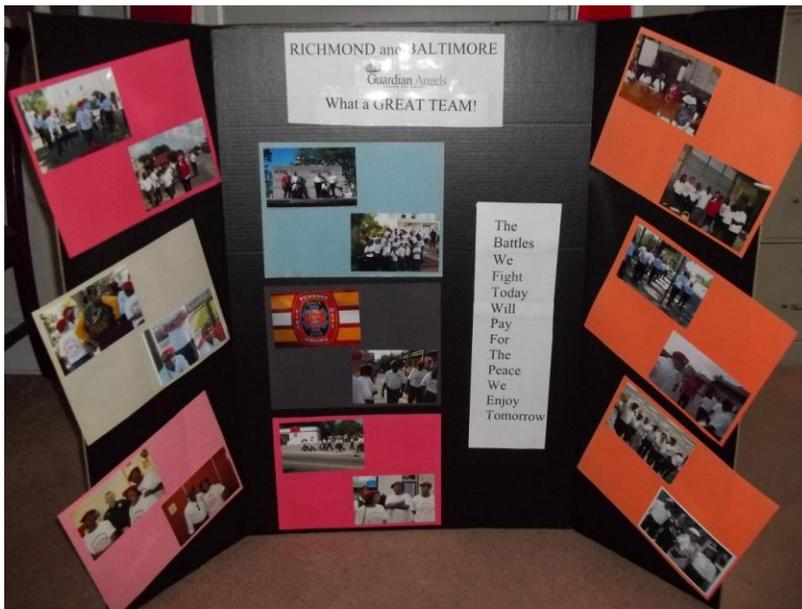


**Pictures from last year's walk**

## BALTIMORE, MARYLAND



Our Baltimore Chapter, headed by Commander Marcus “Strider” Dent, is the supporting Chapter for Richmond. We share several activities from training to patrols, oh, and yea... fun.



## Alliance of Guardian Angels

Some of our Chapter include:

- New York City, NY
- Atlantic City, NJ
- Baltimore, MD
- Chattanooga, TN
- Chicago, IL
- Cleveland, OH
- Dallas, TX
- Detroit, MI
- El Paso, TX
- Hartford, Conn
- Honolulu, HI
- Houston, TX
- Indianapolis, IN
- Jacksonville, FL
- Las Vega, NV
- Los Angeles, CA
- Madison, WI
- Miami, Dade Co. FL
- Minneapolis, MN
- MS Gulf Coast
- Nashville, TN
- New Haven, CT
- New Orleans, LA
- Orlando, FL
- Paterson, NJ
- Philadelphia, PA
- Phoenix, AZ
- Portland, ME
- Reno, NV
- Richmond, VA
- San Diego, CA
- San Francisco, CA
- Savannah, GA
- St Louis, MO
- Sussex, NJ
- Tampa, FL
- Toledo, OH
- Washington, DC
- Yonkers, NY
- York, PA
- Africa
- Australia
- Canada
- Europe
- Japan
- Italy
- Israel
- Korea
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- Philippines
- South America

**OUR WORLD IS IN THEIR HANDS**

*Saving Our Youth VA is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 2009 in Richmond VA. The Mission of Saving Our Youth is to be a part of the community by providing services to at risk youth through programs designed to: stop juvenile delinquents from re-offending and going to jail; assist college bound students in low resource families to attend good colleges; offer neighborhood assistance through neighborhood watch programs.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 13<sup>th</sup>, Prayer Chain for Change at Ann Hardy Park sponsored by the North Richmond Revitalization Coalition.

April 13<sup>th</sup>, Highland Park Spring Break at Ann Hardy Park sponsored by the Richmond Police Department, Richmond Parks & Rec., Richmond Guardian Angels, Saving Our Youth VA., Highland Park Neighborhood Watch and Highland Park Quality of Life Teams.

April 19<sup>th</sup>, Taking it to the Streets sponsored by the NOC and St. Giles Presbyterian Church Men’s Ministry.

June 8<sup>th</sup>, :Time to Live” Breast Cancer Awareness Walk sponsored by the Richmond Guardian Angels.



**Guardian Angels.....Taking Back Our Streets.**

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From Chapter Commander Jo White  
and the Richmond Guardian Angels Family

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