

Bryan Park Farmers' Market Emporium

Shelter # 3, Tues 3-7 May - October

Featuring fresh veggies and fruit, cheeses and breads, art, ceramics, jewelry and crafts, clothing, pet supplies, soaps and lotions, sundries and much more...



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Please list your areas of interest in Bryan Park:

Would you like to Volunteer for events? _____

Help support FoBP by becoming a Member, or making a larger donation:

\$5 Student \$10 Individual \$15 Family

\$25 Friend \$50-\$250 Benefactor

\$300-\$999 Park Guardian

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Method of Payment: Check Money Order

Checks are payable to Friends of Bryan Park.

Please send to FOBP,

P.O. Box 15481,
Richmond, VA 23227-5481

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Let Us Hear From You!

Your suggestions and comments about the Park are important to FoBP. Send comments to ReBryanPark@aol.com. Use this email too if you'd like to be added to our server list. Also visit our website at:

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Focus on Bryan Park

Summer 2010



The Newsletter of The Friends of Bryan Park - Dedicated to the Preservation and Improvement of Bryan Park

Joseph Bryan Park Centennial Celebration

Friends of Bryan Park and the City of Richmond are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Joseph Bryan Park this year. Remember that Isobelle Stewart Bryan and her sons purchased Rosewood, the 288-acre Mordecai farm, in 1909. They donated the land to the City of Richmond as a "free park for the use and benefit of all its citizens", in memory of her husband and their father, Joseph Bryan, a social progressive, philanthropist, and publisher of the *Richmond Times*.

The City Council formally accepted the gift in January 1910, with commitments make certain improvements to the farm to make it a park, such as build a gatekeeper's ho improve the road system and landscaping, and develop horseback riding, boating, and picnic facilities. In 1912, the City erected the formal entrance gates, dedicated to "Belle Stewart" and her sons, in appreciation of their generous gift.

Our Centennial Celebration includes these exciting events this summer and fall. All of these events are free - - Please check our website for specific dates and times.

- * A meteor shower-watching party on Thursday, August 12th, 8:30 - 10 pm;
- * Audubon Bird Walks, first Sunday of each month, 30 minutes after sunrise. Meet at Shelter # 1. For more info, call Susan at 270-5365
- * Historic walking tours, edible plant tours, and tree tours (see website calendar);
- * Five performances of a "living history" monologue, based on Gabriel's Rebellion: (please see *Gabriel* article inside) There will be 1 performance in August, 2 in September, and 2 in October.



Bands and music: 1pm - 2 pm-Susan Greenbaum Band; 2:30pm - 3:30pm-Chris Adams Band; 4pm - 5:30 pm-BOPCATS
Food: Q Barbeque; Boka Taco Truck; Jazzbo's Rolling Gumbo; Ellwood Thompson; Iced Cream Connection; Soul Ice and more...
Also Coming: SEALS Physical Training, the Central Virginia Soccer Assn., Altius Cycling team, crafts booths, and educational and non-profit exhibitors.

We will also have special children' activities, and will be burying a 100-year time capsule at the end of the day. Would you like to suggest an article for inclusion in the time capsule? Look on the website for the "time capsule contest" !

Mark your calendar, save up your mad money, grab a couple of neighbors, a blanket or folding chairs, and a healthy appetite, and walk or ride bikes over to the Park on Saturday, September 25th, 2010.

FoBP Get \$27,500 grant for new Comfort Station

Cary Wright, FoBP Board member, Central Virginia Soccer Association (CVSA) representative on the Bryan Park Soccer Complex operating committee, and all-around Soccer Hero, has been working with the City's Parks and Recreation Department to bring new and improved restrooms to Joseph Bryan Park!

They have contracted with a local architecture firm to develop plans for the building, which would integrate bathrooms with a maintenance/ storage room and a small concession window. The appearance of this small building will resemble the rustic picnic shelters in the park, and be located near the eastern side of the south-eastern soccer field.

It is estimated that the cost of the project (building, pad and utilities service) will total \$210,000. The City has allocated \$100,000 in this budget year (July '10-June '11); and the CVSA has already raised \$65,000. The Friends applied to the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation, asking for a grant to cover half of the remaining funds needed.

The Foundation visited the site, agreed with the need for better restrooms and secure storage at the soccer complex, and awarded the Friends \$27,500. Hallelujah!

The CVSA will be leading the effort to raise the \$27,500 still needed. If you would like to make a donation, they are COMPLETELY tax-deductable, and we can give recognition to your support in the building (if you wish). Please contact Cary at 337-2546 or John Z at 288-5005 for more information. With your help, we won't need porta-potties in the park next year; wouldn't that be great?

