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# The Old Southwest Voice

“A Past with a Future”

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## Block-Pride Neighborhood Cleanup

The bi-annual block-pride neighborhood cleanup is scheduled to take place Saturday October 7, 2017. Begin around 8 a.m. and typically ends at 12 noon. There are two drop-off locations. The corner of 8th and Day Ave and 4th and Washington Ave. Clean out those attics and basements and drop off at either location. The City of Roanoke’s Solid Waste Department will have trucks available to pick up anything

dropped off. Also, if you have a truck, volunteers are always needed to drive the alley-ways and pick up trash and any other items. PLEASE DO NOT put brush in the alley-ways. The city will not pick those items up. Put brush on the street curb. No chemicals accepted either. You will need to contact the Transfer Station and make an appointment to drop off. Pizza and beverages will be provided for

volunteers afterward at the 8th & Day Ave location. Give Jim Haynes a call w/ questions 312-6485.



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### Presidents Message—by Mark Hostetter...continuation to page 2

I hope all are doing well! We had a great Food with Friends at On the Edge Salon recently and I thank those who attended. As usual there was fantastic food and a few new faces.

My wife and I had a conversation recently and it was about our neighborhood. When we bought our house in 2006, we did not

move here for two years. When we visited several times a year we were thoroughly impressed by the people we met while visiting and several of the visits even landed on a Food with Friends. The neighborhood was so vibrant and outgoing and was very inviting; there was even a new dog park planned. We were excited that we were moving into the neighborhood.

We were never active in our neighborhoods in South Florida but felt comfortable and welcome in Old Southwest. Never before had we ever felt that way. How did you feel when you moved into Old Southwest?

This leads me to a continuing conversation.... I have been speaking in the past about volunteerism. I want to thank four people who

## Did you know?

### The croissant was invented in Austria





## Old Southwest, Inc. Board

November is the month that Old Southwest, Inc. members vote on the following year's board of directors. Anyone living in Old Southwest and who is a member in good-standing with membership dues paid in full by October may submit their name for consideration by the

membership and be a part of the voting process. The board of Old Southwest, Inc. has four principal positions which are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There are Directors-at-large who make up the other positions with everything from the Alexander-Gish

House to Parlor Tour/ Fund Raising. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. Make a difference in OSW and consider volunteering. You can submit your desire to be on the board at the October neighborhood meeting which is October 19th at 7:00 p.m.



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helped me clean up the grounds to the Alexander Gish House a few weekends ago, those individuals are Diana and Bill Austin, Amy Morgan and Allison Weaver. Thank you so very much for sacrificing a few hours to better our community (a community that three of them do not live in), I really appreciated the extra help!!

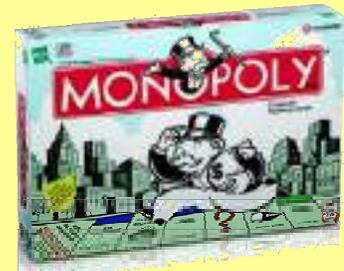
there really is a lot to do. Voting will be done at the November Community Meeting 11/16/17.

There will be a safety walk September 28<sup>th</sup>, the Bi-Annual Block Pride Neighborhood Cleanup October 7<sup>th</sup> and Parlor Tour December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please plan to attend as many as you can and get involved. As always, thank you!

I have had two people reach out to me showing interest in joining the Old Southwest Board of Directors for 2018. If you feel that you can help in any way please let me know,



Did you know?  
Monopoly is the most played board game in the world





## “News You Can Use” from the Office of Neighborhood Services

### Virginia Room Collecting Early Photos of Roanoke's NE Neighborhoods

The Roanoke Public Library Virginia Room, in cooperation with community partners, is seeking early pictures of Roanoke's NE and Gainsboro neighborhoods taken before 1975 to help them create a Community: The Past in Pictures. The goal of this initiative is to build an online collection of early photos to highlight the pictorial history of Roanoke from Gainsboro and Northeast neighborhoods. Preferred photos include the exteriors of houses, neighborhood businesses, churches and social and cultural

buildings such as clubs and community centers. Photos will be digitally scanned while you wait and then stored in a searchable database on the Virginia Room website available for public viewing. Original photographs will remain with the owner and digital copies of photographs will also be provided to the owner. For schedule an appointment of for more info, contact the Virginia Room by calling [540-853-2073](tel:540-853-2073) or by email to [virginiaroom@gmail.com](mailto:virginiaroom@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATES:** Free Firewood Giveaway in Fallon Park on Oct. 14 and Oct. 28. Roanoke Parks and Recreation’s Urban Forestry Office will hold self-service giveaways of firewood quality wood from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 28. The giveaways will take place at Fallon Park’s wood lot.

Please bring a pick-up truck or trailer and enter the park on the Wise Avenue side of the park through the Tinker Creek Greenway parking lot. The gate will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m. each day. Please check in with the City staff member on-site when you arrive.

The firewood has not been cut or split, and a loader will not be available. All material is intended for end users, not for sale. Bad weather may cause the giveaway to be rescheduled.

For more information, please contact William West, Urban Forestry Coordinator, be email to [william.west@roanokeva.gov](mailto:william.west@roanokeva.gov) or call [540-853-1994](tel:540-853-1994).



### Did you know?

Its physically impossible for pigs to look up at the sky



## Go Outside Festival

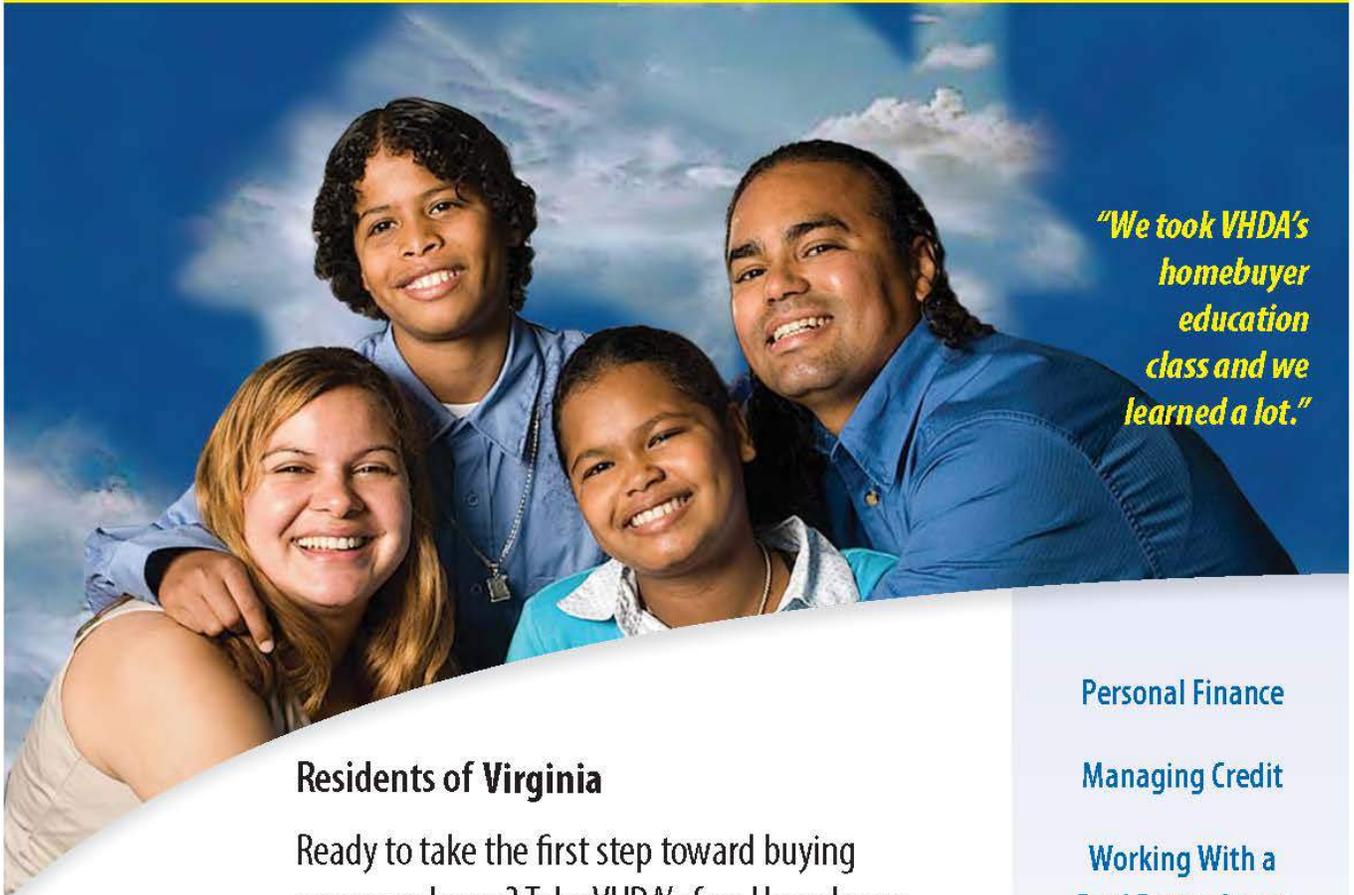


The Go Outside Festival, presented by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, is an annual event to encourage healthy, active outside recreation. It's FREE! October 13-15. Bring the family, bring the dog(s)! Music, Food, Games and so much FUN!

210 Reserve Ave., Roanoke, VA 24016 **Free Parking** is available in the Riverside garage directly across the street from GO FEST site (provided by [Carilion Clinic](http://www.carilionclinic.com)). For more info: <http://www.roanokegofest.com/>



# FREE Homebuyer Class



*"We took VHDA's homebuyer education class and we learned a lot."*

## Residents of Virginia

Ready to take the first step toward buying your own home? Take VHDA's free Homebuyer Class! It's a great way to learn about the entire homebuying process from start to finish.

The next class in English will be:  
Saturday, Oct 21, 2017 - 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
347 Campbell Ave., S.W., Roanoke, VA 24016

Come learn about Closing Cost and Down Payment Assistance Programs!

**Call Now to Register:**

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