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RRHA CELEBRATES EARTH DAY AT GILPIN COURT

Volunteers meet Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at Gilpin Management Office

Richmond, VA –The Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) celebrates Earth Day with a Community Clean-up Initiative and other activities at Gilpin Court, RRHA's largest family community. This clean-up and beautification effort, which takes place on Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. is designed to unite the Gilpin Court community, city officials, and stakeholders in a collective effort to enhance the neighborhood's environment.

"We are thrilled to host this Earth Day event at Gilpin Court as part of our ongoing commitment to fostering sustainable, thriving communities," said RRHA CEO Steven Nesmith. "This event is a great opportunity for our residents and staff to engage with the community, promote environmental stewardship, and make a meaningful impact right here in Richmond."

This year marks the 55th anniversary of Earth Day, an important reminder of our collective responsibility to protect and preserve the environment for future generations. This year's celebration will bring together RRHA residents, employees, and other volunteers to take action in the fight against climate change by contributing to a cleaner, greener Richmond. To embody the spirit of the event, RRHA Earth Day volunteers will wear T-shirts designed by Miss Ariana Williams, a 14-year-old Albert Hill Middle School student who lives in the Gilpin Court community.

Volunteers will participate in a community-wide clean-up to remove litter and debris from the various areas in the Gilpin community that require the most attention to ensure a cleaner and more vibrant environment for residents. Additionally, flowers and trees will be planted throughout the community to help combat pollution and improve air quality. Details of the event are:

- Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025
- Times: Group #1: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (Noon) | Group #2: 12 p.m. (Noon) – 3 p.m.
Volunteers are asked to arrive 15 mins PRIOR to the start of their shift
- Location: 1000 St John St, Richmond, VA 23220 (*meeting place – Gilpin Management Office*)

Volunteers will be provided gloves, trash bags, grabbers, and other necessary supplies for clean-up efforts. These items have been donated by several RRHA partners and vendors. These vendors include Lawn Beauticians; Ground Guys; Lowe's (Richmond VA location); BA Construction Group; and H. Wheeler Lawn Care. Participants are asked to wear comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes, suitable for outdoor activities.

For more information about Earth Day at Gilpin Court, please contact RRHA's Customer Call Information Center at (804) 780-4200 or toll free at 833-750-7742 (RRHA) or email info@rrha.com.

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