



January 30, 2023

Welcome

We appreciate you for joining us this evening. This neighborhood town hall is the **first** of its kind.

It **IS**:

- an information sharing meeting
- an introduction of the new VHCA board
- a Q&A on key topics
- a request for your engagement & involvement



Thank you for being part of the next year of progress for the Virginia-Highland community.

This Evening's Agenda

- **The VHCA & Our Members** - Leah
- **2023 - New board, Priorities & Event Calendar** - Mike
- **Safety & Security** - APD Commander & VHSP Kay
- **New Virginia Highland School** - Melissa & Terry Harness
- **Livability Goals**- Amy
- **Parks incl John Howell Renovation** - Jess
- **Getting Involved** - Leah
- **Questions** - Board Members

VHCA

Founded in 1971, by Virginia-Highland residents

The **VHCA**'s purpose is the promotion and the furtherance of the common good, general welfare and interests of residents of The Virginia-Highland.



VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND
CIVIC ASSOCIATION



The VHCA's Role & Who We Serve

We are a volunteer association by and we are the community's official (but not sole) **voice on city regulatory efforts** such as, development, land use, zoning, festivals, special events, alcohol licenses, legislation, and other quality of life issues. We raise and coordinate requests for funding.

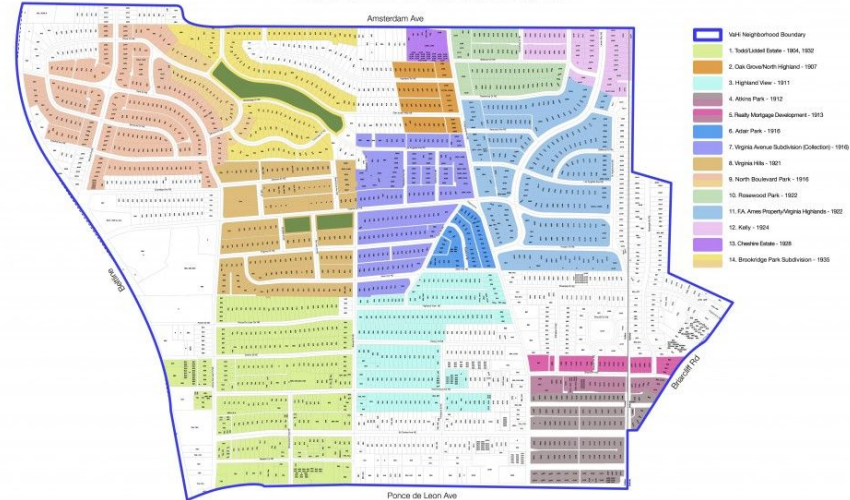
Community engagement, service, events, and coordination are vital to a vibrant board and engaged community. Check out past Voice newsletters for inspiration, and coordinate with board members to make it happen!

We also must **communicate** to the community. We have the Voice, website, and social channels which are managed through board members and the Communications committee.



Virginia-Highland Subdivisions

Map version 7/28/13 - subdivision development.

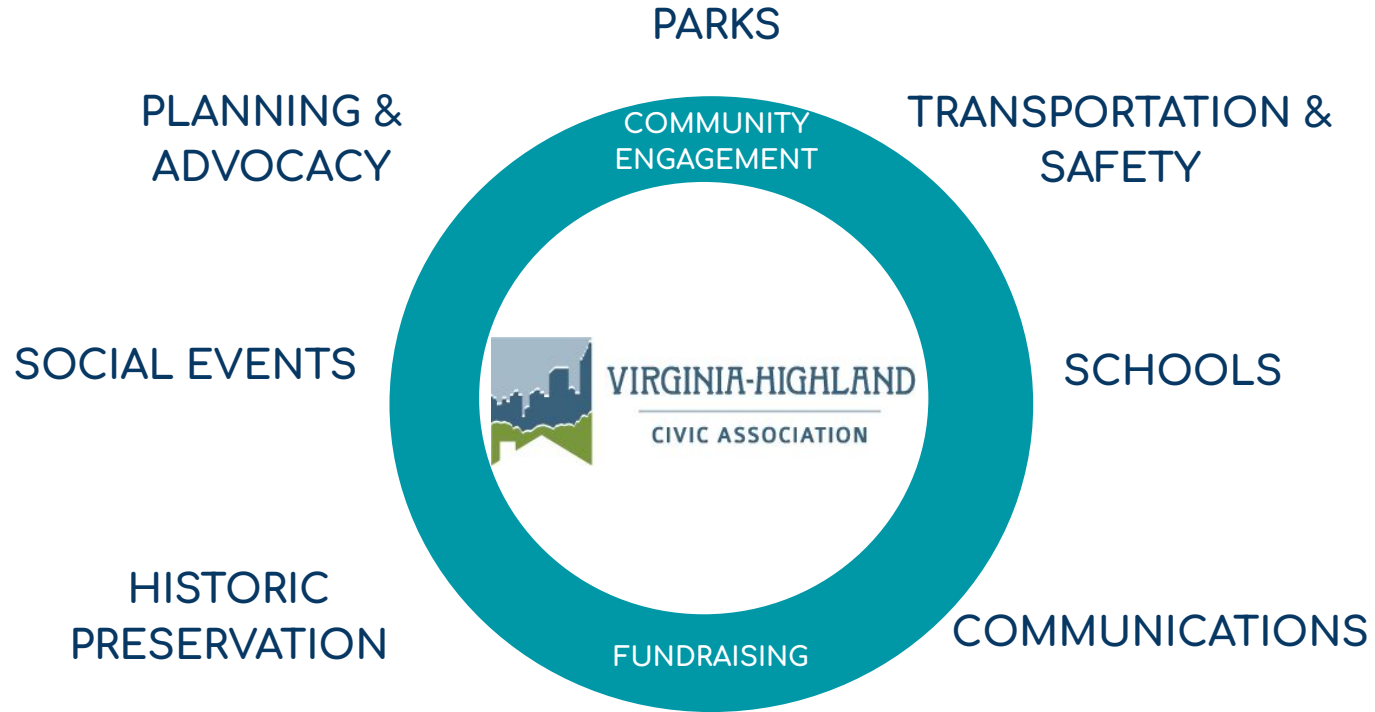


VHCA 758 Members (~5-10%)

~10,000 Residents, ~5,500 Households, 758 Members

Membership: defined as residents over 18 years+ and registered as a member

VHCA Areas of Focus

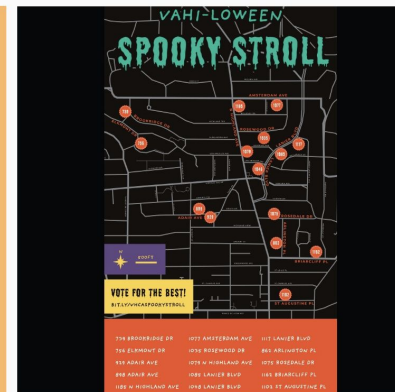
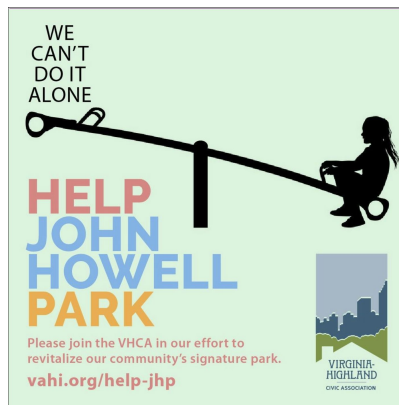


VHCA Value & Benefits

- Park Maintenance & Development (poop bag replacement, landscaping) - John Howell
- Neighborhood civic planning and zoning including variances
- Connection to local officials to influence zoning, commercial development, public safety - District 6 Councilman Alex Wan
- Connection to Atlanta Police Department to partner on Safety & Security
- VA-HI VOICE Email newsletter 2x per month
- Engagement with Schools incl annual grants
- Community Events incl Summerfest & Tour of Homes
- Seasonal Banners/Decorating
- Monthly board meetings

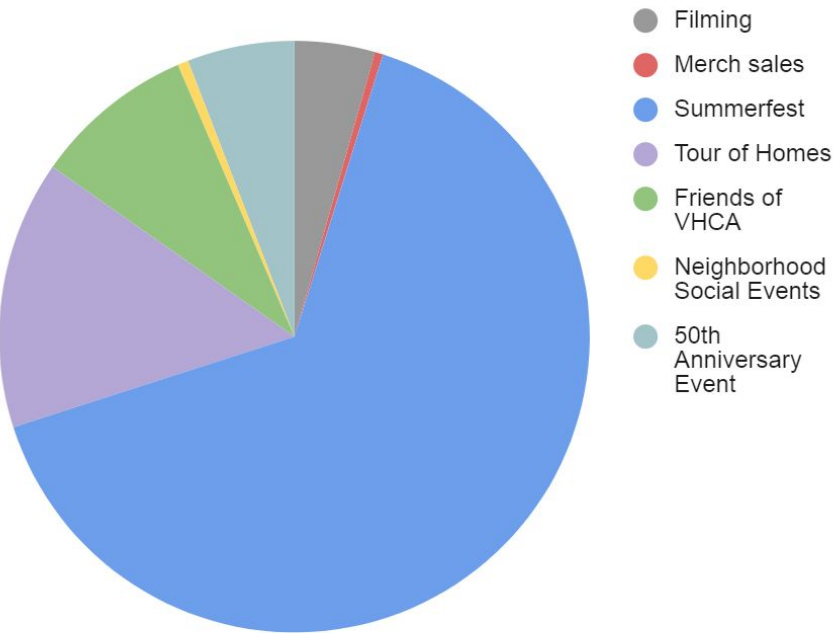


2022 was a huge success - thank you board, committee members and event volunteers

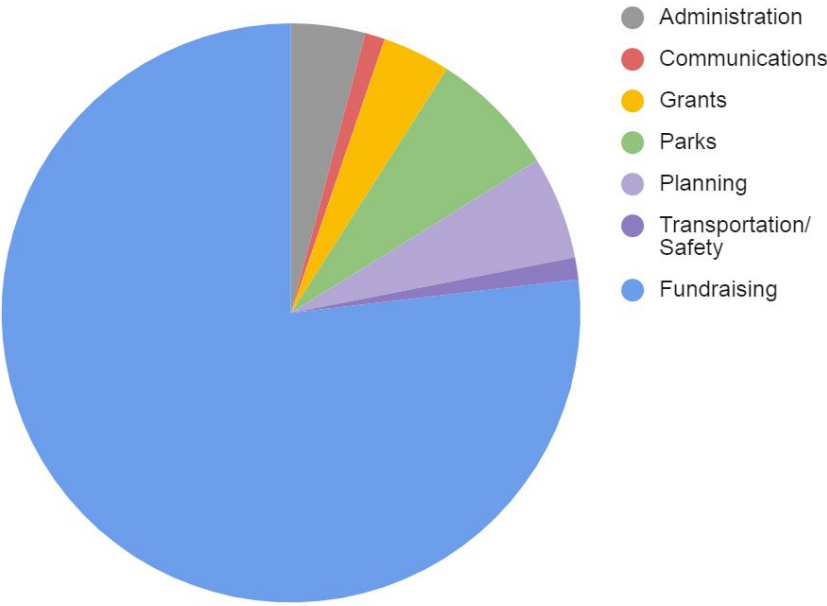


Budget High Level

Income



Expenses



Join the VHCA Today



**Become a VHCA member
click on QR code and sign-up**

2023

Introducing our newly inducted VHCA Board



Leah Matthews
President &
Fundraising/Events
Chair



Johnson Bazzel
Transportation Chair



Alex Saucedo
Fundraising &
Summerfest Chair



Jim Long
Parks Chair



Melissa Clark
Education Chair



Jess Liddick
Treasurer &
Budget Chair



Karen-Jane Wright
Communications Chair



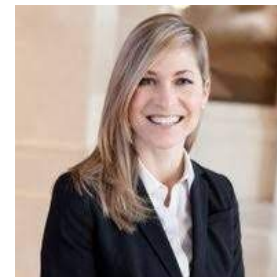
Mike Lewis
Vice President &
Events Chair



Kim Gnatt
Secretary &
Elections Chair

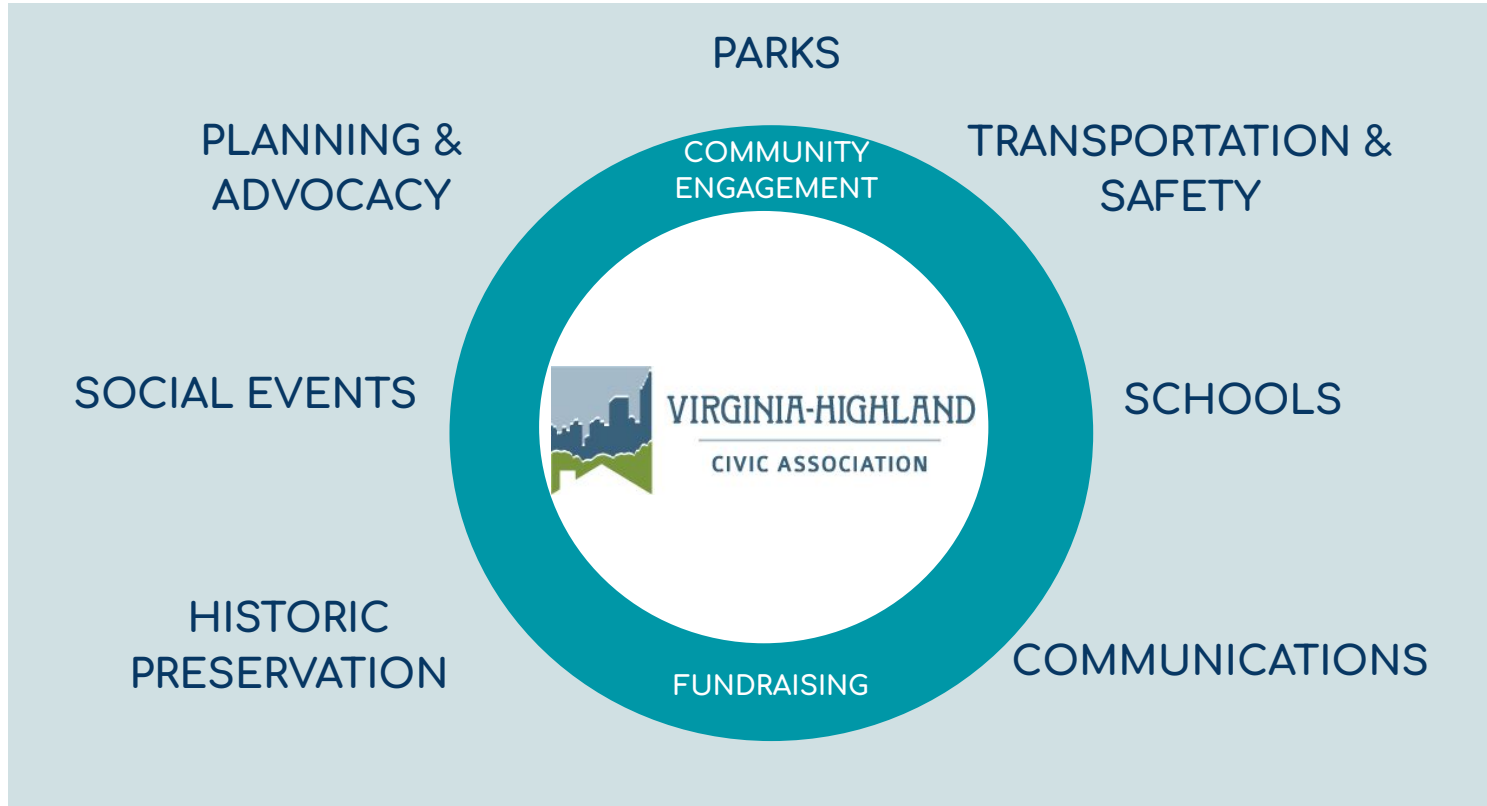


Amy Harward
Planning &
Transportation
Chairs



Lisl Huber
Education Chair

2023 What's Up!!



2023 CALENDAR

- Summerfest - Fri 6/9 & Sat 6/10
- Tour of Homes - Fall/Winter
- Concert Series in John Howell Park - 3/25, 9/9, 11/11
- VAHI-Illoeen - Fall
- Park Cleanups
- What's New in 2023 ??
 - Neighborhood Town Hall - 1/30
 - Easter Egg Hunt - 4/8
 - 50th Anniversary Soiree - April TBD

Virginia-Highland Civic Association 2023 Calendar

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Monthly Board Meetings
Holiday
2nd Sunday Park Cleanup

Fundraising & Fun		
Jan 30	Town Hall	TBD Concert Series
Mar 25	Concert Series	TBD Tour of Homes
Apr 8	Easter Egg Hunt	Sept 9 Concert Series
Apr 28	50th Anniversary Soiree	Oct VAHI-Illoeen
Jun 10	Summerfest	Nov 11 Concert Series

Safety & Security

Safety & Security Update - Zone 6



Commander Webster & Captain Graham



VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND **SECURITY PATROL**

VaHi is our neighborhood —
Let's keep it safe!

MEET THE BOARD



Patrol Officers



Charles Zimmer
President



Beth Marks
Treasurer



Kay Stephenson
Secretary



Chris Clark
Director & Patrol Manager



John Wolfinger
Director



Deborah Schwarz
Director & Neighborhood
Watch Coordinator



Steve Rosenberg
Director

SECURITY PATROL BENEFITS

Benefits to Members

- Monthly patrol schedule and newsletter
- Access to patrol cellphone and email
- Vacation house checks
- Property security evaluation
- Yard sign & window sticker
- Safe ride home



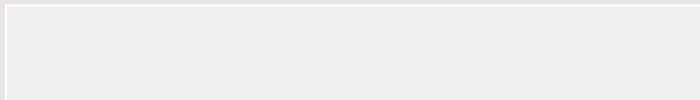
Benefits to the Community

- More police presence in the neighborhood
- Neighborhood Watch network
- Signage serves as deterrent
- LPR cameras assisting with apprehension of suspects
- Backup for on-duty officers responding to 911 calls

BECOME A MEMBER OR DONATE

vahipatrol.org
Virginia-Highland Security Patrol
P.O. Box 8032
Atlanta, GA 31106

Kay Stephenson, Board Secretary
Virginia-Highland Security Patrol, Inc.
404-431-2603
fbacvahi@gmail.com
VaHiPatrol.org



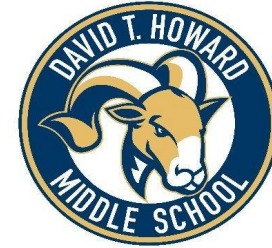


Schools

VHCA Education Committee

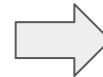
We strive to:

- (1) Support our VAHI neighborhood schools
- (2) Keep neighbors informed regarding their local school(s)
- (3) Work with Atlanta Public Schools to advocate for the neighborhood's educational goals



...and

Virginia-Highland Elementary
(opening Fall 2023!)



Did you know VHCA gives grants annually to support each of our neighborhood schools?



VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY

Principal Harness is working with VHE students to choose a mascot to pair with our in-the-works logo. We can't wait for the big reveal!

Meet the PTO

The Virginia-Highland Elementary (VHE) School PTO is on a mission to enrich the environment and culture of VHE to provide equitable access to excellent education for all students.

CO-PRESIDENTS Melissa Clark + Leah Matthews

VICE PRESIDENT Sudie Nolan-Cassimatis

current initiatives

- + Establishing community relationships
- + Building VHE community
- + Facility improvements inside and out
- + Filling the library
- + Creating effective communication channels
- + Fundraising + grant writing
- + Supporting teacher and staff move in

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WAYS TO SUPPORT VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1. Make a tax-deductible financial contribution.
2. Sign up for our PTO newsletter to find out about volunteer opportunities.
3. Collect gently used, hard-cover books to donate to our media center.
4. Know a community business or leader who wants to support VHE? Let us know!
5. Connect with VHE on social media and share important news with your friends.

Save the Dates

Jan. 28 VHE Tour with Principal Harness

Mar. 12 VHE John Howell Park Play Date

Apr. 22 Spring Fundraising Event

Make a Donation

A donation to Virginia-Highland Elementary's PTO will allocate funds for necessary start-up projects, including facility improvements, educational tools, curriculum, teacher enrichment, and more. Learn more by scanning the QR Code.



CONNECT

- @virginiahiglandelementary
- @VHEPTO
- VirginiaHighlandElementary
- pto@virginiahiglandelementary.com

NEWSLETTER



Join our newsletter to stay in-the-know about news, events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

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Principal: Terry Harness
Opening Fall 2023

Virginia-Highland Elementary School



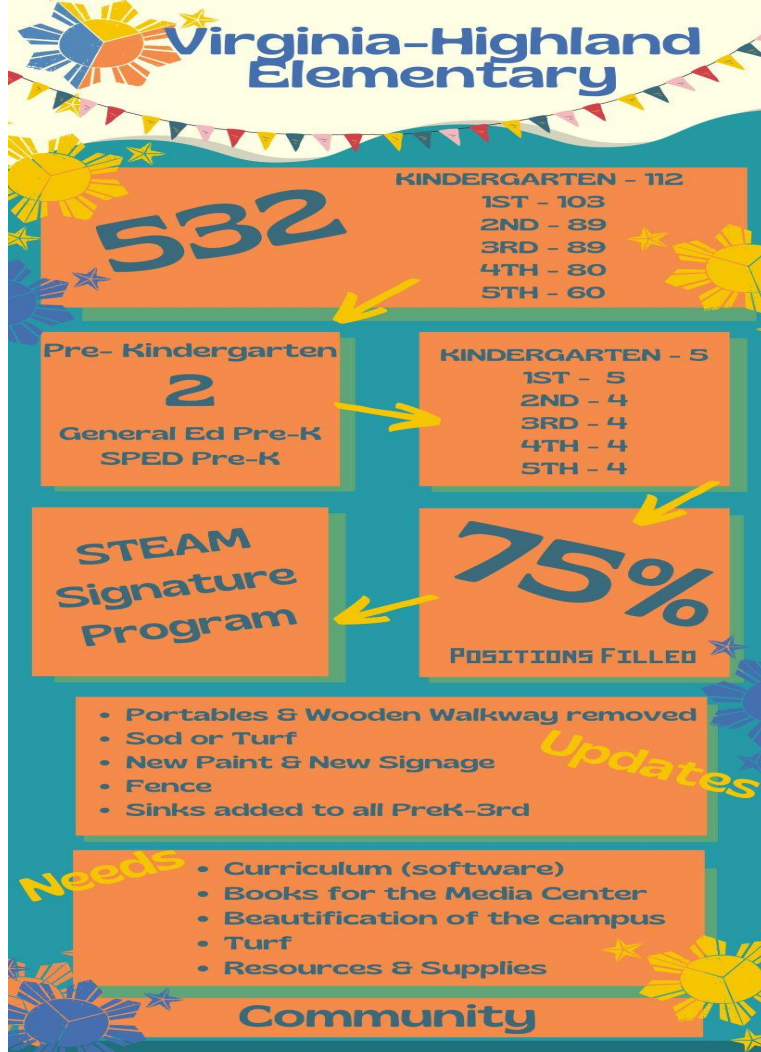
Your donation to Virginia-Highland Elementary's 2023 Seed Fund will allow us to allocate funds for necessary start-up projects, including facility improvements, educational tools, curriculum, teacher enrichment, and more.

Learn more about our 2023 Funding Priorities:



SCAN TO DONATE

 <h4>STEAM LAB</h4> <p>VHE aims to close the STEAM education gap. We are establishing a state-of-the-art STEAM lab to foster inquiry-based curriculum, innovation, leadership, and creativity.</p> <p><i>opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Software and technology • Curriculum • Supplies for experiments 	 <h4>CURRICULUM + TECHNOLOGY</h4> <p>The cost of refurbishing the school creates a need for VHE donors to fill the gap between APS funding levels and the curriculum/technology needs of the school.</p> <p><i>opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IXL for math • IXL for ELA • Pik-My-Kid dismissal software 	 <h4>MUSIC PROGRAM</h4> <p>VHE has two dedicated music rooms and will feature music education as a special course for all students. Funding for the music program will ensure equal access to music education.</p> <p><i>opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchestra and band instruments • Music stands • Sheet music
 <h4>OUTDOOR REFURBISHMENT</h4> <p>The building which houses VHE was built nearly 100 years ago. The playground, fields, and atrium offer a promising outdoor experience for our future students and are in need of rehabilitation.</p> <p><i>opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting new vegetation • Artificial turf installation • Sun shades + bench seating 	 <h4>LIBRARY BOOK INITIATIVE</h4> <p>Help us fill our library with 12,000 shelf-ready books to provide responsive and adequate fiction and non-fiction reading materials for all 530 VHE students.</p> <p><i>opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelf-ready hardback books • STEAM-focused titles • Foreign language titles 	 <h4>DIRECT SERVICES</h4> <p>VHE plans to offer year-round wrap-around support services in support of VHE families facing housing barriers.</p> <p><i>opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clothing + toiletries • food • transportation vouchers



Neighborhood Planning

Planning for Livability in VAHI

Our 2023 Livability & Planning Priorities

- Safe Routes to School
- Vision Zero supported biking, pedestrian and driving street improvements for our neighbors and visitors
- Developments we're tracking:
 - Ponce & Ponce
 - Atlanta Botanical Gardens (*former Cantoni property*)

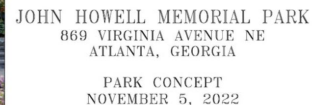
We'll need your support!

Join us! Fill out our interest form and we'll find a place for your energy!



Parks

- **Concept Plan to Design Plan**
- **Fundraising Begins!**



INSPIRATION IMAGES

Ways to Get Involved

- Join the VHCA
- Get The VOICE
- Volunteer for a Park Clean-Up
- Join a Committee (Parks, Communications, Planning, Historic, Tour of Homes, Summerfest, Education, Transportation)
- Join the VHSP (Safety)
- Attend neighborhood events
- Donate to John Howell Park project
- Join Virginia-Highland School PTO or donate



VHCA membership

Get involved in 2023!

Questions ??

