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Driving Directions:

From Virginia, via the Beltway:
Get off at Exit #1, Route 1 North, Old
Town (last "off" before the Woodrow Wilson Bridge) and follow Route 1 North for
10 or so blocks to Queen Street. Turn
Right (east, toward the river) on Queen
and go 2 blocks to Columbus St. Find a
parking place.

From Shirley Highway, I 95:

Exit at King Street and go east until you reach West Street (you will have passed the Masonic Temple and gone under the Metro Tracks, and it will have begun to look like Old Town). Turn left (north) across traffic, and go two blocks to Queen Street, then right (east, toward the river) to Columbus, and look for a parking place. Alternate routes include taking either Route 1(Jefferson Davis Hwy.) north or the G. W. Parkway (Rt. 235, Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy) which you can pick up in the Woodlawn area.



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