



# This Week in the Fan

## February 6, 2021

### What's Upcoming

- 2/6 - Virginia Arcadia: The Natural Bridge in American Art opens at VMFA
- 2/9 - City of Richmond Landlord Virtual Engagement Session
- 2/28 - Deadline to register for the Richmond SPCA Dog Jog & 5k Run

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## Around the Fan

### The FDA Needs You!

The FDA is looking for a few volunteers to fill the following roles:

- an editor for our seasonal Fanfare magazine. If you have an interest, please contact [news@fandistrict.org](mailto:news@fandistrict.org).
- park stewards to help care for all of our beautiful Fan parks. If you have an interest, please contact [Chris Morem](#).
- Fan Village Leaders to help your neighbors "age in place". If you have an interest, please email [fanvillage@fandistrict.org](mailto:fanvillage@fandistrict.org) to learn more about this way to help seniors in our community.



### Introducing Game Parties!

Now booking for January and February.

You, your friends, and your gaming system playing on the BIG SCREEN! (up to 10 people)

Day & evening times available.

[Click for details](#)

## **New Historic Plaques Update**

You may start to see the beautiful new plaques around our neighborhood. The initial order has arrived.

Haven't ordered one yet? It's not too late to get yours!

To purchase, [click here](#).



## **FDA 2020 Holiday House Tour**

The FDA 2020 Holiday House Tour was a huge success in a challenging year! With the help of our sponsors and homeowners, the FDA raised over \$12,000 for local nonprofits.

The FDA would like to thank the homeowners for who volunteered their houses to be part of the 2020 Outdoor Holiday House Tour.

And a very special thank you to the Holiday House tour committee chairperson, Kimberly Hitchens and committee members, Monica Glave, Sally Holzgreffe and Lacy Williams.

To find a complete listing of houses and sponsors, go to [www.fandistrict.org/Holiday-House-Tour](http://www.fandistrict.org/Holiday-House-Tour).

To donate to the FDA, go to [www.fandistrict.org/Donate](http://www.fandistrict.org/Donate).

To find out more about charities supported by the FDA, go to [www.fandistrict.org/Grants](http://www.fandistrict.org/Grants).

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The Richmond SPCA is remaking the Dog Jog and 5K Run for 2021. The local nonprofit's signature Spring fundraiser will be presented by Holiday Barn Pet Resorts and take place over three days, March 19 through 21.

Participants can opt to run, walk, or jog with their dogs on the official Dog Jog and 5K Run courses at Deep Run Park or to use their own courses in the RaceJoy app and take part from anywhere.

Funds raised by Dog Jog and 5K Run participants will benefit approximately 4,000 homeless animals who will be sheltered at the Richmond SPCA this year as well as the lifesaving programs and services the nonprofit provides for pets and people, including low-cost veterinary care at the Susan M. Markel Veterinary Hospital.

The fundraising goal for 2021 is \$50,000.

The first 500 registered participants will receive:

- A limited-edition Dog Jog and 5K Run cotton short-sleeved T-shirt
- A Dog Jog and 5K Run medal and pet tag
- A goodie bag filled with gifts from the event's sponsors
- A personal fundraising page to raise donations for pets in need
- Free access to the RaceJoy app for race guidance, time tracking, and eligibility for 5K Finisher prizes

The \$35 early-bird registration deadline is February 28. Free signup is available for those wishing to fundraise only as "cat nap" participants.

For more information or to register, please visit [richmondspca.org/dogjog](https://richmondspca.org/dogjog).



## **Covid Update & Building Closures**

City Hall is closed to the public until further notice, but communication with Land Use Administration staff is possible via [e-mail](#) or by telephone at 804-646-6304.

Commission meetings for the month of March have been cancelled and future meetings are subject to cancellation due to COVID-19. Please refer to the city's legislative calendar for information on meeting cancellations: <https://richmondva.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

## **City of Richmond Landlord Virtual Engagement Session**

The City is inviting you to a Landlord Engagement Session where you can share concerns, issues, and ideas for win-win solutions to stabilizing housing in the City of Richmond.

This session will provide an opportunity for you to become familiar with local, state, and federal housing and eviction policies.

Information on the new Rental Assistance Program and how you can participate on behalf of your tenants will also be provided.

The first event is planned for February 9, 2021 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

- [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Or call in (audio only)
- [+1 804-316-9457, 691888926#](#) United States, Richmond
- Phone Conference ID: 691 888 926#

For questions, additional information, or if you would like to speak during our listening session, please contact:

- Michelle Peters, Deputy Director, HCD @ 804-646-3975  
or [michelle.peters@richmondgov.com](mailto:michelle.peters@richmondgov.com)

You do not have to register for this event, but you do need to sign up if you would like to speak during our listening session.

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## **Museums**

### **Virginia Museum of Fine Arts**

### **Virginia Arcadia: The Natural Bridge in American Art**





February 6 - August 1

(Dates subject to change. Check before you go.)

VMFA presents Virginia Arcadia: The Natural Bridge in American Art. Explore the artistic legacy of an iconic natural wonder. Depicted and celebrated for centuries, the Natural Bridge is the Shenandoah Valley's breathtaking centerpiece—a towering, primeval witness to human history and timeless muse. The free exhibition examines its image in paintings, prints, decorative arts, photography and more. Featured artists include Frederic Church, David Johnson, Edward Hicks, and many others.

[Click here for more information.](#)

[Calendar of events](#)

## **Children's Museum of Richmond**

A visit to the Children's Museum isn't just fun (although it definitely is that!). It's an opportunity for the whole family to play and learn together.

From fundamental concepts to socialization skills, language development, and much more, recent research shows that play has a positive impact on a child's academic performance. To put it another way, when children play ahead, they get ahead!

[Get Tickets](#)

Looking for fun ways to enrich your kids this holiday season? [Sign up for socially distanced family classes!](#)

## **The Institute of Contemporary Art @ VCU**

### **Now Showing**

Fernanda Laguna: As Everybody  
Oct. 10, 2020 – Feb. 28, 2021

Fernanda Laguna: As Everybody is a survey of work by Argentinian multimedia artist Fernanda Laguna, investigating her Surrealist aesthetic and feminist activism. As Everybody, Laguna's first solo exhibition in the U.S., weaves together various facets of her practice as a visual artist, a curator of alternative art spaces, a novelist and poet, and an activist.

[READ MORE](#)

Kandis Williams: A Field  
Nov. 6, 2020 – Sept. 12, 2020

A Field is a new, site-responsive commission by Los Angeles-based artist Kandis Williams. Williams addresses the regimes of control associated

artist Nanais Williams. Williams addresses the regimes of control associated with labor, including at prison farms in Virginia. A Field takes place within a greenhouse, surrounding the viewer with plant sculptures.

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## **RVAgreen 2050 Planning Continues**

The RVAgreen 2050 Racial Equity and Environmental Justice Roundtable and topical Working Groups continue to meet and work together. This month, the Roundtable worked on principles for equitable community engagement and started brainstorming ways to bring in voices of historically disenfranchised communities that are traditionally underrepresented in planning processes.

The RVAgreen 2050 Working Groups provided feedback on the equity screening tool and worked on a Climate Vulnerability & Risk Assessment - an evaluation of the potential impacts of climate change to Richmond's community, built infrastructure, and natural resources. As part of this assessment, we are looking at impacts not just to these critical assets themselves, but also the consequences of threats such as heat waves and flooding to public health, economic activities, public safety, and the natural environment.

In February, we will begin drafting equitable climate action and resilience strategies. [Learn more about these groups and upcoming meetings here.](#)

### **Get involved!**

We need your help and input to create a more equitable, healthy, and resilient Richmond. Check out ways you can [get involved in RVAgreen 2050](#) today!

- [Sign up](#) for email updates.
  - Share the opportunity to participate with your community using our [Social Media Toolkit](#).
  - Meet with the Office of Sustainability during [virtual "office hours"](#).
  - Become an [RVAgreen 2050 Virtual Ambassador](#).
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## **Virtual Second Semester**

RPS has officially announced that schools will remain completely virtual for the second semester beginning on February 8, 2021. Further updates will be shared in [RPS Direct](#) and posted to the [#ReopenWithLove section of our website](#).

## **Support Our Schools**

There are many ways to support RPS and #ServeWithLove! RPS needs volunteers to support [meal distribution](#), [technology distribution](#) and [school supply kit packing](#). You can also learn more about how to [Donate to RPS](#).

Need help? Call the RPS Family Support Helpline at 804-780-6195 and learn more about [other resources available to families](#).

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## Richmond Police Advisories

When the FDA Board receives a Police Advisory or Electronic Update from the RPD, the notification is posted on the [FDA Facebook page](#). Additionally, it typically appears in the Richmond Times-Dispatch the next day.

A complete, up to date listing of [Advisories](#) is available on the RPD [website](#).

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Have questions? Call the VDH hotline 877-ASK-VDH3 (877-275-8343).

[Covid-19 Dashboard](#)

[Covid-19 Testing Sites](#)

### COVID Vaccine Information

If you live or work in Richmond City and think you may qualify for a COVID-19 vaccine in Phase 1a or Phase 1b, please visit [vax.rchd.com](http://vax.rchd.com) to fill out a COVID-19 interest form. Call 804-205-3501 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) if you need assistance.

It is recommended that residents should sign-up for both the local and the statewide vaccine programs.

- [Richmond Regional website](#) Call 804-205-3501 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) if you need assistance.
- [State Health Department website](#) (It is a link located on the main VDH page: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine>)



## [VCU COVID-19 Updates](#)

### **Sign Up for VCU Alerts**

Being an informed member of the community is essential to staying safe. Take a moment to [read about what you should \(and shouldn't\) do](#) during specific types of emergencies, [familiarize yourself with the different types of alerts](#) that Virginia Commonwealth University sends out and [learn about the Clery Act's role](#) in campus emergency communications.

Information [for parents of VCU students](#) and [members of the local community](#).

### **Join the Friends of VCU Libraries**

Join the Friends of VCU Libraries and receive borrowing privileges with convenient [front-door pickup](#) at your neighborhood library -- James Branch Cabell Library! More information about the Friends is [available here](#).

[Free online programming](#) at VCU Libraries continues: [Community Zooms](#) on a wide variety of topics, [Friends of the Library Book Club](#) meetings, lectures, and workshops. All are welcome.

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## Good to Know

### Tax Amnesty Program

Richmond property owners and businesses may now apply for the city to waive penalties and interest on their delinquent real estate, lodging, meals, or admissions tax payments.

The new tax amnesty program adopted by the Richmond City Council last month is intended to help residents and businesses struggling financially due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“During such a challenging period for Richmond residents, we want to maximize accessibility to and participation in this program,” Mayor Levar Stoney said in a news release Monday. “It’s yet another way the city strives to offer compassionate care.”

Under the program, the city will erase all penalties and interest on past-due real estate tax payments if property owners pay off the principal tax due or arrange a six-month payment plan with a 25% down payment during an amnesty period in March.

The city also will forgive all penalties and interest on prior admissions, lodging and meals tax bills due before April 21 under similar guidelines in April.

Applications and details about the amnesty program can be found online at [RVAStrong.org/taxamnesty](http://RVAStrong.org/taxamnesty).

### City of Richmond Real Estate Tax Exemptions

The city of Richmond currently has two exemption options available for citizens who are either age 65 or older or who are permanently and totally disabled. Both of these exemptions apply only to real estate taxes. Qualification for either of these exemption programs is based on the income and net worth of the property owner, plus the income of others living in the household.

[Click here for complete details.](#)

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### Important Links

- [Fan District Association Website](#)
- [Museum District Website](#)
- [Richmond City Government](#)
- [Richmond City Health Department](#)
- [Richmond City Public Schools](#)
- [Virginia Commonwealth University](#)

## Questions? Suggestions? Comments?

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