



This Week in the Fan

March 20, 2021

What's Upcoming

- 3/21 - Equality Agenda feedback submission deadline
- 3/24 - Recording Our Past to Chart our Future with the Valentine Museum
- 3/26 - Sign of the Times Student Webinar with VMHC Education
- 3/27 - Girls in Medicine event @ SMV
- 3/30 - One Richmond Equitable Affordable Housing Plan Virtual Meeting
- 3/30 - Walk the Line presentation @ VMHC
- 4/1 - Activism from Home: Springing into Action @ VMHC
- 4/17 - Fan Parks Clean Up Day

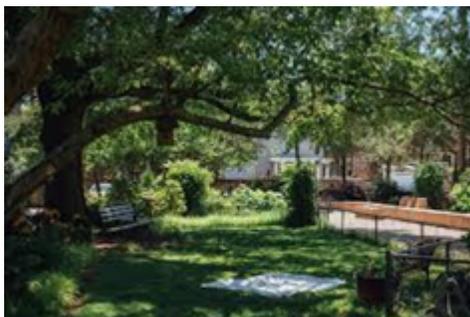
Around the Fan

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.
- park stewards to help care for all of our beautiful Fan parks. If you have an interest, please contact parks@fandistrict.org.
- Fan Village Leaders to help your neighbors "age in place". If you have an interest, please email fanvillage@fandistrict.org to learn more about this way to help seniors in our community.

Fan Parks Clean Up Day - April 17



Mark your calendars! Saturday, April 17 9:00 am - noon

Help spruce up our wonderful Fan parks and get them ready for Spring!

Federal Park
Grace Park
Lombardy Park
Meadow Park
Paradise Park
Scuffletown Park
Sydney Park

Please note:

- Rain or Shine. (After all, gardeners love mud!)
- Please bring your own gloves, rakes, pitchforks, small shovels/weed pullers, etc. or any equipment.
- Remember to wear a mask and maintain a social distance.

To sign up, email parks@fandistrict.org. Please include which park if you have a preference or if you are willing to work where you are needed. Many thanks!

FDA now welcomes Applications to its 2021 Grant program

Responses should focus on 2 areas:

- Park or streetscape improvement to include graffiti removal and improvement to parks
- Services for neighbors in need to include foodbanks and healthcare support

Due date is Wednesday, April 21 and the rules and application can be found here:

<https://www.fandistrict.org/FDA-Community-Grants-Application/>

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](#).



Museums

Valentine Museum

Click [here](#) to register.

Save the date!

Monument Avenue and the Valentine Museum: Recording Our Past to Chart Our Future

A live Zoom event featuring Bill Martin of the Valentine Museum

Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.



brought to you by:





Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Virginia Arcadia: The Natural Bridge in American Art - thru August 1

- 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.

[Calendar of events](#)

Science Museum of Virginia





Girls in Medicine, March 27

- Middle and high school girls are invited to learn more about careers in mental health from two professionals in the field and explore sleep and the role it plays in our mental health. The event is \$10 per person and pre-registration required. [Click to learn more.](#)

Community Connections, Saturdays at the Museum

- To further the community conversations we hope start after experiencing Mental Health: Mind Matters, the Museum is hosting Community Connections, a regular Saturday event where local community partners will be onsite to share resources with guests. [Click for the schedule](#) and to learn about our community partners.

Check out the offerings at [the Dome](#) in March.

Virginia Museum of History & Culture

Movie Mythbusting with VMHC Education

Watch the films in advance and then log into interactive Zoom presentations where we chat about what's true, what's not, and connections in our collections. These programs are free, but registration is required.

Walk the Line - Tuesday, March 30 at 7:00 PM

- This film not only focuses on the rise of country music legend Johnny Cash as he finds his trademark sound, but also what happens when he meets the love of his life, singer June Carter, while on tour and how his volatile lifestyle threatens to keep them apart. [Register.](#)

Student Webinars with VMHC Education

During these live webinars, students will be guided through an inquiry process to analyze and interpret primary sources aligned with Virginia Standards of Learning. These programs are free, but registration is required.

Sign of the Times - Friday, March 26 at 10:00 AM

- Recommended for middle school students, this program uses primary sources from the VMHC collections to learn how writing influenced social activism and examine rhetorical techniques used by Virginia women in the fight to gain women's suffrage. [Register.](#)

Activism from Home: Springing into Action - Thursday, April 1 at 6:30 PM

- A continuation of the conversation started in our February program, this Commonwealth Classroom virtual workshop will connect new and experienced advocates in conversation about changemaking.
- This program is free, but [registration is required.](#)



Children's Museum of Richmond

At the Children's Museum, every visit is meant to support, explore, and highlight the healthy benefits of play. The focus is on play for children of all abilities in an environment where the whole family can be comfortable.

Visit any Children's Museum location today to enjoy the unique exhibits and new experiences, always designed to promote learning through play!

[Reserve Tickets](#)

CMOR is Turning 40!



[Submit memories here!](#)

The Institute of Contemporary Art @ VCU



Fernanda Laguna: As Everybody
Now thru April 25

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](#)



Now Open with Limited Seating Available

Limited to 50 tickets each show allows for lots of social distancing.

Bob Gulledge will play on the Mighty Wurlitzer for each performance!

Check the [calendar](#)!



In 2020, the City Council, City Planning Commission, and Richmond 300 Advisory Council unanimously adopted [Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth](#) as the official master plan for the City of Richmond.

[Read the Final Richmond 300 Document](#)

Now, the City is implementing the master plan. They will provide monthly updates on the implementation process.

How you can help

The FDA Board has been working with other neighborhood associations to amend the Richmond 300 Master Plan in ways that we believe are essential to protect the historic fabric of our neighborhoods while at the same time fostering growth, density, and commercial development throughout the city. Please review the summaries of the proposed amendments and [show your support for them via this survey](#).

In addition, Councilmember Jordan has requested that in order to make our voices heard, we should write to all City Council members and the Planning Department to show our support for these amendments.

Please take a minute and send an email to all of the addressees below asking the City to adopt all of Councilmember Jordan's proposed amendments.

We welcome any questions you may have about this matter.

Thank you.

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Introducing Richmond Region Tourism (RRT)

The Richmond Region is a nonprofit organization that offers a range of information and services to help the local hospitality industry. It includes the counties of Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and New Kent as well as the cities of Richmond and Colonial Heights, and the town of Ashland.

Become an RVA Ambassador

Tourism takes us all. The number one reason people come to the Richmond Region is to visit friends and family. You are invited to become an RVA Ambassador!

Through the free ***I Am Tourism*** workshops, participants will learn the foundations of Richmond's history and the Region's present. They will gain a greater knowledge of the economic impact of tourism as well as an overview of the many attractions, events, and activities in the Richmond Region. Become an RVA ambassador by registering for the next virtual class by going to the website IATRVA.com.

Contact Valerie Knorr at vknorr@visitrichmondva.com for more information.

BLK RVA

Richmond Region Tourism is proud to introduce BLK RVA, their campaign to highlight and celebrate the Black cultural experience in the Richmond Region. BLK RVA was created in 2019 to promote Black tourism and Black businesses. The campaign illustrates and celebrates the Black community in the Richmond Region as a multicultural hub that specializes in four pillars:

- Arts and Entertainment
- Food and Drinks
- Community
- History

Richmond is overflowing with Black businesses and Black history that made it what it is today. The goal is to increase Black tourism and engage regional residents. Make sure your neighborhood's black owned businesses are featured on visitblk RVA.com.

Contact Tameka Jefferson at tjefferson@visitrichmondva.com for more information.

Tourism enriches the economy, businesses, and quality of life of our residents and community.

Equity in Richmond

Equity Agenda Feedback Needed

Mayor Stoney has introduced the city's draft of the [Equity Agenda](#), a foundational document that will serve as the roadmap toward a more inclusive and thriving Richmond.

You are encouraged to provide feedback directly on the draft Equity Agenda document by clicking [here](#).

The deadline to submit feedback is March 21, 2021.

The agenda is comprised of ten broad goals, policy buckets that contain more detailed plans for the city's future:

1. Addressing and Preventing Health Disparities
2. Housing as a Vaccine for Poverty
3. Ensuring Equitable Transit and Mobility for Residents
4. Building Community Wealth to Combat Inequity
5. Supporting and Caring for our Children and Families
6. Creating Equitable Climate Action and Resilience
7. Reimagining Public Safety
8. Telling the Real History of Richmond
9. Strengthening Community Engagement and Trust
10. Utilizing Economic Development to Create Economic Justice

City staff will collate and analyze all comments and questions, draw on common themes, and incorporate the feedback. Please note, not every comment will be reflected word for word in the final Equity Agenda.

After the close of the community engagement period, the Equity Agenda will be introduced as a resolution to Richmond City Council.

One Richmond Equitable Affordable Housing Plan Virtual Meetings



Hear and ask questions about the One Richmond Equitable Affordable Housing Plan

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 1:00pm

- [Click here](#) to join the Teams meeting
- or dial in at 1 804-316-9457 and enter Conference ID: 365 777 247#

Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:00am

- [Click here](#) to join the Teams meeting
- or dial in at 1 804-316-9457 and enter Conference ID: 898 028 560#

Thursday, April 8, 2021 6:00pm

- [Click here](#) to join the Teams meeting
- or dial in at 1 804-316-9457 and enter Conference ID: 188736 859#

Proposed Rezoning of the Greater Scott's Addition Neighborhood

The second of two virtual public meetings will be held April 13 to discuss a proposed rezoning of the Greater Scott's Addition neighborhood, which is generally the area north of the railroad and south and west of I-95/I-64.

The meeting is scheduled for April 13 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

It will include a presentation of the proposed rezoning by City staff, as well as time for questions.

Please visit the City of Richmond's Rezoning website to access the meeting links, as well as view documents and maps related to the proposed rezoning: <https://www.rva.gov/planning-development-review/rezonings>.



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GRTC

Regional Transportation Plan is Under Development

GRTC is developing a Regional Public Transportation Plan (RPTP) that includes plans for expansion of the network by about 20 percent in FY 2022. The 2020 General Assembly created the [Central Virginia Transportation Authority \(CVTA\)](#) which establishes dedicated funding for priority transportation investments in the Richmond region. GRTC will receive 15 percent of these new CVTA funds, of which about \$10 million is planned to be allocated toward expansion. The RPTP, which is required to be submitted to CVTA annually in collaboration with [PlanRVA](#), will identify how GRTC will spend the regional dollars.

They need your feedback, please take the online [survey](#).

Phase 1 Feedback: Alternative Concepts for Expansion (Winter 2021)

- GRTC asks the public to review two alternative concepts for expansion in the Richmond region, where one concept prioritizes coverage routes and another prioritizes ridership.

Phase 2 Feedback: Draft Regional Public Transportation Plan (Spring 2021)

- Based on the input received from Phase 1, GRTC presents a draft Regional Public Transportation Plan for feedback.

How this is Different from Recent Plans

- Many studies completed in previous years serve as a reference for the regional priorities ([2018-2028 Transit Development Plan \(TDP\)](#) and [Greater Richmond Transit Vision Plan Phase II](#)).
- Help prioritize how to move forward because transit can focus on different goals and values – Ridership or Coverage.
- Zoom in on the maps in your community and see what options there are for Ridership or Coverage expansion.
- Learn more at GRTC's [website](#).



Get involved!

The Roundtable needs 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 the [Social Media Toolkit](#).
- Meet with the Office of Sustainability during [virtual "office hours"](#).
- Become an [RVAgreen 2050 Virtual Ambassador](#).

Richmond Public Schools

School Calendar Survey

- RPS would like your feedback on the 2021-22 calendar and year-round school options as they consider new approaches to post-COVID instruction.
- [Parents and caregivers complete this survey](#).
- [RPS staff complete this survey](#).

Free Tutoring

- Free Virtual tutoring in reading and math for students in grades K-8.
 - Click [here](#) for additional information.
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Virginia Commonwealth University

VCU COVID-19 Updates

Sign up for Safety 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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Richmond Police Department

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](#).

Good to Know

Governor Announces Additional Funding for Rent Relief Program

- The governor is working with the General Assembly to increase funding towards the Virginia Housing Trust, a statewide approach to help people with home ownership, to provide additional support.
- Virginians in need of housing assistance can visit [StayHomeVirginia.com](https://www.stayhomevirginia.com) to see which resources are available. To figure out if you're eligible for rental relief, visit dhcd.virginia.gov/eligibility or call 2-1-1.

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.
- 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.

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.](#)

Financial Navigator

- The City of Richmond, in partnership with HumanKind, has launched a Financial Navigator program to help residents manage the financial impact of COVID-19.
 - Financial Navigators provide one-on-one telephone assistance – at no cost– navigating critical financial issues and making referrals to other social services and resources. Visit www.finnav.org/rva or call 804-646-MORE (6673) to sign up for this free service.
 - Please note: Financial Navigators do not provide financial assistance. They help residents triage their financial issues, identify immediate action steps, and make referrals to public programs and services.
 - For additional information, contact Ronald C. Champion
 - E-mail: rchampion@humankind.org
 - Website: www.humankind.org
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Virginia Department of Health

65 and Older, Call to Schedule an Appointment

The Richmond and Henrico Health Districts are excited to announce that starting March 17, seniors aged 65 and older who live in Richmond City or Henrico County can now call our call center (804-205-3501), Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM–5:00 PM, to schedule a vaccination appointment directly.

Anyone else interested in a COVID-19 vaccine who is not a senior should pre-register by visiting vaccinate.virginia.gov or calling 877-VAX-IN-VA (1-877-829-4682). Due to limited staff capacity and vaccine supply, only seniors ages 65 and older can schedule an appointment on demand.

vax.rchd.com will continue to have the most up-to-date information and links to the new statewide pre-registration system.

Call 804-205-3501 to register for free community testing. Events are subject to change or cancellation. Locations are accessible for wheelchairs and other mobility support devices.

Have questions? Call the **new** VDH hotline 1-877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682).

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Important Links

- [Fan District Association Website](#)
- [Museum District Website](#)
- [Richmond City Government](#)
- [Richmond City Health Department](#)
- [Richmond City Public Schools](#)
- [GRTC News & Updates](#)
- [RVA311.com](https://www.rva311.com)

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