



# This Week in the Fan

## April 10, 2021

### What's Upcoming

- 4/13 - Rezoning of the Greater Scott's Addition Neighborhood Virtual Meeting
- 4/14 - 2nd District Community Meeting
- 4/14 - Democratic Primary Debate for Richmond City Sherriff
- 4/15 - RVA Engage - Civil Tool: Discovery
- 4/17 - Fan Parks Clean Up Day
- 4/22 - RVA Engage - Civil Tool: Difficult Conversations
- 4/22-25 - Uptown Gallery Open House
- 4/30 - Last day to provide input on RVAgreen initiatives

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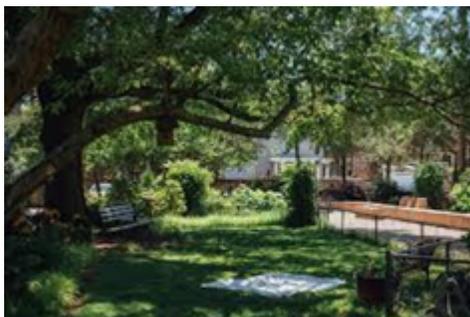
### Around the Fan

#### 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 [parks@fandistrict.org](mailto:parks@fandistrict.org).
- 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.

## 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](mailto:parks@fandistrict.org) or use this QR code:



Please include which park if you have a preference or if you are willing to work where you are needed.

We need you! Thank you to those who have already signed up. There is plenty of work to go around, so sign up today!

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/>

# FAN ARTS STROLL

May 20 & 21, 4:00 - 8:00 pm  
Stroll Path:

- 2000-2500 blocks of Hanover & Grove
- 200 blocks of Meadow & Robinson

If you live on the Stroll path and would like to host an exhibitor on the walkway (from the sidewalk to your porch), click on the link below to let Sally know. If you know of an artist, craftsperson, musician, vendor, or performer who would like to participate, pass this along to them so they can click on the exhibitor link below to register.

Questions: [sallyholzgreffe@gmail.com](mailto:sallyholzgreffe@gmail.com)

To **host** an exhibitor:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AhyToRpLEbAE9yt2k1plyNtFsAs8GBmJKaH-mitIE60/edit>

To **participate** as an exhibitor:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1T0tCzyM1L6YtNF0kPTk0xhQVzIEjhoJbnO4TEmLPgTY/edit>



“Picnic in a Parklet,” a program designed to assist Richmond restaurants and other businesses with safe reopening and social distancing requirements. This week, construction will begin on five prefabricated parklets at locations adjacent to businesses who participated in the Picnic in a Parklet program.

One of the first locations is N Shields Avenue in the Fan, adjacent to Joe’s Inn.

Parklets are outdoor patio spaces constructed in the on-street parking lane of the street in front of a business that can function as an area for customers to gather and/or take to-go orders and eat outside safely-distanced. Parklets are by definition public space, not a single restaurant’s outdoor dining area.

Stop by Joe's Inn and picnic in the parklet!

## Uptown Gallery

1305 West Main Street

Open House Weekend

April 22-25

- Thursday, 4/22 - 11am - 7pm
- Friday, 4/23 - 11am - 7pm
- Saturday, 4/24 - 11am - 6pm
- Sunday, 4/25 - 11am - 4pm



Uptown Gallery artists are holding a **special exhibition and Open House** in April called **"Celebrating Our Neighborhoods"**.

The event celebrates Richmond, especially the Gallery's neighbors in the Fan and Museum Districts and Carytown.

There will also be handcrafted jewelry, stained-glass lamps, boxes and bowls, and turned-wood gift items. It's the perfect time to pick up graduation gifts or tuck items away for Christmas giving.

Refreshments will be available and the artwork is priced to sell. There are four wonderful gallery spaces so guests will have room to spread out enjoy the space.

Guests are asked to wear face masks and the gallery will provide hand sanitizer and manage crowds.

## Museums

### Virginia Museum of Fine Arts



### Thursday Nights

2021 Schedule

- Artists subject to change
- Free
- No registration required
- View all of the performances on [YouTube](#)

[Full Calendar of Events](#)

## Science Museum of Virginia

### 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](#).

## 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.

[Calendar of Events](#)

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### **Now Open with Limited Seating Available**

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

Bob Gullidge 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](http://IATRVA.com).

Contact Valerie Knorr at [vknorr@visitrichmondva.com](mailto: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 [visitblkva.com](http://visitblkva.com).

Contact Tameka Jefferson at [tjefferson@visitrichmondva.com](mailto:tjefferson@visitrichmondva.com) for more information.

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

**Civil Tool: Discovery - April 15 - 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

- Speaker: Chris Ball, Associate Professor of Psychology at William & Mary
- Panelists: Nia Rodgers, Public Affairs Research Librarian at VCU Libraries, Patty Conway, Community Relations Coordinator at Henrico County Public Library, and Amy Wentz, Civic Leader
- Moderator: Martha Heeter, Executive Director, PlanRVA
- The discovery of information and the ability to evaluate its reliability is a fundamental civic tool. Richmond librarians, researchers, civic leaders, and organizers will help us understand how information is valued and share practical tips on how we can find and use data and evidence.
- [Register](#)

**Civil Tool: Difficult Conversations - April 22 - 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

- Facilitated by Secretly Ya'll and Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities
- With Secretly Y'all, we'll hear real-life stories from people who have had difficult conversations that helped bring forward understanding. Then, Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities will guide us in exploring key tools for embarking on brave conversations.
- [Register](#)

RVA Engage is supported by the Community Foundation for a greater Richmond.



## **Proposed Rezoning of the Greater Scott's Addition Neighborhood**



The second of two virtual public meetings will be held April 13 from 6:00 - 7:30.

Topic: 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.

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>.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Call-in: (804) 316-9457, 736 739 93#

## **New RVA311**

The City of Richmond has launched an upgraded version of RVA311. The city is making it easier than ever before to submit and track requests, in your neighborhood and beyond.

[Check out the new features.](#)

[RVA311.com](http://RVA311.com)

## **CARITAS Furniture Drive**



JOIN US!

**WHEN** FRIDAY, MAY 14TH  
3-6 PM  
SATURDAY, MAY 15TH  
9 AM-2 PM

**WHERE** CUSTOM VIEW  
WINDOWS & DOORS  
1965 Westmoreland St,  
Richmond, VA 23230

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For more details, visit us at: [www.caritas.org/rvadesigndrive](http://www.caritas.org/rvadesigndrive)



### 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](#).

The second round of community feedback is now open through April 30.

The goals are to:

- gather as much community input as possible
- build awareness of and enhance participation in the RVAgreen 2050 planning process
- achieve equitable climate action for a healthy and resilient Richmond.

There are three ways to provide input through the [RVAgreen 2050 website](#):

- [Comment on the draft objectives and strategies](#)
- [Take the 30 minute RVAgreen 2050 Community Survey](#).
- [Take the 10 minute RVAgreen 2050 Community Survey](#).

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## **Richmond Public Schools**

### **Support RPS**

- There are many ways to support RPS and #ServeWithLove! Please consider [volunteering](#), [donating](#), or [partnering](#) with us, and for new and existing partners, don't forget to [add your organization](#) to our new [searchable partnership database](#)!

### **Free Tutoring**

- Free Virtual tutoring in reading and math for students in grades K-8.
  - Click [here](#) for additional information.
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## **Democratic Primary Debate for Richmond City Sherriff**

April 14, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

The Richmond City Democratic Committee has teamed up with the Metro Richmond Area Young Democrats to host a few debates ahead of the Democratic Primary for Constitutional Officers and Local House of Delegates Races.

Facebook Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1025042434689277>

Zoom Registration:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6p99T67tR62x0V2Z8y0LJQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6p99T67tR62x0V2Z8y0LJQ)

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## **Richmond City Democratic Committee Multi-Ward Candidate Discussions and Forums**

Register now to participate in the upcoming Richmond City Democratic Committee Multi-Ward Candidate Discussions and Forums hosted by the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th Wards.

Each candidate will have 45 minutes to address the attendees and answer any questions.

Candidates for Richmond City Sherriff Sunday, April 11, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

- Incumbent Antoinette Irving @ 3:00
- William Burnette @ 3:45
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAucO2qqDsrHdxK1gyUIUznPb9v6fXYuey3>

Candidates for Lt. Governor Tuesday, April 14, at 6:30 - 8:00pm

- Mark Levine @ 6:30
- Hala Ayala @ 7:15
- [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pdOmrrz8tGtJNtT1JsePXPlvk0BBP\\_72B](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pdOmrrz8tGtJNtT1JsePXPlvk0BBP_72B)

## **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](#).

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## 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](https://dhcd.virginia.gov/eligibility) or call 2-1-1.

### **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](https://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](mailto:rchampion@humankind.org)
    - Website: [www.humankind.org](https://www.humankind.org)
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## **Virginia Department of Health**

Anyone can register to be put on the vaccine pre-registration list, even those who are not in Phases 1a, 1b, and 1c. If you have already pre-registered, you can visit the [Vaccinate Virginia](#) site anytime to confirm your status.

If you or someone you know is unable to pre-register through the Vaccinate Virginia website, call 1-877-VAX-IN-VA (1-877-829-4682) and a representative can help you through the process. Help is available in English and Spanish, with callback options in 100 other languages.

As of April 1st, Richmond and Henrico Health Districts have made vaccination appointments available for essential workers in Phase 1c. Phase 1c includes workers from the following sectors:

- Energy
- Water, Wastewater, and Waste removal (includes recycling removal)
- Housing and Construction
- Transportation and Logistics
- Institutions of Higher Education Faculty/Staff
- Finance
- Information Technology & Communication
- Media
- Legal Services
- Public Safety (including engineers)
- Other Public Health Workers
- Barbers, Stylists, Hairdressers

Pre-register now at [vaccinate.virginia.gov](https://vaccinate.virginia.gov).

Also eligible and continuing to vaccinate: [Phase 1a](#)

Also eligible and continuing to vaccinate: [Phase 1b](#)

[vax.rchd.com](https://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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## **Richmond City Council**

### **2nd District Community Meeting - April 14, 6:30pm**

The April meeting will focus on the City's budget process and feature presentations from the Department of Public Works, the Department of Public Utilities, and the office of Property Maintenance & Code Enforcement.

Zoom link and social media event coming soon.

During the meeting, DPW will provide an update on graffiti, including how the city now has three crews working seven days a week to respond to the massive backlog. As always, please check if the graffiti you see has been reported via RVA311 before reporting it.

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**The GINTER PARK**  
*Scene from the Street*  
GARDEN STROLL

Drive-Park-Walk-Bicycle-Friendly Festival in Laburnum Park and Ginter Park

- 22 Beautiful Stroll-By Gardens plus Architectural Sites of Interest
- Special Guest VMFA Artmobile Featuring the Exhibit, Landscapes of Virginia
- 2nd Annual Art Pop-Up Show and Sale with Creations by Local Artists
- Sidewalk-Chalk Art Contest for Kids
- Your Choice of Four Food Trucks: Boku Tako, Pizz Killer BBQ, SaladWorks and JJ Frozen Custard

Saturday, May 15, 2021 | 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$15 day of event; Children Free  
Visit [www.ginterpark.org](http://www.ginterpark.org) for tickets via Eventbrite and for event details  
Hosted by Ginter Park Residents Association | Executive Sponsor Wrenn School

## 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](#)
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## Questions? Suggestions? Comments?

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