



# This Week in the Fan

## April 17, 2021

### What's Upcoming

- 4/17 - Fan Parks Clean Up Day
- 4/17 - Spicy Food Challenge Fundraiser
- 4/19 - City Council Discussion of Proposed FY 2022 Capital Improvement Plan
- 4/22 - RVA Engage - Civil Tool: Difficult Conversations
- 4/22-25 - Uptown Gallery Open House
- 4/24 - The Branch Museum Clean Up Day
- 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 - SATURDAY!



Park Clean Up Day is THIS WEEKEND!

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.

We need you! Thank you to those who signed up, but come anyway!

There is plenty of work to go around. Many thanks!

After the Clean Up...

## A Spicy Food Challenge

This Saturday, 4/17, a spicy foods challenge will be held at The Hop on 1600 Cary Street from noon until 4 PM. Called 'Heat at the Hop,' the event is especially for spicy food lovers, who will be served a series of fiery dishes.

Full details and tickets [are available here](#).

Co-sponsored by The Hop and Double Comfort, this event benefits FeedMore, the Richmond food bank organization.



## 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 fast approaching, **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>

## Uptown Gallery Open House Weekend

1305 W. Main Street

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](#).

### The Branch Museum



The Branch Museum is having another Garden Clean Up Day next weekend!

April 24th at 9:00 AM with coffee and donuts provided to all volunteers.

To volunteer, please email Heather at [events@branchmuseum.org](mailto:events@branchmuseum.org).

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

Check the [calendar!](#)

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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: 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.



### **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



**CARING FOR CARITAS**  
AN RVA DESIGN COMMUNITY DRIVE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: **IIDA** VIRGINIA WEST VIRGINIA IIDA | AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS VIRGINIA

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**WHEN**  
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SATURDAY, MAY 15TH 9 AM-2 PM

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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.

## **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.
- [Federal moratorium on evictions is in effect until June 30, 2021. For more information, visit DHCD's Landlord and Tenant Page.](#)

### 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

The City of Richmond is currently open to those who qualify for Phase 2 vaccinations.

However, the state will move to Phase 2 on April 18. This means everyone, 16 and older, who lives or works in Virginia will be eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine at that time.

Use [Vaccine Finder](#) to locate a vaccine near you. Keep in mind, if you are "Phase 2", this site will not be open to you until April 18, since this is a statewide resource.

Anyone can register to be put on the vaccine pre-registration list. 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.

[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**

### **Richmond City Council Discuss Proposed FY 2022 Capital Improvement Plan - April 19**

As part of its ongoing work on the upcoming Fiscal Year 2022 Richmond Government Budget - which begins July 1, 2021 - Richmond City Council produced its [Analysis of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Richmond Government Capital Improvement Plan](#), prepared by the Richmond City Council Office of the Council Chief of Staff.

Council will discuss this analysis during its upcoming Budget Work Session 5, scheduled for Monday, April 19, 1-3 p.m. Use the link below for meeting information.

The Richmond City Council Office of the Council Chief of Staff also updated Council's [Analysis of the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Richmond Government Budget General Fund Revenues and Expenditures](#).

[Richmond City Council meeting calendar](#)

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# The GINTER PARK

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GARDEN STROLL






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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

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Your Choice of Four Food Trucks: Boka Tako, Pizzas 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 | Exclusive Sponsor: Weiss 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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