



# This Week in the Fan

## July 10, 2021

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### What's Upcoming

- 7/11 - New date for 2021 Park Decal expiration
- 7/12 - Comment period on City Center Small Area Plan ends
- 8/30 - Adopt A Tree Program closes for 2021/22 season

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### Around the Fan

#### FDA Volunteer Opportunities

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

- 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 contact [fanvillage@fandistrict.org](mailto:fanvillage@fandistrict.org)

#### Adopt-A-Tree Program Now Open until August 30

The [Fan District Association's Adopt A Tree Program](#) is now open for the 2021 season!

From now until August 30th, you can adopt a tree for that empty tree well by your house or your neighbor's for the low price of only \$50.00 (\$25.00 if you are an FDA member). Price includes grinding out any stump that may be there, preparing the tree well for planting, the tree (a \$250.00 value!), and a tree gator watering bag. The only requirements are that you water the tree twice a week for the next two years and continue to care for the tree for as long as you live in your Fan home.

To date, the Adopt A Tree program has adopted over 700 trees since 2009, and continues to be a major source for our tree population and urban forest of the Fan.

If you don't need a tree in the tree well in front of your house, consider contributing to a neighbor's empty tree well. You will be the adoptive parent and will need to water the tree. This has been very popular and has proven successful when an Owner is not occupying a property.

Tree orders will be taken until August 30th 2021 and tree plantings will begin between November of 2021 through March of 2022.

[Applications are online on the FDA website](#), or you can pick up an application at the Long and Foster office at 409 Strawberry Street.

Please make checks payable to the FDA and send or drop off at the FDA office at 208 Strawberry Street.

## 2022 Restricted Parking Decal Applications

### 2021 Decals are extended thru July 11!

- Applications for the 2022 Restricted Parking Decals are now available.
- Click [here](#) for complete information and applications for residents and tenants.



### No Right Turn on Red Survey

The 3rd District is coordinating with the 1st and 5th Districts to solicit feedback on the interest of placing a "No Turn on Red" sign for westbound traffic on Main Ave turning north onto Arthur Ashe Blvd.

[Use this link to complete the survey.](#)

### Free Walls Survey

'Legal walls' or 'free walls' are designated places throughout the city, such as the sides and backs of buildings, where graffiti artists can practice without fear of arrest. Currently, 39 out of 50 US states have enacted free walls somewhere within the state to discourage vandalism while providing residents with a creative outlet. Free walls can house a variety of works, from small pieces to large murals, and typically are painted over every 6-12 months to provide opportunities for emerging artists and keep the wall interesting to viewers. By encouraging legal art, cities can deter tagging and other forms of public and private property vandalism.

The purpose of this survey is to collect a list of private property owners who may be interested in learning more. This is not a commitment to opening up your property.

If interested, property owners may also be connected to muralists if they are looking for more permanent murals.

Click [here](#) to access the survey.

## Museums

### Virginia Museum of History & Culture

- A portion of the museum is now open!
- While [an extensive capital improvement project](#) continues, the museum will re-open with a limited number of galleries, a new featured exhibition, and a selection of in-person events. In addition, a variety of online programming will continue.
- Learn more or [view all upcoming programs](#).

## Virginia Museum of Fine Arts



### The Dirty South: Contemporary Art, Material Culture, and the Sonic Impulse

- Now showing through September 6
- [Get Tickets](#)

### Thursday Night Jazz Cafe 2021 Schedule

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

[Full Calendar of Events](#)

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## Science Museum of Virginia



### Now Open!

- Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family is the world's first exhibition showcasing the newly revised tyrannosaur family tree. Add this exhibition to your next visit to come face-to-face with a life-sized T. rex, run for your life in a virtual experience, hatch a dinosaur egg and more!
- [Click here](#) to reserve your tickets to the Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family. First select the date and time you'd like to come to the Museum. Then add a ticket to Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family for an additional \$5 and pick your entry time.
- [Click here](#) to learn more about the exhibition, including evening hours that will begin June 24
- Pro tip: Museum members can see this exhibition for free. [Click here](#) to learn more about how to join.

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

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## The Branch Museum



### Self-Guided Tours

- Monday – Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM.
- Self-guided tours are FREE at this time.

### Guided Tours

- Guided tours are offered the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. Advance registration is required and attendance is restricted to 10 people.
- Tours are also available by appointment, Monday through Friday.
- To schedule a tour of The Branch House, please contact [education@branchmuseum.org](mailto:education@branchmuseum.org). Tours are limited to groups of five.
- Advance payment is required.
- **Tour Fee:** \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members ([become a member](#))

[Register for tickets.](#)

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## Children's Museum of Richmond

- 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!

- CMOR is holding a 40th Birthday Celebration!
- Save the Date, Friday September 10
- [Click here for all the information.](#)



## Summer is in Full Swing at the Byrd

Concessions are back!

Now with wine & beer.

Check the [calendar](#) for details & to purchase tickets!



[RVAgreen 2050](#) is the City of Richmond's equity-centered climate action and resilience planning initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 45% by 2030, achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, and help the community adapt to Richmond's climate impacts of extreme heat, precipitation, and flooding.

## Richmond's Path to Equity

The Office of Equitable Transit and Mobility (OETM) is spearheading Richmond's Path to Equity multimodal transportation policy guide, which will inform the city's transportation plan and help determine transportation projects and programs over the next 5 to 10 years.

The Path to Equity will lead to OETM's Richmond Connects plan updates this fall and will ensure that the needs of underserved Richmonders are met across all aspects of transportation planning and policy. OETM plans to use existing outreach from the Richmond300 and RVAgreen 2050 planning processes to make sure there is alignment among all three city plans.

Your input is invaluable for making sure that this plan is equitable and meets the needs of your community. There are several ways to learn more and get involved in the Path to Equity planning process:

- Take the Transportation Survey ([English](#) or [Spanish](#)) and answer questions about your commuting habits, roadblocks to transportation equity, and existing transportation infrastructure in Richmond.
- Attend a Tacos for Transportation event! OETM will be hosting a number of community events in July to share information about the plan and get your input. Anyone who completes a survey will also get a free taco! There will be events on July 17th at Byrd Park and July 31st at Blackwell Pool, both from 11am-3pm. Find out more information [here](#).

## Upcoming Opportunities and Events

- [Attend a Breakfast on the Bay event](#): The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is hosting Breakfast on the Bay events throughout the months of July and August. Events include a Tree Talk in partnership with the Pennsylvania Forests Project Manager (July 15) and RiverTrends (August 10).
- [Help remove invasive species at The Wetlands](#): Join The James River Park System as they tackle removing invasive plants from The Wetlands on July 10 and July 17. They will be focusing on removing English Ivy, Winter Creeper and other invasive plants. Be a part of this initiative to help restore The James River Park's natural habitat and tree canopy!
- [Take PlanRVA's Resiliency Public Survey](#): PlanRVA is initiating a regional resiliency planning program to ensure that individuals, communities, businesses, and institutions can survive and adapt and thrive amidst challenges now and into the future. Challenges include natural, social, and economic shocks that have both local and regional impacts. Share your thoughts on resilience in the Richmond region.
- [Make RideFinders' Air Quality Awareness Pledge](#): Take the Air Quality Awareness pledge during RideFinders annual Clean Air Campaign. You can help reduce the number of vehicles on the road and reduce air pollution during the summer ozone season. RideFinders encourages you to take steps, no matter how large or small, to reduce your contribution to air pollution and improve air quality.

Check out the [website](#) for complete information.



In 2020, the Richmond 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. The master plan and maps can be found at [here](#). [Read the Final Richmond 300 Document](#)

Now, the City is implementing the master plan:

## The City Center Small Area Plan

City Center Small Area Plan

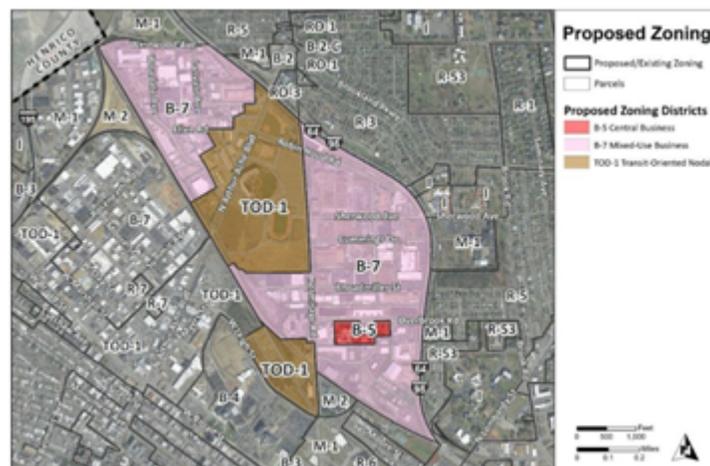


The City Center Small Area Plan outlines a strategy for redeveloping vacant and under-utilized parcels in Downtown Richmond, which are predominantly City-owned.

- Download the Draft Plan ([PDF](#))
- Comment on the Draft Plan ([Interactive PDF](#))
- Review the Draft Plan presentation given to City Planning Commission and City Council's Organizational Development Standing Committee ([PDF](#))

Read the [Draft City Center Small Area Plan](#). Comment period ends on July 12.

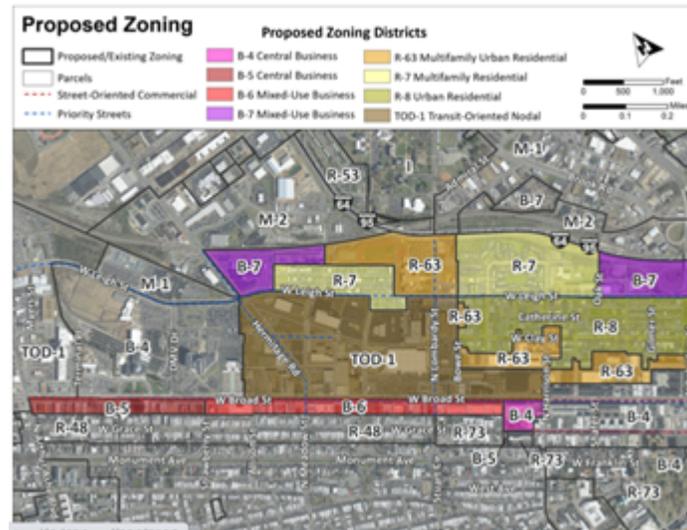
## Greater Scott's Addition Rezoning



A primary next step to achieve the vision outlined in Richmond 300 for Greater Scott's Addition is to rezone the area. Currently, this area is comprised mostly of M-1 Light Industrial and M-2 Heavy Industrial zoning. Visit [www.rva.gov/planning-development-review/rezonings](http://www.rva.gov/planning-development-review/rezonings) to view the study area map, proposed rezoning, and public presentations held during the rezoning process.

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## Science Museum, Allison Street and VCU & VUU Pulse BRT Rezoning



The Science Museum/Allison/VCU/VUU Pulse Stations are Priority Stations identified in the Pulse Corridor Plan. A primary next step to achieve the vision outlined in the Pulse Corridor Plan is to rezone the area. Visit [www.rva.gov/planning-development-review/rezonings](http://www.rva.gov/planning-development-review/rezonings) to view the study area map, proposed rezoning, and public presentations held during the rezoning process.

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## Richmond Public Library Survey

Richmond Public Library needs your help. Please take a moment to answer this anonymous survey about the library. All questions are optional. Participants who complete the survey are entered into a drawing for tickets to Richmond Black History Museum, Poe Museum, Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, The Market @ 25th (\$25 Gift card), Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and more.

The Main Branch of the Richmond Public Library is undergoing significant changes in the programs and services it provides, and how it engages and interacts with patrons. Over the next few months, input will be gathered from the Richmond community and Library staff regarding the future of the library. The goal is to discover what is working well and opportunities for improvement, in order to develop an effective shared vision for the project. Help make the library a state-of-the-art facility in the City of Richmond.

Click [here](#) for the Richmond Public Library Community Survey.

## **Richmond City Police**

### **National Night Out**

The Richmond Police Department is gearing up to celebrate National Night Out, the biggest city-wide party of the year, and all city residents are invited to participate by registering their event.

The annual event, to be held Tuesday, August 3, brings police and neighbors together in support of crime prevention during an evening full of fun for all ages. A strong partnership between the citizens and law enforcement is a powerful tool in fighting crime.

Join Richmond Police for a National Night Out Kickoff Event from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 31, at the Walmart Supercenter, 2410 Sheila Lane. Officers, specialized units and other first responders will be on hand with crime prevention materials and interactive displays. There will also be raffles and giveaways.

National Night Out is a night designed to forge strong relationships between neighborhoods and police. The annual event also helps police officers and residents work together to heighten awareness of crime and drug prevention.

Register your event here: <https://apps.richmondgov.com/applications/Police/NNO>

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## **Richmond Public Schools**

### **RPS Reopening Dashboard**

- [Click here to download](#) the latest update of the RPS Reopening Dashboard.

### **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 Libraries Community Video Topics on Demand**

Started in April 2020 to stay in touch with the community during lockdown, the VCU Libraries Community Zooms have proved successful and grown to feature a variety of speakers. Click on the links below to view the topics, which include:

#### **In Conversation: Nourishing Community Transformation**

- [Resiliency Gardens: Making a Difference Through Urban Farming](#)
- [Removing Barriers to Share Important Stories: The VPM + ICA Community Media Center](#)
- [Who We Are: What Historic African American Cemeteries Can Teach Us About Our Shared Past](#)
- [Reclaiming Richmond's Black History in Shockoe Bottom](#)

#### **Richmond History and Racial Inequity**

- [The Politics of Annexation: Oligarchic Power in a Southern City](#)
- [The Organ Thieves](#)
- [Tackling Monumental History in Film](#)

#### **Women in Virginia History**

- [Adèle Clark: The Artist as Activist](#)
- [Nursing History: Virginia Style](#)

#### **Books, Literacy and Reading**

- [Graphic Medicine at VCU Libraries](#)
- [How to Entice Them to Read — and Keep Reading: A Dozen Contemporary Classics for Kids](#)
- [What's Everyone Reading? Featuring Black Swan Books](#)
- [What's Everyone Reading? Featuring Fountain Bookstore](#)

#### **Personal Treasures and Collecting**

- [Preserving Personal Treasures at Home](#)
  - [Cabinet of Wonders: Stories of Your Personal Treasures](#)
  - [The History and Impact of Advertising Icons](#)
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## Good to Know

**CARES Act Utility Relief**  
**Past Due Utility Bills? SECOND ROUND COMING SOON**

**City of Richmond Department of Public Utilities**  
 will soon be accepting **NEW** applications from customers that have fallen behind on their **water, wastewater and gas utility bills** as a result of an economic hardship due to COVID-19.

New application period will begin June 1, 2021 and is expected to extend until July 31 or until funds are exhausted.

See reverse for more details



**The second round of CARES Act Utility Relief funding will begin June 1.**

All DPU eligible customers experiencing financial hardship are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to avoid future penalties such as late fees, disconnections and collection activity.

***Please refrain from calling at this time. More information will be available June 1.***

Be sure to watch the following locations for more information in June:

- [www.rva.gov/public-utilities](http://www.rva.gov/public-utilities)
- DPU utility bill message
- DPU social media accounts
  - Twitter: @RichmondDPU
  - Facebook: RichmondDPU

DPU eligible customers will:

- Have an active residential or commercial utility service (excluding stormwater);
- Have experienced/been impacted by an economic hardship due to COVID-19;
- Have fallen behind on their City water, wastewater or natural gas utility bill for services after March 1, 2020;

FUNDS WILL BE LIMITED AND AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS!

### 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](http://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](http://www.humankind.org)

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## **From the Richmond & Henrico Health Districts**

COVID-19 vaccines are the best tool we have to ending the pandemic.

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is a safe and effective way to protect yourself and others around you, prevent the emergence of new COVID-19 variants, and offer more freedom in day to day life.

There are lots of opportunities for individuals ages 12 and up to get vaccinated; individuals can get vaccinated at pharmacies, public COVID-19 vaccine clinics, and some primary care providers. Adults can get a vaccine anywhere where it is offered, but children ages 12-17 can currently only go to providers who offer Pfizer. Richmond and Henrico Health Districts also have teams of nurses who can come to events, businesses, and more to offer COVID-19 vaccines to groups of people.

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines, find an appointment, or request a team of nurses for your event or business, visit [vax.rchd.com](http://vax.rchd.com) or call 804-205-3501.

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## **Richmond City Council**

[Richmond City Council meeting calendar](#)

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## Around Town



### **1708 Gallery**

**Trans-Pakistan Zindabad (Facts about the Earth)  
Umber Majeed**

**OPEN OFFICE.2 + ext.1708gallery.org  
Ashley Moody**

Exhibition: Friday, July 16 – Saturday, August 14  
Reception & Website Launch: Friday, July 16, 5 - 8 pm  
Lecture Performance by Umber Majeed: Saturday, July 17, 11 am  
Conversation with designer Ashley Moody TBA

1708 Gallery is excited to present two concurrent projects that invite visitors to explore the ways in which artists involve research in their practices. A solo exhibition by Umber Majeed and a collective project designed by Ashley Moody—with contributions from recent and upcoming exhibiting artists—will expand the notion of offices, headquarters, libraries, desks, and texts.

Umber Majeed (b. New York, 1989) is a multidisciplinary visual artist. She received her MFA from Parsons the New School for Design in 2016 and graduated from Beaconhouse National University in Lahore, Pakistan in 2013.

Ashley Moody is Richmond-based working professionally as a product designer and experimentally as a web/graphic/experiential designer.

For more information, please visit [1708gallery.org](http://1708gallery.org) or contact Park C. Myers, Curator at 804.643.1708 or [pmyers@1708gallery.org](mailto:pmyers@1708gallery.org)

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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](http://RVA311.com)

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