



# This Week in the Fan - February 26

## What's Upcoming

- Today! - Fox Book Drive at First Baptist Church
- 3/7 - The Color of Compromise book discussion
- 3/9 - Deadline to contribute content to Fanfare
- 3/15 - Deadline to apply for a City Board or Commission position
- 3/18 - Art Auction to benefit Fox at Hardywood Brewery

## Around the Fan

### Fox Elementary Information

Check out [the school's website](#) for school information, family resources, and additional ways to help.

- [Here is a list](#) of resources for Fox families who need assistance with food, technology, grief counseling, and more.
- [Here is a list](#) of school contacts and additional resources.

The best way to help is to [donate via the RPS Education Foundation website](#). Please make sure to select "Fox Elementary Fire Response" in the pull-down menu. One hundred percent of funds will go directly to teachers and students at Fox.

### Pictures and Memories to Share?

Fanfare is looking for pictures and memories of Fox and our community to include in the Spring issue. If you have something to share, please send to [fanfare@fandistrict.org](mailto:fanfare@fandistrict.org). Thanks!

### Today!

# FOX SCHOOL BOOK DRIVE

HELPING FOX TEACHERS REBUILD THEIR CLASSROOM LIBRARIES IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3!

A catastrophic fire at historic William Fox Elementary School destroyed tens of thousands of children's books. Here are three ways to help:



- 1) DONATE MONEY FOR NEW BOOKS
- 2) BUY NEW BOOKS
- 3) DONATE GENTLY USED BOOKS

For complete details, participating booksellers, drop-off locations and title recommendations, please visit [tinyurl.com/booksforfox](https://tinyurl.com/booksforfox) or scan QR code.

Please read info at the link provided to be confident your used book donation is one that is needed.

**DRIVE-THRU FOX BOOK DRIVE ON  
SATURDAY, FEB 26<sup>TH</sup> FROM 9AM TO 2PM**  
First Baptist Church (2709 Monument Avenue)



---

**Save the Date!**



## **Parks in the Fan**

The school playground is currently closed for safety reasons, luckily there are many parks around the Fan in which to play and run.

Several are already equipped with playground equipment and the FDA will be providing some additional games in various locations.

### Meadow Park

- Stuart Ave and N Meadow St.

### Sydney Park

- N. Morris St. and Floyd Ave. Right next to Blanchard's Coffee.

### Federal Park

- In the alley between Floyd Ave. /Main St. and N. Shields Ave. /N. Rowland St

### Paradise Park

- In the alley between Grove Ave./Floyd Ave. and N Allen Ave./N. Vine St.

### Grace Park

- N. Allen Ave and W. Grace St.

### Lombardy Park

- N. Lombardy St. and Park Ave

### Scuffletown Park

- In the alley between N. Stafford Ave./Strawberry St. and Stuart Ave./Park Ave.

## **Black History Month Citywide Book Read Challenge & Discussion**

Jim Somerville, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church, and David Bailey, Founder and CEO of Arrabon, a Richmond nonprofit dedicated to the essential work of reconciliation, have issued a Black History Month challenge to Richmond's citizens for the fifth year in a row.

This year's challenge is to read Jemar Tisby's book, *The Color of Compromise*, and then join Jim, David, and the author for a live discussion at First Baptist Church on Monday evening, March 7, 2022, at 7 p.m.

In addition to providing a sweeping historical survey of the Black experience in America, the book explores the topic encapsulated in the subtitle: *The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism*.

Previous years' books have been *The Color of Law* (2018), *Just Mercy* (2019), *White Fragility* (2020), and *Caste* (2021).

Read the full [press release](#).

Learn more: [www.fbcrichmond.org/blackhistorymonth](http://www.fbcrichmond.org/blackhistorymonth)

## **Social Media/Web Designer Wanted!**

The FDA is looking to for someone with experience in improving online presence to help revamp our website, newsletter, and improve social media channels. This would be a temporary position. We have received a grant to use towards this effort, so can discuss compensation. This is the perfect resume-building project for a college student or recent grad. Please contact [news@fandistrict.org](mailto:news@fandistrict.org) to learn more.

# FANFARE

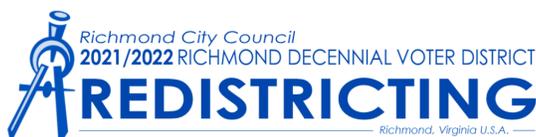
Fanfare is returning to a quarterly newsletter that will follow the seasons, with Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter issues this year. The Spring issue is underway and the deadline for contributions is March 9.

If you would like to contribute (and we hope that you do), please send your contributions to [fanfare@fandistrict.org](mailto:fanfare@fandistrict.org). We are looking for anything you'd like to share with the community. Some of the things we are looking for:

- Articles you would like to write for Fanfare. Send your ideas!
- Upcoming events in April, May, and June.
- Photos/descriptions of activities in The Fan that have taken place since the last issue (just before Thanksgiving).
- Ideas on getting kids more involved with Fanfare.
- Ideas for an article the Editor is writing for the Spring issue on Fox Elementary.
- Anything else that comes to mind that should be shared with our wonderful community!

Please note that final content will be determined by the Editor. We look forward to your submissions!

Pedro Ledesma III, Editor of Fanfare



The Richmond Voter Districts are to be reapportioned in 2022 based on the last census.

**This has a particular impact on Districts 2, 3, and 6. The Fan is in the 2nd District.**

The City Council is focused on making this process transparent. All sessions included open dialogue, interaction, and engagement regarding the Redistricting process.

Click [here](#) for more information about the restricting process.



## **Adopt a Tree**

The Adopt A Tree trees have arrived! 61 trees have been planted throughout the Fan neighborhood. Thank you to all those who participated including those who contributed to the tree fund in order to fill more tree wells that had not been adopted.

If you missed the opportunity to order this year, we will be taking orders again beginning June 1st for plantings in Winter of 2022/2023.



### **Gardening Reminder**

Spring is around the corner and now is the perfect time to cut back Loroipe to keep it looking fresh.

---

# FAN ARTS STROLL

## **Join Us for the 2022 Fan Arts Stroll**

Thurs May 19 & Fri May 20 4-8pm

Stroll path: 1900 to 2600 blocks of Grove & Hanover Avenues

All proceeds from registration fees and sponsorships go to the reestablishment of William Fox School at 2300 Hanover Avenue.

Register to here to join the fun!

- [Artists & Vendor Registration form](#)
- [Musician Registration form](#)
- [Home Host Registration form](#) for those who own property on the Stroll path
- [Food Truck Registration form](#)
- [Sponsor Registration form](#)

Follow on Instagram [@FanArtsStroll](#) and Facebook [Fan Arts Stroll](#).

---

### **New Historic Plaques**

Those beautiful new historic plaques appearing around the Fan are available through the Fan Women's Club. Haven't ordered one yet? It's not too late to get yours! To purchase, [click here](#).

For questions or additional information, contact Sandra Swalley at [sdbs122@gmail.com](mailto:sdbs122@gmail.com).





## **City Board and Commission Opportunities**

Would you like to serve on one of the City's many boards and commissions?

You have until March 15th to [apply for one of the current vacancies](#).

Here is a sample of what is available:

- the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Supervisory Board
- the Maggie L. Walker Community Land Trust Citizens' Advisory Panel
- the Participatory Budgeting Steering Commission (must be a resident of public housing or a person with a disability)
- the Safe and Healthy Streets Commission
- the Urban Design Committee

Time commitments vary, many meet just quarterly.

You can also [fill out this form](#) to receive information about future vacancies.

---

## **Diamond District Update**

15 developer groups responded to the Request for Interest (RFI), and now the Evaluation Panel will choose the most qualified teams for a 'short list' and invite them to complete a Request for Offers (RFO). The short list will be announced later in the spring.

You can stay updated on the latest Diamond District news [here](#).

---

## **City Center Small Area Plan Adopted**

The City Center Innovation District Small Area Plan was [adopted by City Council](#) on January 24th, 2022. PDR Staff will now be working on the three Implementation Big Moves that are critical next steps to implement in the next 3 to 5 years to implement the Plan's vision. Click [here](#) to learn more about the City Center Innovation District Small Area Plan Adoption and Implementation Big Moves:

1. Create an Innovation Zoning District
2. Reduce the Municipal Footprint
3. Expand Education Offerings

---

## **West Broad Street Rezoning**

Complete On February 14, 2022, Richmond City Council passed [Ordinance 2021-R017](#) to rezone certain properties along W. Broad Street to TOD-1 Transit Oriented Nodal. The rezoning of these properties helps to implement the [Pulse Corridor Plan](#) and [Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth](#) to help foster the equitable, sustainable, and beautiful growth of Richmond.

---

## **Fiscal Year 2023 Richmond Government Budget Process Begins**

Richmond residents are invited and encouraged to be involved with the process, attend meetings, and to share their thoughts, comments, and ideas directly with the individual Councilmember representing them to help weigh the many compelling and competing budgetary needs of our city.

Meetings agendas, instructions [livestream](#), and archives are available via the Council website, at <https://richmondva.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>. To access [livestream](#) broadcasts, click the "In Progress" link, in the far right hand column entitled, "Video".

---

### **RVAgreen 2050**

[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.

[Take the November Flash Survey on the topic of "less landfill waste" by clicking here!](#)

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

---

### **Richmond City Police**

Important information to keep us informed and safe in our community:

- The [details and command](#) of the Richmond Police Department's 3rd Precinct
- [Crime Incident information](#). Be advised that you have to 'agree' to terms

#### **3rd Precinct Liaison**



David Naoroz | 2240 | Lieutenant  
 Richmond Police Department – Sector 313  
 NIJ / IACP - LEADS Scholar  
[David.naoroz@richmondgov.com](mailto:David.naoroz@richmondgov.com)  
 Mobile 804-646-1728  
 Twitter: @RPDLtDave <https://twitter.com/RPDLtDave>

---

## **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](#)!
- 

## **City Council Contacts**

### **District 2**

Councilor Katherine Jordan  
[katherine.jordan@richmondgov.com](mailto:katherine.jordan@richmondgov.com)  
 Sven Philipsen  
 Council Liaison  
[sven.philipsen@richmondgov.com](mailto:sven.philipsen@richmondgov.com)  
 Office: (804) 646-5724  
[Sign up for the 2nd District Newsletter](#)

### **District 5**

Councilor Stephanie Lynch  
[stephanie.lynch@richmondgov.com](mailto:stephanie.lynch@richmondgov.com)  
 Amy Robins  
 Council Liaison  
[amy.robins@richmondgov.com](mailto:amy.robins@richmondgov.com)  
 Office: (804) 646-5724  
[Sign up for the 5th District Newsletter](#)

---

## **Virginia Commonwealth University**

### **VCU Covid Dashboard**

#### **VCU Disturbance?**

- The VCU police jurisdiction is bounded to the west by Lombardy St. To report anything west of Lombardy, contact the Richmond City Police.

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

- Check out the complete listing of Video Topics at:  
<https://apps.library.vcu.edu/dblist/category/150>
- 

## **Around Town**

### **Announcing CommUnity Yoga Preschool**

Unity of Richmond Church on Blanton Avenue near the Carillon has just open enrollment for their CommUnity Yoga Preschool this fall. This program serves 3-5 year-olds and offers a nature-based curriculum along with yoga practices.

Check out the to the preschool's Facebook page for complete information.  
<https://m.facebook.com/communityyogapreschool/>

---

## **Important Links**

[Fan District Association Website](#)  
[Museum District Website](#)  
[Richmond City Council Meeting Calendar](#)  
[Richmond City Government](#)  
[Richmond City Health Department](#)  
[Richmond City Public Schools](#)  
[GRTC News & Updates](#)  
[RVA311.com](#)

Have a business in the Fan? Want to reach the FDA?

Place a banner ad in the newsletter!

Rates: \$100 single edition; \$175 two editions

Contact [news@fandistrict.org](mailto:news@fandistrict.org) for information.

## **Questions? Suggestions? Comments?**

Please reach out to [news@fandistrict.org](mailto:news@fandistrict.org). We want to hear from you!

The FDA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.