This Week in the Fan

June 12, 2021

What's Upcoming

- Now thru 7/31 - CARES Utility Relief Act Applications accepted
- Now thru 9/6 - The Dirty South at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
- 6/19 - Tyrannosaurus Meet the Family opens at Science Museum of Virginia
- 6/21 - City Planning Commission zoning hearing
- 6/22 - Citywide City Planning Comm. meeting for City Center Small Area Plan
- 6/30 - 3rd District City Planning Comm. meeting for City Center Small Area Plan
- 6/30 - 2021 Parking Decals expire
- 7/12 - Comment period on City Center Small Area Plan ends

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.
- Fan Village Leaders to help your neighbors age in place.
    - If you have an interest, please contact fanvillage@fandistrict.org

FDA Awards Four Grants for 2021

FDA is proud to announce grants to four organizations that improve our streets and support the Fan's needy. The awards go to:

- Feed More's Meals on Wheels
- Metropolitan Community Church's Vicky Hester Food Pantry
- Binford's Achievement Center
- Robinson Street Association's Street Clean Up

Thank you to the Grant's Committee – Christine Peterson, Committee Chair, Nancy Costello, Kathy Laing, Caroline Steadman, and Nicole Velez – who worked diligently to ensure a smooth and fair process. And thank you to all involved in the 2020 Holiday House Tour (HHT) especially Kimberely Hitchens. It is revenue from HHT that funds FDA's grant program.

Over the next year you will see spotlights on each of these grants as we reinvest in our community and contribute to the vibrancy and spirit of the Fan.

2022 Restricted Parking Decal Applications

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

Museums

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

Opens June 19

- 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.

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. 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.

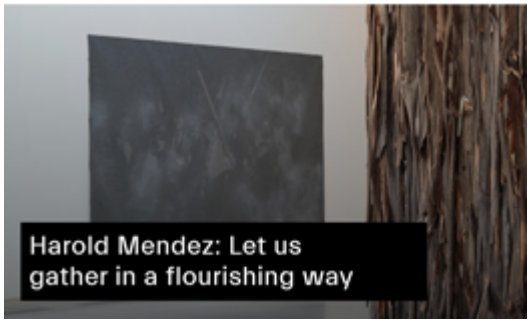
Children's Museum of Richmond

- 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.

The Institute of Contemporary Art @ VCU



Harold Mendez: Let Us Gather in a Meaningful Way

- Now through June 27
- Click here for more information and to reserve tickets.

This Week at the Byrd

Concessions are back!

Now with wine & beer.

Check the calendar for details & to purchase tickets!

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

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

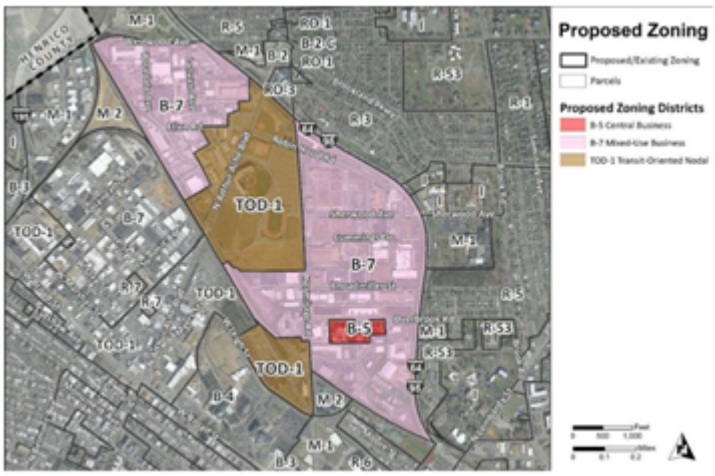
- Download the Draft Plan (PDF)
- Comment on the Draft Plan (Interactive PDF)
- Review the Draft Plan presentation given to City Planning Commission and City Council's Organizational Development Standing Committee (PDF)

The City is hosting a series of meetings to gather comments on the Draft Plan:

- City-wide Meeting: June 22, 6 pm
  - MS Teams Virtual Meeting Link
  - Dial-in number: (804)316-9457, 79484880#
- 3rd District Meeting: June 30, 6 pm
  - Virtual link to be posted on the PDR site

Read the Draft City Center Small Area Plan. Comment period ends on July 12.

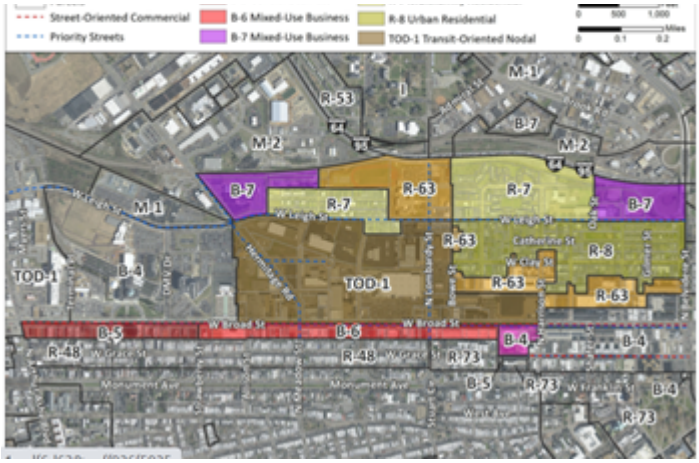
Greater Scott's Addition Rezoning



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 to view the study area map, proposed rezoning, and public presentations held during the rezoning process.

The City Planning Commission will hold a hearing to consider Ordinance 2021-150 which amends the zoning map for the Greater Scott's Addition at their regularly scheduled meeting on June 21, 2021 at 1:30pm. If you have any questions, contact Will Palmquist at 804-646-6307 or william.palmquist@richmondgov.com.

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 to view the study area map, proposed rezoning, and public presentations held during the rezoning process.

The City Planning Commission will hold a hearing to consider Ordinance 2021-151 which amends the zoning map for theses areas at their regularly scheduled meeting on June 21, 2021 at 1:30pm. If you have any questions, contact Will Palmquist at 804-646-6307 or william.palmquist@richmondgov.com.

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

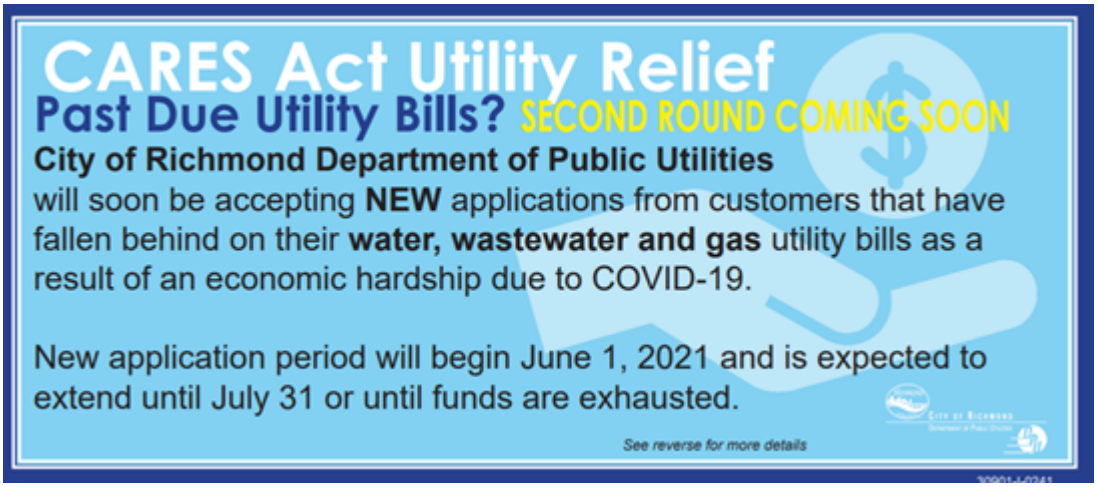
Books, Literacy and Reading

- 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

Good to Know



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
- 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!

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 to see which resources are available. To determine if you're eligible for rental relief, visit 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 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

Richmond City Council

Richmond City Council meeting calendar

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Around Town

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

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 for information.

Questions? Suggestions? Comments?

Please reach out to news@fandistrict.org. We want to hear from you!

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- Follow us on Twitter

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