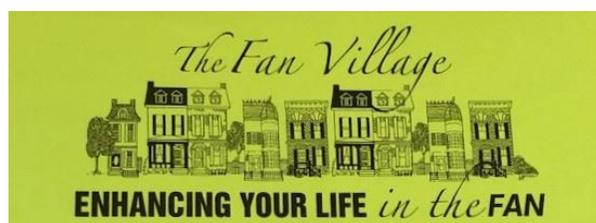




This Week in the Fan - August 7

What's Upcoming

- 8/9 - American Rescue Plan Survey deadline
- 8/11 - RPS Free Extended Daycare Survey deadline
- 8/30 - Adopt A Tree Program closes for 2021/22 season
- 9/12 - GRTC Route 77 Fan route change goes into effect



The Fan Village Program Needs You

The Fan Village connects volunteers with Fan residents who would like to remain in their Fan homes (age in place) but who require some help.

Assistance may include: simple gardening tasks, snow removal, small handyman chores, changing light bulbs, temporary grocery shopping or pharmacy delivery, and daily “well-being” phone calls on request. We are neighbors helping neighbors.

However, this service is currently not active because we need volunteers - volunteers to help and most importantly, someone willing to coordinate.

If you are willing to volunteer, to assist others, or coordinate this wonderful service, please contact 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!

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.

Since 2009, the Adopt A Tree program has adopted over 700 trees and continues to be a major source for the Fan's tree population and urban forest.

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.

Market on Meadow now Open!

A small business collaboration: Market on Meadow, founded by 3 local RVA market vendors, who all work to create their products from the ground up. Combining retail sales, a shared kitchen, and a takeout operation, Market on Meadow will be a place that provides an artisan atmosphere akin to a local Farmers Market.

- [Polpetti](#), serving hand-made Italian foods such as fresh pastas, sauces, their farmers market famous "Polpetti Pockets," and a custom sandwich station.
- [Auntie Ning's](#), a Filipino-owned business that got their start with a food truck at the farmers markets, cooking up quality Filipino food with their lumpia, pancit, lechon, adobo, empanadas, and much more.
- [Column 15](#), a Black, Filipino, & women-owned coffee roastery, specializing in freshly roasted craft coffee, nitro cold brew, and "coffee ice spheres" to keep your drink cool. Plus, unique nitro pancakes in pizza boxes.

Days and Times:

- Column 15 Coffee: Wed-Mon 7am-3pm
- Auntie Ning's: Mon, Wed-Fri 4-9pm Sat & Sun: 11am-9pm
- Polpetti: Mon, Wed-Sun:11am-7pm
- Market on Meadow is closed on Tuesdays.

FDA Volunteer Opportunities

- **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, email fanvillage@fandistrict.org

Museums

Virginia Museum of History & Culture

Violins of Hope

- This touring exhibition about resilience and survival is presented in partnership with the Virginia Holocaust Museum and the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia that are also hosting companion exhibitions at their locations. Violins of Hope is dedicated to initiating deeper, more meaningful conversations about tolerance and social justice while educating people about the horrors of the Holocaust.
- [Learn more](#)

Partners in History

- In 2019, the VMHC and the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia (BHMVA) began a long-term partnership to share collections and resources to connect more people to the story of Virginia. Partners in History features iconic artifacts from the BHMVA collections and explores how historical organizations can collaborate to offer a more complete understanding of our past as a source of inspiration for the future.
- [Learn more](#)

Capable

- Each year since 2017, the VMHC has partnered with the The Next Move Program—a Richmond-based nonprofit organization that provides work and educational experiences to young adults with disabilities—to present Capable. This portrait series features the remarkable stories of young adults with diverse abilities, demonstrating the power of inclusion and how our entire community thrives when the disability community is included.
- [Learn more](#)

[Check out all upcoming programs.](#)

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts



Ansel Adams: Composition in Nature opens September 25!

Behold the drama and splendor of the American landscape as seen through the lens of photographer Ansel Adams. More than 70 photographs spanning over five decades will present the breathtaking vistas, beguiling details, and inimitable style that define this most beloved and influential photographer. Considering Adams as artist, environmentalist, and musician, the exhibition will include iconic images, rarely seen early photographs, and musical recordings that will take you behind the camera.

[Get Tickets](#)

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](#)

Science Museum of Virginia

Tyrannosaurs: Meet the Family

- 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](#))

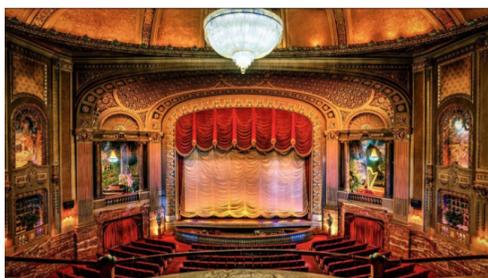
[Register for tickets.](#)

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.](#)
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Summer is in Full Swing at the Byrd

Concessions are back!

Now with wine & beer.

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

American Rescue Plan Act Spending Survey

The City of Richmond's most recent engagement opportunity asks, "How would you spend \$77 million on your city?" to help inform the city's COVID-19 recovery spending plan, made possible by money from the federal government.

The American Rescue Plan Act, a law passed by the United States Congress, allocates \$154 million in federal relief funding to the City of Richmond. The city will receive it in two payments of \$77 million, a year apart.

[This survey asks how Richmonders would like to see the first payment spent on their city.](#)

It will be open through August 9 at 11:59 p.m.

The survey is the first stage of community engagement around the American Rescue Plan funding. The results of this survey will assist the administration in creating the draft spending plan, which will then be available for public review and comment.



[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.

Equity in Action

Richmond became the first locality in Virginia to declare racism a public health crisis after City Council unanimously adopted [Resolution](#) No. 2021-R039 that includes actions to address racism in the City of Richmond. Richmond's efforts align with those of the Commonwealth of Virginia, which became the first state to create and launch two public statewide health equity dashboards this year after legislation passed by the Virginia General Assembly - [House Joint Resolution 537](#), which declared racism a public health crisis in the Commonwealth. Spearheaded by the state's Health Equity Leadership Taskforce, the [Equity-in-Action](#) and [Equity-at-a-Glance](#) dashboards aim to make key health equity data more accessible to Virginians and enhance COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.

The RVAgreen 2050 [Climate Equity Index](#) is another tool that can help advance Richmond's Equity Agenda by providing data to track health related disparities across the city and facilitate the equitable distribution of resources and services. As Richmond continues the important work to ensure equitable access to COVID-19 and general healthcare resources, especially in communities of color and increase access to healthy, affordable foods and food education for lower income families (among other priorities), the data provided by the Climate Equity Index will help keep Richmond on track.

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

Participatory Budgeting Steering Commission Applications Needed

This multi-year program will include a community-led effort to reimagine how to invest in our communities. The final process that is workshopped and realized by community members will follow a similar four-step approach from successful PB precedents. Below is an example of the annual cycle of engagement referenced from the [Participatory Budgeting Project](#).

1. **Brainstorm Ideas:** Community members in each Voter District come together in meetings to think about what types of projects they would like to see in their neighborhoods.
2. **Create Project Proposals:** Volunteers work with experts to turn people's ideas into real project proposals. This includes capacity building by meeting with city departments to understand how much items cost and what can be completed in a one-year period.
3. **Vote:** After sharing the top projects in their Voter District, the community votes to validate every voice in the community.
4. **Disperse Funding:** The projects with the most votes in each Voter District receive funding to be implemented over the next fiscal year.

If you'd like to help design Richmond's PB process, [apply to be on the Steering Commission here!](#)



RICHMOND
300
A GUIDE FOR GROWTH

RICHMOND PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
PDR

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](#)

[Council passed the Greater Scott's Addition rezoning AND the Pulse Corridor rezoning](#), unlocking denser, taller development back by the Diamond and along Broad Street.

Richmond Public Schools

Free Extended Day Programming

- RPS, in partnership with the City of Richmond, will be providing FREE extended day programming for the 2021-22 school year! This programming will be available for all Preschool-5th grade students and includes academic support and enrichment. Please [complete this survey](#) for each student by August 11th.

Reading Buddies and Mentors Needed

- RPS is seeking volunteers to serve as Reading Buddies and Mentors starting in the fall to support students in building a culture of reading and literacy.
- Opportunities exist for anyone and everyone, whether you want to make a two-year commitment to working with one student or would like to volunteer for a single day to read to a class - or anywhere in-between.
- To get started, just complete our [Volunteer Application](#) and select 'Reading Buddy' in the options list.

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](#)!

Richmond City Police

Detectives Advise Use of Specialty License Plate Bolts

In an effort to prevent further crimes that occur following the theft of license plates, detectives are asking the public to consider affixing the tags with specialty bolts. These specialty sets use an Allen key instead of a standard screwdriver or wrench which can make the theft of license plates more difficult.

The Allen key sets of bolts can be found in local hardware stores or online and can be installed relatively quickly.

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Virginia Commonwealth University

Representative Requested for VCU Fraternity and Sorority Life Advisory Group

- VCU is looking to form a community advisory group to provide input on the strategies, procedures, and guidelines that will be implemented in the near future. They value the lived experiences of their neighbors and as such, are inviting representatives from the neighboring communities to have a seat at the table.
- The creation of this board is in its infancy so information on the frequency of meetings and other duties have not yet been defined. Members' availability and time will be a major factor in this determination.
- If you have any questions or wish to express an interest, please contact:
 - Tito Luna, MPA
 - Neighborhood Outreach Director
 - Center for Community Engagement and Impact, VCU
 - Office: 804-827-1904
 - Mobile: 804-506-3502
 - Email: taluna@vcu.edu

VCU Libraries Community Video Topics on Demand

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



Fighting to End the Trafficking of America's Youth

Medical Students Fighting Human Trafficking @ VCU and ImPACT Virginia, an all-volunteer Richmond nonprofit dedicated to educating healthcare on how to recognize and respond to human trafficking through a public health lens, will be hosting their 4th Annual Medical Symposium on Human Trafficking in February 2022 at the VCU School of Medicine.

They are looking for sponsors (individual or corporate, at any level) to help make this multi-day educational event free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact Fay Chelmow, President, at fay.chelmow@ImPACTvirginia.org. Meet the team and view their accomplishments at www.ImPACTvirginia.org.

Good to Know

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

Keep RVA Cool

- If you or someone you know needs assistance acquiring a free or affordable AC unit, you can check out "Keep RVA Cool" a Project HOMES AC program made available to folks making less than 80% of the area median income, [here](#).

From the Richmond & Henrico Health Districts

New: Due to the upsurge in cases in the area the Richmond and Henrico Health districts recommend wearing a mask indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Click here for the [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#).

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.

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 or call 804-205-3501.

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