



This Week in the Fan - September 4

What's Upcoming

- 9/6 - Last day to see The Dirty South at the VMFA
 - 9/10 - Children's Museum of Richmond 40th Birthday Party
 - 9/11 - Richmond E-Cycle Event
 - 9/12 - GRTC Route 77 Fan route change goes into effect
 - 9/14-16 - RCHD and Bike Walk RVA manual count of bicyclists and pedestrians
 - 9/15 - Budget Steering Committee Application submission deadline
 - 9/25 - Ansel Adams exhibit opens at the VFMA
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FAN ARTS STROLL

Home Hosts Needed for The Fall Arts Stroll

We need Home Hosts!!

Thank you to everyone who has already offered, but we need at least 15 more homes to host the artists and musicians scheduled.

The Art Stroll is on the 2000 - 2500 blocks of Hanover and Grove Avenues and is scheduled Thursday & Friday, Oct. 21 - 22 from 4 - 7. If you live along these blocks and are willing to host, please [register here](#).

It's easy and low effort!!

Home Hosts offer space in front of their home (the little walkway between the public sidewalk and their porch) for artists, vendors, musicians, or performers to exhibit their work. Home Hosts make all the decisions about the use of their property, set their preferred limits, decide whether to allow access to their restroom, etc.

Questions? [Contact Sally Holzgrefe](#)



Announcing Fox Elementary's Annual Tree Sale

Save the Date! The annual tree sale will be the first weekend of December (Friday, December 3 & Saturday, December 4).

Fraser Firs from Echo Hill Farm in Floyd, Virginia

- 6 - 7 ft
- 7 - 8 ft
- 8 - 9 ft
- 9 - 10 ft
- 10 - 11 ft - pre-order only

Balsam Firs from Nova Scotia, Canada

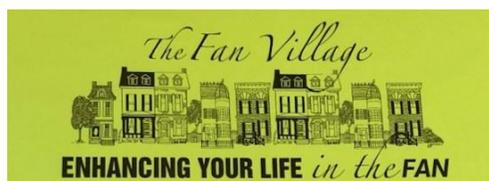
- Mini Trees
- 6 - 7 ft
- 7 - 8 ft
- 8 - 9 ft
- 9 - 10 ft
- 10 - 11 ft - pre-order only

Wreaths: 14 inch, 18 inch, & 20 inch

Garland: 30 ft coils, with option for smaller lengths to be cut

Pre-order deadline is Oct. 1. Prices will remain similar to last year.

Questions? Want to pre-order? Contact [Diedre Hughes](#)



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 around their homes. For example assistance may include: simple gardening tasks, snow or leaf 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.

If you or a neighbor could use a little help, please let us know. Send names and addresses to: fanvillage@fandistrict.org.

We will mail a notice about this FDA program to those residents. All Fan Village services are free to FDA members.

Plus, a huge "Thank You!" to everyone who responded to the call for help recently.

Fan Volunteer Opportunities



Park Stewards

Park Stewards help care for all of our beautiful Fan parks.

If you have an interest, please contact parks@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.
- 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

- 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](#))

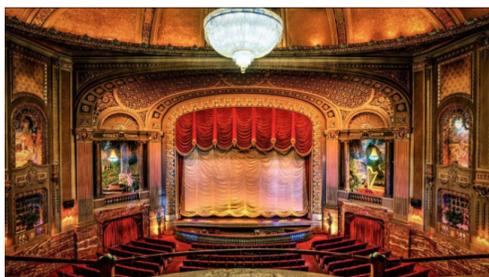
[Register for tickets.](#)

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!

RCHD and Bike Walk RVA Volunteer Counters Needed

RCHD and Bike Walk RVA coordinate a manual count of bicyclists and pedestrians twice a year at various locations across the city. They have been collecting this data for 7 years at this point, and depend on volunteers to gather the data.

The counts will take place September 14, 15, and 16 from 5-7pm. Volunteers can [sign up for a shift at a specific location here](#). There will also be an orientation for new volunteers or returning volunteers who may like a refresher on September 9 at 5:30pm via Zoom ([register here](#))

“Be a Good Neighbor Booklet” Has Been Updated

[Here is a link to access the booklet electronically.](#) The booklet is posted on the city website and media sites and is available to anyone to view or download.

Many departments came together to create this booklet that informs us on how to properly maintain our properties as well as the adjoining sidewalks and alleys. It also includes information about pets and public safety.



[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

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.

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

Richmond E-Cycle Event

Saturday, September 11, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

[Richmond E-Cycle Day](#) includes paper shredding and the collection of electronics, household hazardous waste items, and oil-based paints.

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](#) before the September 15th deadline.



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

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](#)!

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, a 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](#).

Real Estate Tax Relief

The City of Richmond's Department of Finance currently has two exemption options available for citizens who are:

- Age 65 or older
- Permanently and totally disabled

Both of these exemptions apply only to real estate taxes. Qualification for any of these exemption programs is based on the income and net worth of the property owner, plus the income of others living in the household.

Only one of these exemption options may be selected, not both. Real estate tax assistance takes two forms in the City of Richmond:

- Tax Relief: The tax relief program offers those who qualify for the program partial or full tax exemption from real estate taxes in the city of Richmond.
- Tax Freeze: The tax freeze program offers those who qualify an exemption from the increase in real estate taxes from the date you first apply and qualify for this exemption.

Additionally, the City of Richmond's Assessor's Office offers tax exemption for disabled veterans or surviving spouses. For more information on this program please [click here](#).

Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly & Disabled Key Resources

- [Tax Relief Brochure](#)
- [Tax Relief Application Form](#)
- [Tax Relief Recertification Form](#)
- [Tax Relief Authorization Form](#)

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.

Around Town



★ VIRGINIA ★
DEPARTMENT of ELECTIONS

General Election is November 2

Register to vote, update your current Virginia voter registration, apply to vote absentee by mail, or view your polling place, election district, absentee ballot status, and voting history.

- [Register to Vote](#)
- [Check registration status](#)
- [Find your polling place](#)
- [Apply to Vote Absentee by Mail](#)

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[Museum District Website](#)
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[Richmond City Public Schools](#)
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