



# FANFARE

## 2020 Holiday House Tour *Twist*

By Kimberly Hitchens

The Fan District Association is delighted to announce it's found a creative alternative for the annual holiday home tour. Since the logistics of pulling-off the traditional fundraiser are impossible to bridge during a pandemic, the board and volunteers are organizing an outdoor holiday home parade **December 12 - 24th**.

At the time of printing, the committee is still accepting home sponsors as well as homeowners who would like to deck their exterior halls. This is your chance to go BIG with lights, tinsel and/or

whatever makes you go Ho! Ho! Ho! while raising money for our public schools, parks and local non-profits. Just as important as the grant funding is the joy you will bring neighbors and those who enjoy driving through the Fan during the holidays. Let's make sure it's a tradition we don't skip this year!

If you are interested in volunteering, sponsoring, or having your home considered please email HHT@fandistrict.org. "Tour" details will be distributed via membership emails, social media channels and the website fandistrict.org.



**Join the Fun: Outdoor Holiday Home  
Parade Dec 12 - 24**

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# President's Message

By Martha Warthen



Martha Warthen  
FDA President

Despite eight months of the pandemic and six months of protests and civil unrest in our neighborhood, the FDA has much to be thankful for this year. I wanted to name a few of those things and the people to whom we owe our thanks.

This time of year the FDA would normally be working down to the wire to prepare for the Holiday House Tour, which raises money for our programs and funds \$25,000 in community grants annually. Unfortunately, like

many other events this year, we had to cancel the tour in order to keep everyone safe during the pandemic. But also like many events this year, it proved to be an opportunity for innovation as we flip the script and are planning for a festive, first-ever, exterior Holiday Home Parade. Details are being finalized but whether you choose to participate formally or not, I hope we all attempt to keep the holiday cheer flowing in this historically challenging year.

This reimaged tour would not be possible without the Holiday House Tour Committee, and I would like to thank tour chair **Kimberly Hitchens** and the past chairs helping her pull off this new and exciting iteration! If you are interested in being part of the tour, please contact her at [hht@fandistrict.org](mailto:hht@fandistrict.org).

We also owe a big thanks to a group of volunteers led by **Steve Nuckolls** and **Susan Smith** who have

been working diligently to remove graffiti from our sidewalks and street signs over the last several months. The FDA has contributed to this effort by funding the supplies, but the real thanks goes to the volunteers who have been putting in the work. Recently, the FDA partnered with RVA Clean Sweep to pick up trash in our streets and alleys and remove graffiti and stickers from public property. An enormous thank you to everyone who came out to help, and especially to **Julia Scott** who hosted us, fed us, and generally kept us organized all morning.

Big thank-yous go to **Charlie Diradour** and **Chris Dovi** who organized a thoughtful and informative forum with our second district council candidates, **Tavaris Spinks** and **Katherine Jordan**. We should all be grateful to have had two consummate professionals running to represent us in City Council. They both ran positive campaigns and waited until all votes were counted and all questions answered before accepting the outcome. We would be lucky to have either candidate as our councilperson and congratulate Katherine Jordan on her victory.

Finally, I would like to thank the FDA Board members who have all worked diligently under stressful conditions for the betterment of our neighborhood. Here's to hoping we can actually meet in person next year!

Sincerely,

Martha

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# Secretary's Report

By Julia Seward

It is an unusual time and the Fan District Association Board continues to address the collective issues and needs of Fan residents. Recent meetings focused in four areas.

First, the Board is addressing core priorities as we all lead more sheltered lives. The Fan Newsletter is enhanced to provide frequent, full communications and we closely monitor a steady FDA budget. Unfortunately community grants are currently curtailed but will resume as FDA builds revenues through future neighborhood events.

Also, there is laser focus on collaboration with surrounding neighborhood groups during this period of social change. The FDA has taken a leadership role in convening conversations with fellow associations. We all look for constructive steps forward.

Third, FDA is working with neighborhood safety issues both through the introduction of a VCU covid 19 dashboard (<https://together.vcu.edu>) and partnership with our police precinct on consistent, accurate safety information.

Finally, the Board continues to explore avenues that engage residents in safe social activities like the City Council Mayoral Forum. We welcome resident ideas. Look for more detailed information about FDA work in both the Fan Newsletter and FanFare.

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## Bulletin Board

**DECEMBER 4-5**  
Fox Elementary  
School Holiday  
Tree Sale

**December 12 - 24**  
2020 Outside  
Holiday Home  
Tour

**FDA Board Meetings**  
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First Monday  
of the Month  
via zoom

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to confirm  
and/or attend





## New RPD Liaison



Lt. David Naoroz

The FDA would like to recognize Lieutenant Bill Woo for his outstanding service and dedication to our community. Lt Woo has accepted a new assignment in the 1st Precinct after many years working closely with Fan residents and the FDA to improve the safety of our neighborhood. Lt Woo always showed a sincere interest to understand issues and he routinely met with residents and community leaders to discuss concerns and resolve issues. Many thanks for a job well done!

Lieutenant David Naoroz replaces Lt. Woo at the 3rd Precinct. Lt. Naoroz is a 24 year veteran of RPD with previous assignments at the 2nd and 4th precincts and RPD headquarters. He's a long term resident of Richmond and a graduate of the University of Richmond. In the first two months of his new assignment, Lt Naoroz has been responsive to inquiries and requests, and he's demonstrated hands on leadership to deal with issues. Welcome to the Fan!



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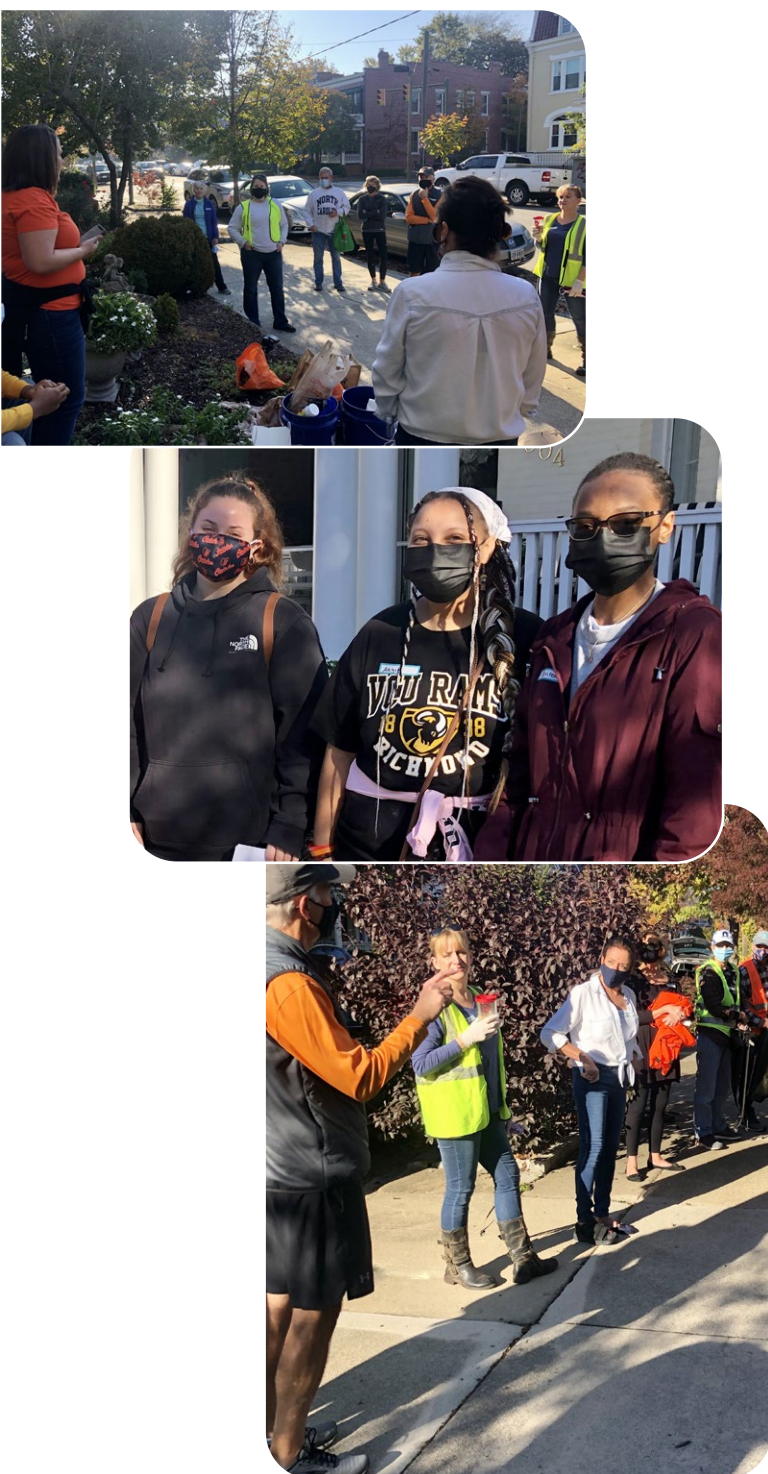
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## Fall Fan Clean-up

Neighbors assembled the morning of November 7th to tackle trash and graffiti across the neighborhood. The event was organized by the FDA and RVA Clean Sweep. Thank you to everyone who participated!



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\*through January 2021; incoming representative's contact information not available at time of printing.





## Long & Foster's Strawberry Street Sales Office A Designated Toys for Tots Collection Site

Long & Foster launches its community-based toy drive on November 28th. Toys may be dropped off at the Strawberry Street office, located at 409 Strawberry Street, five days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All donations must be made before December 16th.

"The Toys for Tots initiative has always been a festive activity in which our agents, our clients, and our neighbors participate. Our Strawberry Street office has been a toy-collection site for years; we're excited to provide our friends a convenient location to drop off donations," said John VanderSyde, office manager.

Started by the U.S. Marines in 1947, the Toys for Tots campaign is an annual toy collecting drive that now reaches throughout 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. Toys are distributed through churches and social welfare agencies to the neediest children throughout the community.

For information on this year's Toys for Tots Campaign, call the Strawberry Street office at 804-340-0840 or visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

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## Fox Elementary Christmas Tree Sale

Fox Elementary is having their annual Christmas Tree Sale Friday, **December 4** and Saturday, **December 5**.

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# Holiday Recipe

By Lacy Williams

## Bourbon Pecan Pie

1 9" pie shell  
2 cups pecans  
1/2 cup light brown sugar  
1 cup light Karo corn syrup  
1/2 stick butter  
3 eggs beaten  
1/2 cup bourbon  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Salt to taste  
3/4 cup chocolate chips



Have left over pecans? Use them as decoration on top!

Preheat oven to 350 Degrees.

Heat up pie shell for about 5 minutes until crisp.

Toast pecans on a baking sheet for 5 minutes until fragrant.

In a saucepan, mix sugar, corn syrup, butter. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Let it cool slightly.

In another bowl combine eggs, bourbon, vanilla and salt to taste. Slowly pour sugar mixture into egg mixture stirring constantly.

Fold in chocolate chips and pecans.

Pour mixture into pie shell.

Bake in preheated oven for about 45 minutes until center of pie is set and golden brown.

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## A Little Library at Lombardy

By John Grigg, Park Steward

This fall Lombardy Park playground received a big improvement in a small package. During the annual fall park cleanup, friends and neighbors installed the park's first ever Little Free Library.

Little Free Library bills itself as "the world's largest book-sharing movement", and indeed the cute and cleverly painted book-sharing boxes can be found throughout the Fan. The non-profit organization's goals include building community and inspiring a love of reading.

This particular library's story represents the best of our vibrant Fan community. The book box was purchased by a private citizen at a local charity auction. Later, it was acquired by Friends of Lombardy Park with donated funds via the Enrichmond Foundation. Finally, it was painted and installed by neighborhood volunteers with tools the City of Richmond provided.

Lombardy Park's little library has quickly been put to good use. Children have been seen dashing to the box to find the latest books or quietly reading on park benches.

Are the best things in life free? Stop by your nearest little library and find out!



Fan residents install the park's Little Free Library



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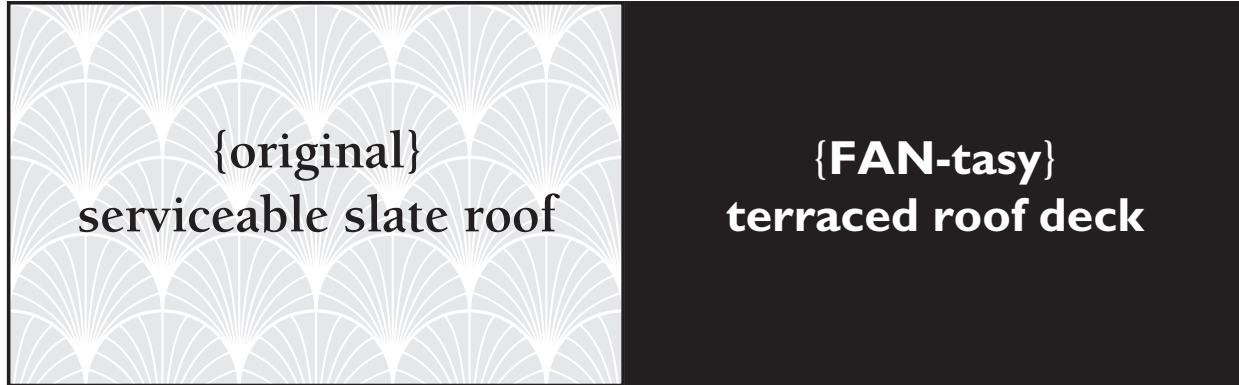
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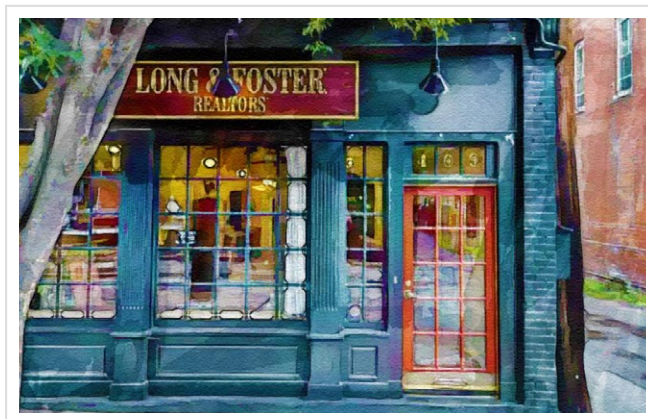
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# Fan Art Stroll

By Sally Holzgrefe



If you live with an artist, you know that they think differently than the rest of us. They see truths or beauty in the juxtaposition of color, shadow, or the pluck of a string that many of us might miss. And whether they are featured in a concert hall, museum, or their front porch we are glad they exist.

The Fan Arts Stroll on October 8 & 9 (4-7pm) was a festive and socially distant event that brought artists to our sidewalks: the wistful Sweet Potatoes vocalist, a professional watercolorist, a felted-wool portrait artist, and Greg's salvaged steel art that I never tire of looking at. There was something for everyone. The high-kick pimento cheese chef sold

out, the crochet crafter had one of her best shows ever, the pizza truck sold 270 pizzas in 6 hours, and the musicians brought endless smiles to masked faces.

My favorite comments in the days that followed from strollers and artists: "That was a full-blown festival!" "Can we do it again next month?" "You've created something quite special" and "I'm overwhelmed by how much I sold". Our deepest gratitude goes to the generous Porch Hosts, musicians, visual artists, vendors, and food trucks that participated. Special thanks to Misty Clark and Mathis Kirby Powelson for their advice and outreach.

We plan to do it again, this spring or next autumn. If you would like to host someone on your porch or share your talents, let me know.

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## Car Club makes Special Delivery for Ronald McDonald House

On Oct 24th, Changin' Lanez car club of Richmond delivered "wish-list" items to the Ronald McDonald House Charities on Monument Avenue. On any given day, up to five families are hosted at the home. When at capacity due to COVID precautions, additional families are housed in area hotels. To find out more, including ways to help, go to [www.RMHC-Richmond.org](http://www.RMHC-Richmond.org).



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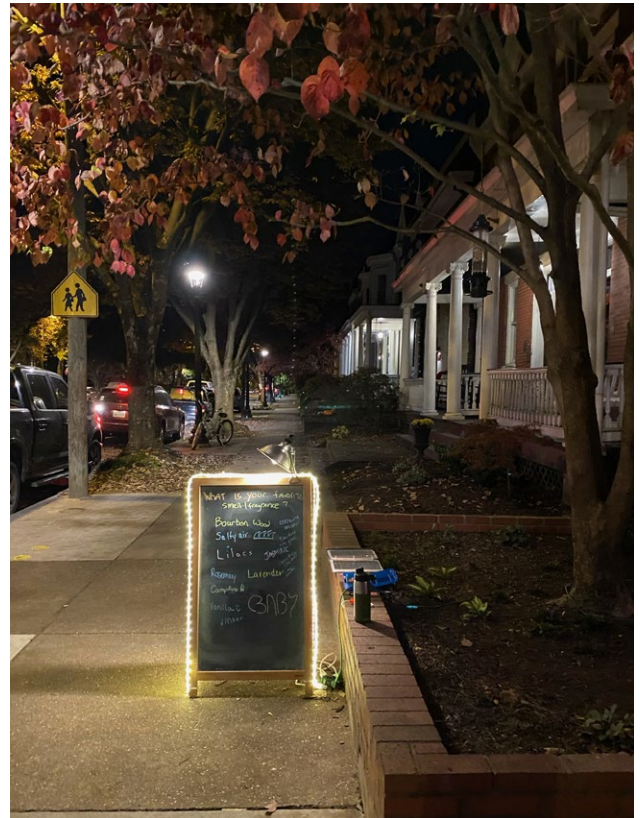
# Halloween in the Fan







FanFare is grateful for the messages popping-up in yards, windows and business awnings across our district. From the heartfelt to silly, they lighten spirits and contribute to our community in immeasurable ways. One sandwich board in the upper Fan is particularly intriguing. Neighbors on the 2400 block of Floyd pose a question on their chalkboard which then becomes quickly populated by those walking by and recorded to view in a nearby binder. Questions have included: "What's your favorite smell?" and "Favorite Song of Summer?"



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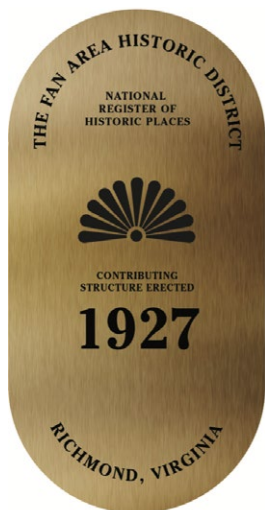
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## New Historic Plaques Now Available

The Fan Women's Club has new historic plaques. To purchase, go to <https://www.fanwomansclub.org/historic-plaques.html>.

The FWC is working with the manufacturer to determine a date when the plaques will be ready. A date has not yet been finalized.

## Grants Spotlight

### William Fox Elementary School

The FDA awarded the Fox Elementary PTA a grant for its annual Strawberry Street Festival, and even though the event had to be cancelled due to COVID-19, students still got to design a festival T-Shirt and raise money. A portion of the FDA grant was allocated to support virtual learning including teacher expense reimbursement and supplemental kindergarten programs.



## Higher Achievement

In the wake of COVID-19, achievement gaps are growing faster. Research reported by The Washington Post suggests that this fall, most students will have fallen behind where they would have been if they had stayed in classrooms, with some losing the equivalent of a full school year's worth of academic gains. Support from the Fan District Association has allowed Higher Achievement to continue to provide critical virtual and in-person out-of-school support and mentoring to middle school students in Binford Middle School throughout the 2020-21 school year. The program's priority is to prepare scholars for both acceptance to and success in college track high schools and programs

# THE FAN DISTRICT ASSN.

The FDA's community grants program is funded through proceeds from the Holiday House Tour. The tour had to be scaled back this winter, leaving a potential budget shortfall for continuing the grants program. If you would like to help contribute and reinvest back into the neighborhood - including schools, parks, graffiti removal, food banks and local nonprofits, please consider mailing a check to:

Fan District Association  
Attn: Grants  
208 N. Strawberry Street.  
Richmond, VA 23220







## FDA Working On The Pulse Corridor Rezoning

The FDA has been collaborating with associations representing the neighborhoods of Newtowne West, Carver and Jackson Ward, as well as the West Grace Street Association, Monument Avenue Preservation Society, and the Fan Area Business Alliance, because we all share the same questions and concerns about proposed rezoning on Broad Street between Belvidere and Arthur Ashe Boulevard. An umbrella organization, the RVA Coalition of Concerned Civic Associations, represents our seven associations.

We unanimously support greater density and growth in the Broad Street corridor, and would like to engage with the city and all stakeholders in fostering an active urban scene with pedestrian traffic on Broad Street throughout the day and evening. Washington, D.C., serves as a role model for what we can achieve here in Richmond: a city that preserves its scale and sense of place without high-rise towers upending the scale and context of two- and three- story historic neighborhoods.

The proposed high-rise business district rezoning would allow buildings over 20 stories tall. Such zoning violates the specific terms of the Pulse Corridor Plan, which was codified by City Council after several years of development with the neighborhoods: no buildings over 12 stories tall; extensive engagement with the neighborhoods in developing new zoning; and zoning that would be in scale and context with existing architecture.

In addition to the violations of the Plan, the Coalition has requested that our neighborhoods should and must be part of this process that will affect all of Richmond for the next century and beyond. However, our written requests for engagement have gone unanswered.

We have also asked that the city abide by the Virginia Attorney General's recommendation to postpone all non-emergency decisions, including land use decisions, until the quarantine is over, for the obvious reason with which we are all familiar: it is impossible for the public to properly engage with a complicated rezoning issue of permanent consequence during a time in which we cannot meet and work together to achieve the best long-term outcomes for our city.

If you, too, have concerns about the proposed zoning, email them to your city council member and [cityclerksoffice@richmondgov.com](mailto:cityclerksoffice@richmondgov.com).



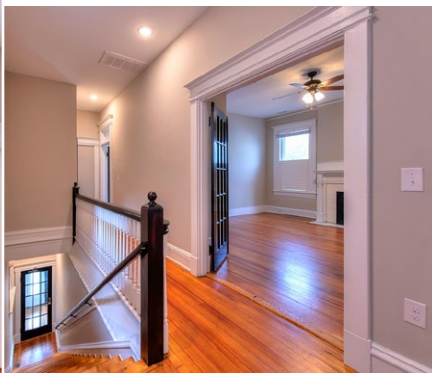


## Tabernacle Row Houses Update

### Miracle on Grove Update:

#### A peek inside the now finished project

A year ago, FanFare covered the 1914 Colonial Revival row houses being renovated by the Tabernacle Baptist Church. We are delighted to report that the work is now complete and all four units are rented. Below are some after pictures from their historic tax credit application. Congratulations Tabernacle!



## Quickness RVA Delivers

FanFare spotted a flier at Shield's Market that piqued our interest. Founded in 2010, eco-friendly Quickness RVA is a bike courier service offering both direct pick-up calls to any Richmond business on behalf of customers, and delivery for restaurants wanting to by-pass 3rd party delivery apps. Reached for comment, Quickness reports that while they experienced a dip in business at the beginning of COVID when partners closed, they're enjoying an up-tick as restaurants and diners look for local delivery options. Currently, they have a dozen bikers and two-dozen direct partners.

If ordering from their partner restaurants, delivery ranges from free (covered by the restaurant) to a few dollars. Rates for direct pick-up from non partner locations within the Fan are a flat \$5, with a generous boundary that extends from the James River to I-64, and Arthur Ashe Boulevard to Belvidere. You can order with their partner restaurants or directly through their website: <https://quicknessrva.com>.

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## The Whitmires Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Dr. Mark Whitmire and Virginia Whitmire came to St. James's Episcopal Church on West Franklin St. twenty-five years ago to lead the music program. Virginia was hired as organist and Choir Director, Mark as Director of Music and Choir Director, but it was an especially huge undertaking considering the church's sanctuary had recently been consumed by a fire. St. James's had always been known for its fine music, but the Whitmires immediately went to work expanding the program, especially concerning the involvement of children, youth, and young adults – the greatest priority for the Whitmires. They began a regular Children's Choir and Youth Choir, brought in several VCU music students to lead the Parish Choir, and expanded the 9:00 choir to allow a greater variety of music that might be more accessible to some parishioners.

After several years of gracious hosting by Temple Beth Ahabah next door, the parishioners of St. James's were able to return to their new sanctuary. The Whitmires gave thanks for the church's good fortune, in part, by adding several recital series, which have enabled the community

to share the beautiful sanctuary and organ. A cherub (preschool) choir was further added as well as many services dedicated to a musical genre (Jazz Mass, Bluegrass Mass, Dylan Mass, U2 Mass, among others).

The Whitmires, with their vast musical experience and

abilities, have enriched the lives of countless numbers of parishioners and neighbors all over the world. Mark and Virginia have taken the parish's choirs to England, France, Italy, New York City, and Washington, DC, and led or participated in mission trips to Haiti, Sudan, New Orleans and more. Many Fan residents, among thousands of others, will say that their lives have been touched forever by these two people. What a wonderful gift to have right in our backyard!



Mark, with a future chorister

### Still getting a paycheck? Here's how you can help

- If you don't want to attend lessons (martial arts, dance, music, etc.) consider still paying and making it up later.
- Canceling your appointment (hair, massage, etc.)? Buy a gift certificate now and use it later.
- Don't want to eat out? Go buy a gift certificate from a local restaurant to use later, or
- Order from your favorite restaurant directly and pick up.

**Remember:**  
larger corporations will recover from a month or two of lost income, small businesses may not.

#supportlocal  
#together







## RVA Downtown Holidays 2020

**RICHMOND, VA** – Downtown Richmond will celebrate the season with the twinkling lights and holiday music we’ve all come to expect; but, this year, in the safe and socially-distanced ways that 2020 requires.

Venture Richmond has compiled a list of activities to plan your holidays Downtown. Be sure to check the website for updates throughout November and December.

### Downtown Holiday Happenings

#### Holiday Villages 2020

Saturdays from November 28-December 19 • 12:00pm-6:00pm

A multi-cultural holiday market shopping experience presented by the Richmond Night Market and community partners, Holiday Villages is a city-wide effort to support the artisan and small business community. Shop every Saturday at six designated and activated spaces throughout Richmond featuring 8-12 vendors per location, live music, and more! For details and locations visit <https://www.richmondnightmarketva.com/>

#### Shop Small Saturday Downtown

Saturday, November 28 • 11:00am – 6:00pm

Join Broad Street businesses like Little Nomad, Verdalina, Someday, Waller & Company Jewelers, Elegba Folklore Society and more for Shop Small Saturday, a nationally celebrated shopping holiday that highlights local and small business owners! Visit all small businesses downtown, in Shockoe Bottom and Shockoe Slip, and the museum

shops like those at the Valentine, Holocaust Museum, Library of Virginia, the Virginia State Capitol, and the downtown art galleries too! To read more about shopping downtown, visit <https://venturerichmond.com/news/Downtown-Richmond-Stores-You-Can-Shop-Online>

#### Atlantic Union Bank LollyPops: The Snowman

Saturday, November 28 • 11:00am-12:00pm  
Dominion Energy Center or Virtual

Kick-off the holiday season with the Richmond Symphony! Hear the charming story of a young boy’s magical friendship with a snowman and enjoy other holiday favorites during this safe, socially-distanced, in-person concert or watch from home by online livestream option. For details visit <https://www.dominionenergycenter.com/events/detail/atlantic-union-bank-lollipops-the-snowman>

#### RVA Illuminates

Friday, December 4 • 6:00pm

A time-honored Richmond tradition will continue in 2020! See RVA shine when the switch is flipped ON to light up downtown’s skyline for the 2020 holiday season. RVA Illuminates is a virtual event this year with ABC8 News airing live complete coverage of performances, uplifting stories, and the official lighting at 6pm. Be sure to join in the festive fun by lighting up your own storefronts and homes too! For details visit <https://www.facebook.com/rvaparksandrec/>

#### Holiday Lights on the Riverfront

Friday, December 4 • 6:00pm-8:00pm

Brown’s Island to the Turning Basin on the Canal Walk

When downtown RVA lights up for the holiday season, Brown’s Island and the Turning Basin on the Canal Walk will join in the cheer and help the City of Richmond kick off the season with Holiday Lights on the Riverfront, a display of decorative lights that is open and FREE to the public! Enjoy vendors Espresso-A-Go-Go and Curbside Creations and family entertainer Jonathan the Juggler on Brown’s Island or take a festive stroll along the Canal Walk to the Turning Basin. Presented by Venture Richmond. Please practice safe social distancing. Parking is available at the

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American Civil War Museum (\$), Belle Isle parking lot, and on-street parking along 2nd and 5th Streets. For details visit <https://venturerichmond.com/news/downtown-richmond-2020-holiday-events>

### **Christmas Tree Decorating Contest**

December 4 – December 20

Main Street Station, 1500 E. Main St.

Hosted by Community First, the contest will feature 10 local nonprofits, each with their own tree displayed. Tree contest voting will occur via QR code in person as well as virtually. Each vote costs \$1. There will be a live streamed party on December 21 announcing the top three winners. Those winners will receive cash prizes in addition to all money collected from votes they earned. Everyone is invited to the station to vote for their favorite tree!

### **Dominion Energy Christmas Parade**

(television only)

Saturday, December 5 • 10:00am-12:00pm

This year on WTVR-CBS 6, watch all-new performances from your favorite entertainment groups, heart-warming stories focused on celebrating our Richmond community, “best of” clips from past parades featuring giant helium balloons and colorful floats, and even a special appearance by Legendary Santa himself! You will not want to miss the must-see television event of the holiday season! This is a television-only event. For details visit, <https://www.richmondparade.org/>

### **Movies on Brown’s Island, featuring “Elf”**

Saturday, December 5 • Gates 5:00pm; Movie 6:00pm

Brown’s Island

Enjoy the holiday classic, “Elf,” under the stars (and holiday lights) on Brown’s Island, presented by Venture Richmond. Bring your own blankets and chairs, find a socially-distanced circle on the island, and enjoy a festive night featuring a family favorite film. Vendors include Espresso-A-Go-Go and Cool Concessions.

Tickets are \$5 per person and must be purchased in advance online. Tickets will not

be available for purchase the day of the event at the gate. Attendees must present tickets at the gate, either as a pre-printed paper ticket or on a mobile device. Purchase tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movies-on-the-island-elf-tickets-127887985407?aff=VR>

Protective face masks or coverings are strongly encouraged to be worn during the event, especially while standing in lines and in porta-johns. No pets allowed on premises during the event. Parking is available at the American Civil War Museum (\$), Belle Isle Parking Lot, and on-street parking is available along 2nd and 5th Streets.

In case of inclement weather, check the website for updates: <https://venturerichmond.com/news/downtown-richmond-2020-holiday-events>

### **Winter Wander**

Sunday, December 6 • 12:00pm-4:00pm

The Valentine, 1015 E Clay St.

The first annual Winter Wander features physically distanced live music in the Valentine Garden, hot beverages and a special, self-guided walking tour of the historic Court End neighborhood. This event is FREE and open to the public. Face masks encouraged. For details visit <https://thevalentine.org/event/winter-wander/>

### **Home for the Holidays, Richmond Symphony Livestream**

Monday, December 7 • 6:30pm

Commonwealth Catholic Charities invites you to stay Home for the Holidays! From the comfort of your own home, join a virtual livestream Holiday Festival of Music featuring your favorites by the Richmond Symphony. For tickets and details visit, <https://www.richmondsymphony.com/event/home-for-the-holidays/>

### **Holiday Lights and Music on the Riverfront**

Saturday, December 12 • 6:00-8:00pm

Brown’s Island to the Turning Basin on the Canal Walk at 14th and Dock Streets

A display of decorative lights is open and FREE to the public, featuring vendor Espresso-





RVA Downtown Holidays continued...

A-Go-Go and acoustic holiday music from the Trombone Trio on Brown's Island. Presented by Venture Richmond. Parking is available at the American Civil War Museum (\$), Belle Isle parking lot, and on-street parking along 2nd and 5th Streets.

### **Holiday Lights and Music on the Riverfront**

Saturday, December 19 • 6:00-8:00pm

Brown's Island to the Turning Basin on the Canal Walk at 14th and Dock Streets

A display of decorative lights is open and FREE to the public, featuring vendor Espresso-A-Go-Go and light holiday music from Justin Paciocco on Brown's Island.

Presented by Venture Richmond. Parking is available at the American Civil War Museum (\$), Belle Isle parking lot, and on-street parking along 2nd and 5th Streets.

**Venture Richmond, 200 S. Third Street,  
Richmond, VA 23219**

Venture Richmond, Inc., is a non-profit organization that engages business and community leaders in partnering with the City to enhance the vitality of the community, particularly Downtown, through economic development, marketing, promotion, advocacy and events. Venture Richmond provides enhanced property management services for both the Downtown and Riverfront including: the Clean & Safe program, beautification and landscaping projects and management and maintenance of Brown's Island, the Canal Walk and Belle Isle parking lot.

Venture Richmond Events, LLC, produces Friday Cheers, the 2nd Street Festival, the Richmond Folk Festival, and partners with Sports Backers to produce Dominion Energy Riverrock.

Riverfront Canal Cruises, LLC, operates historically narrated boat tours and private charters of the James River and Kanawha Canal.

Both Venture Richmond Events, LLC, and Riverfront Canal Cruises, LLC, are subsidiaries of Venture Richmond, Inc. For more information visit [www.venturerichmond.com](http://www.venturerichmond.com).



## Host a Private Movie Party at the Byrd

Bring your "quarantine pod" to the movies!

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| 1-10 people  | \$350 Donation |
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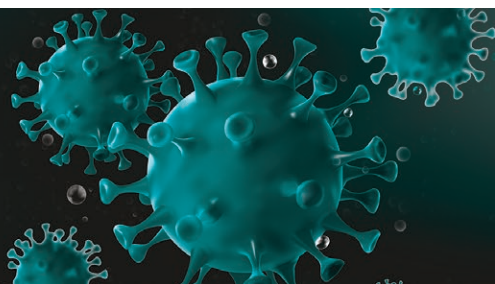
Includes a medium popcorn and soda or water per person.

Want to make it a Holiday Party? For \$200 extra, add one of the following classics: It's a Wonderful Life, Elf, Polar Express or Christmas Vacation, Mighty Wurlitzer Organ Holiday Sing-a-long concert with Bob Gullledge and of course "Let it Snow"!

Confirm information and details at <https://byrdtheatre.org>



# COVID-19 Resources



Richmond City info: [www.rvastrong.org](http://www.rvastrong.org).

Statewide page: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus>  
(You can also call 877-ASK-VDH3 / 1-877-275-8343).

National page: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>

## Help for Neighbors at Risk from Domestic & Sexual Violence:

The Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance is Virginia's leading voice on sexual and intimate partner violence.

CALL 1-800-838-8238

TEXT 804-793-9999

ONLINE <https://vadata.org//chat>

## Resources for Neighbors in Recovery:

SMART Recovery:  
[www.smartrecovery.org](http://www.smartrecovery.org)

In The Rooms:  
[www.intherooms.com](http://www.intherooms.com)

Alcoholics Anonymous  
<http://aa-intergroup.org>

RVA NA  
<https://rvana.org>

SAMSHA's National Hotline:  
1-800-662-HELP

National Suicide Prevention Hotline:  
1-800-273-8255

## VCU COVID Information:

<https://together.vcu.edu>

## Assistance For Seniors:

Applications for the Tax Relief for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities program is still open.

<http://www.richmondgov.com/Finance/forms/TaxReliefApplication.pdf>

To request an application or ask questions, call the Department of Finance at 804-646-6015

RVA Office of Aging & Disability Services hotline  
804-646-1082, Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.,  
Monday through Friday.

Senior Connections is another local resource offering information and referral services. For assistance, or to volunteer to deliver food to seniors, call 804-343-3000.

## Unemployment & Reduction in Hours Assistance

If your hours have been reduced or eliminated because of Coronavirus you can get financial help from the State via <http://www.vec.virginia.gov/node/11699> or by calling 1-866-832-2363 Monday through Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm and between 9am and 1pm on Saturday (closed state holidays).

**Holli Fund** provides emergency grants to food service workers experiencing a financial crisis.  
<https://www.thehollifund.org/donate>

## Richmond Public School Information & Resources:

Latest on meal distribution and continued learning:  
[www.rvaschools.net](http://www.rvaschools.net)

Families can also text "FOOD" to 877-877, then reply with your full address to get connected to free meals for kids while schools are closed due to the coronavirus.



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