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Welcome to the first Carillon Current!

To help keep neighbors informed and connected, the Carillon Civic Association is launching a new bi-weekly email update. We named it Carillon Current, and these messages will highlight upcoming CCA meetings and events, neighborhood news, and other happenings around Richmond that may be of interest to Carillon residents.

Our printed CCA newsletter will continue to be mailed to every home in the neighborhood, now on a quarterly basis starting in November. However, rather than waiting for the next print edition, these bi-weekly updates will allow us to share timely information, event reminders, and opportunities to get involved throughout the year.

We hope this new format helps keep everyone connected and engaged in our wonderful community. If you know a neighbor who would like to receive these updates, please encourage them to subscribe.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

All CCA residents are invited to participate in the following:

CCA Sponsored

What: **Movie Night Under the Stars**
When: Friday, October 2 from 7:45 - 9:00pm
Where: Blanton House Field (corner of French & Walpole St.)

What: **Children's Fall Festival & Plant Exchange**
When: Saturday, October 24 from 11:00am - 1:00pm
Where: Sunset Ave. East Circle
Description:

- Dig some plants from your yard, then join your neighbors and CCA's Beautification Committee on Saturday, October 24 for our sixth annual plant exchange. We will gather in the upper circle of Sunset Ave., just behind the neighborhood arches, in conjunction with the Children's Fall Festival.
- Plants swapped in past years included a diverse and lovely mix of ground covers, bulbs, seeds, perennials, shrubs, vines, trees, and houseplants. There should be plenty of offerings, so come take some plants for your home even if you don't have any to offer in exchange.
- Items you are sharing should be in bags or pots, with labels of the plants' names.

What: **OctoberFeast Food Drive for Central VA Food Bank**
When: Monday, October 19 - Monday, October 26

- Each Block Captain will have a donation box at their house.
- Place all food donations into a box at your Block Captain's house by 10:00 am Monday, October 26.

Community Events in & Around Byrd Park

What: Crystal & Mystic Fest
When: Sunday, October 4 from 12:00-5:00 pm
Where: Carillon Lawn at Byrd Park
Description: This is primarily a market-style event, and the hours may shift slightly.

What: Parking and shuttle to the Richmond Folk Festival
When: Saturday, October 10, from 11:45 am-10:00 pm; Sunday, October 11 from 7:45 am-7:00 pm
Where: Dogwood Dell parking lot
Description: Richmond Folk Festival will be using the Dogwood Dell lot for parking on Saturday and Sunday.

What: Private event
When: Saturday, October 17 until 10:30 pm
Where: Round House and Dogwood Dell
Description: A small wedding of approximately 75 people will take place at the Round House, followed by a reception at Dogwood Dell. The reception will include amplified music and will end by 10:30 pm.

What: Bike race
When: Sunday, October 18 until approximately 5:00 pm
Where: Around the Dogwood Dell trails
Description: A bike race will take place around the Dogwood Dell trails, beginning early in the day and running until approximately 5:00 pm.

What: Gallery at First UU - their 59th year!
When: Wednesday - Sunday, October 21 - 25:

- Wednesday, October 21, from 5:00-8:30 pm
- Thursday & Friday, October 22 & 23, from 12:00-7:00 pm
- Saturday & Sunday, October 24 & 25, from 12:00-5:00 pm

Where: First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond at 1000 Blanton Ave.
Description: Gallery at First UU is an annual fine art and craft show held at First Unitarian Universalist Church in Richmond, VA. Their award-winning spacious building turns from a church to an art show and sale in October each year. They have over 190 artists and up to 4000 pieces of art or crafts that run the gamut of art medium: furniture, fiber, jewelry, pottery, sculpture, paintings, mixed media. Contact information:

- website: **https://www.galleryatfirstuu.com/**
- Facebook: **https://www.facebook.com/GalleryAtFirstUU**
- Instagram: **https://www.instagram.com/GalleryAtFirstUU/**

General and Citywide Events

What: 2nd St. Festival
When: Saturday & Sunday, October 3 & 4
Where: Jackson Ward
Description: For more details visit the **event website**.

What: Richmond Folk Festival
When: Friday - Sunday, October 9 - 11
Where: On and around Brown's Island
Description: For more details visit the **event website**.

What: Maymont Garden Glow
When: Begins Wednesday, October 14
Where: Maymont Nature Center
Description: For more details visit the **event website**.

What: General Elections
When: Tuesday, November 3
Where: City voting locations

Description:

- The races and ballot measures appearing on Richmond City ballots will include a U.S. Senate race, a U.S. House of Representatives race for the 4th Congressional District, a special School Board race for voters in the City's 6th District, three proposed constitutional amendments, and one local referendum. All City of Richmond precincts will participate in this election.
- For more information, you can visit the **City of Richmond Office of Elections website** or the **Virginia Department of Elections website**.

What: **5th District - Richmond Public Schools - Facilities Modernization District Meeting**
When: Thursday, October 15 from 5:30-7:00 pm
Where: Richmond High School for the Arts
Description: A public input survey and additional information about the planning process, including the full community engagement calendar, can be found on the **RPS Facilities Modernization Plan website**.

To stay in the know about Citywide and 5th district events and information, consider **signing up for the 5th District Newsletter**.

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