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## **CVID** What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

## What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

## Can people in the U.S. get COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 is spreading from person to person in parts of the United States. Risk of infection with COVID-19 is higher for people who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members. Other people at higher risk for infection are those who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Learn more about places with ongoing spread at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/ transmission.html#geographic.

#### Have there been cases of COVID-19 in the U.S.?

Yes. The first case of COVID-19 in the United States was reported on January 21, 2020. The current count of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is available on CDC's webpage at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html.

#### How does COVID-19 spread?

The virus that causes COVID-19 probably emerged from an animal source, but is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronaviruses at https://www.cdc.gov/ coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html.

#### What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

## What are severe complications from this virus?

Some patients have pneumonia in both lungs, multi-organ failure and in some cases death.

## How can I help protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventive actions.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

# If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should

- · Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

## What should I do if I recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19?

If you have traveled from an affected area, there may be restrictions on your movements for up to 2 weeks. If you develop symptoms during that period (fever, cough, trouble breathing), seek medical advice. Call the office of your health care provider before you go, and tell them about your travel and your symptoms. They will give you instructions on how to get care without exposing other people to your illness. While sick, avoid contact with people, don't go out and delay any travel to reduce the possibility of spreading illness to others.

## Is there a vaccine?

There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take everyday preventive actions, like avoiding close contact with people who are sick and washing your hands often.

#### Is there a treatment?

There is no specific antiviral treatment for COVID-19. People with COVID-19 can seek medical care to help relieve symptoms.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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## DEAR MDA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

s COVID-19 continues to affect the state, nation and world, it is crucial that we do all we can to protect our community's safety and well-being. Out of a deep concern for our residents and in accordance with public policy guidelines, the Museum District Association has made the difficult decision to cancel our Mother's Day House and Garden Tour, the MDA's only annual fundraiser. The Museum District Association Board of Directors will continue to review all federal, state and local information to make decisions about future programs and events.



KYLE ELLIOTT 2020 MDA BOARD PRESIDENT

Your health and safety are our primary concern. Please continue to practice social distancing. This means stay home whenever possible. If you go out, maintain at least a six-foot distance from other people, and wear a mask if able. If you experience moderate symptoms of COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider, but do NOT physically report to a hospital or seek out a test unless instructed by a doctor. If you are extremely sick, please seek medical attention. The City of Richmond has a <u>dedicated COVID-19 web page</u> for additional information.

In these challenging times, it is important that we demonstrate our collective resolve and support each other and our community however we can. Check the <u>HandsOn Greater</u> <u>Richmond website</u> for volunteer opportunities to help deliver meals to the vulnerable young scholars who are most affected by our school closures. You can continue to support and patronize our local restaurants. Many of our favorites are utilizing takeout, curbside delivery and home delivery options. I recommend looking to restaurants' social media pages for the most up-to-date information on their hours and offerings. If you just need a little entertainment to break up the monotony, there are many resources available from our local library and museums. The YMCA of Greater Richmond is providing <u>exercise routines you can do at home</u>. Take this opportunity to <u>discover amazing virtual museum tours and stream concerts from all over the world</u>.

We appreciate your support of the Museum District Association as we all work to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Please continue to monitor the most up to date information from the <u>City of Richmond</u>, the <u>Virginia Department of Health</u>, and the <u>CDC</u>. We're hard at work ensuring that the MDA has a positive impact in this time of need.

OUT OF A DEEP CONCERN FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC POLICY GUIDELINES, THE MUSEUM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION HAS MADE THE DIFFICULT DECISION TO CANCEL OUR MOTHER'S DAY HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR.



# Living, Loving, and Selling in the Museum District

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Residents may be surprised by the **multitude of resources** available through Richmond Public Libraries. There are thousands of **FREE** fun and interesting things to do through the library website! With your library card, you have access to tens of thousands of digital books, audiobooks, magazines, movies and TV shows, not to mention the more than 30 databases RPL subscribes to. But what if you don't have a card? Here's how!

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- Entertainment including television, movies, concerts, and foreign films
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- <u>Books</u> for reading and listening number the thousands!
- RPL has a <u>live chat reference service</u>! Patrons can ask questions 24/7 via text or email, and can also chat with a librarian in real-time during weekdays from 10am to 6pm. There is a Spanish language option as well
- Storytime with local librarians
- For complete list of resources: <u>https://rvalibrary.org/services/online-resources/</u>

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INSIDE The MDA

# NAVY HILL FORUM UPDATE

#### by ALLISON SCHUTZER

n February 6, the Museum District Association hosted an open forum to discuss and inform residents of Mayor Levar Stoney's proposal to revitalize parts of downtown Richmond, including the currently shuttered Richmond Coliseum. City Council Members **ANDREAS ADDISON** and **KIM GRAY**, who have opposing views on the proposal, led the discussion. We had a wonderful turnout of interested residents for the event, bringing questions about the area to be developed, the budget for the proposal and what the project would bring for local business.

The proposal was struck down just four days after the MDA Forum by five of nine City Council Members. City Council has asked Mayor Stoney to revise his plan and submit a new Request For Proposals at a future date. We look forward to learning more. We thank City Council Members Addison and Gray for joining us and educating our community through this informative discourse. Bringing these issues to our neighborhood keeps us informed on citywide development.

## CHANGES TO THE MDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## **NEW MEMBER**



The board of directors officially welcomes **STRCY LUNCEFORD** as programs chair. Stacy has been a member of the MDA since moving to the area five years ago. Stacy grew up in Charleston, South Carolina, which gave her a strong sense of architectural history and heritage, so joining the MDA was an easy decision. She has a love for community and enjoys taking her dog Walter on walks around the neighborhood, taking in all its beauty and friendliness. Stacy has coordinated private and corporate events for over 10 years and we have no doubt that she will help to elevate our district's events over the next year.

## **RETIRING MEMBER**



**HANNAH ABBEY** recently retired from the position of school liaison for the MDA board of directors. Hannah's vision and leadership in the role is immeasurable as she wrote the job description and brought the board seat to fruition in 2016. The MDA established the Thomas Jefferson High School Scholarship Program and presented the program's first three awards to graduating seniors under Hannah's tenure. Hannah forged relationships with area school administrators and made education a regular topic in board meetings. The collection box at Belmont Library, where patrons routinely drop school supplies,

is evidence of Hannah's efforts to encourage all residents to support teachers and students in the immediate area. She also organized numerous teacher appreciation events on behalf of the MDA and its members. Thank you Hannah for your positive spirit and vision for education across Richmond!

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# AROUND THE DISTRICT

# RBHA IN THE COMMUNITY

#### by CAROLYN SEAMAN

Richmond Behavioral Health Foundation

id you know that Richmond Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) works across our community, with children and adults, to address the behavioral health and developmental needs of the citizens of Richmond and the greater Richmond Community? RBHA staff are in schools, in homes, in hospitals, in courts — wherever needed — every day.

Over the last five years, RBHA has seen tremendous growth in its programs, services and geographic areas served. In our fiscal year 2019, RBHA served nearly 13,000 individuals — that's over 5% of the city's population. Approximately 30% of the individuals we serve do not have insurance, Medicaid or any other means to pay for services.

Our staff has more than doubled in size to 750 employees in order to accommodate the needs of our community. RBHA serves individuals and families through Crisis Intervention, Mental Health Treatment and Support, Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Prevention, Developmental and Intellectual Disability Support and Primary Medical Care. RBHA employs behavioral health clinicians and case managers, nurses and doctors, peer specialists (individuals with lived experience) and a variety of administrative support personnel to serve the diverse needs of our community.

While statutorily designated to provide behavioral health and developmental services to the citizens of Richmond, RBHA separated from Richmond City Government 24 years ago and became a quasigovernmental agency. Funding for the services RBHA provides is received through fees from consumers, the City of Richmond, the



Commonwealth of Virginia and local, state and federal grants.



In 2010, the Richmond Behavioral Health Foundation (RBHF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was established to secure funding and resources to address the areas of service where there are gaps in funding or where no funding exists. While RBHA focuses on treatment of mental health or substance use as well as providing supportive services for individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities, RBHF focuses on increasing access to these critical services.

RBHA and RBHF are grateful for the support from our community that helps us provide services and increase access to services for those in need. From individual donors to private foundations to corporate volunteers, community support has allowed us to accomplish many things we could not have accomplished alone.

Are you a member of a civic organization or corporate entity that would like to know more about the work of RBHA and RBHF in our community? Let us know! We would love to provide a presentation to your group or information about our programs, services, and impact in our community. Please call Carolyn Seaman at 804-819-4097 or email at carolyn.seaman@rbha.org to learn more.

Please visit <u>www.rbha.org</u> for more information. If you or someone else is experiencing a behavioral health crisis, the RBHA crisis response line is available 24 hours a day: 804-819-4100.



## NEW HISTORICAL MARKERS DEDICATED AT FEDERAL COURTHOUSE by Christing Nuckols

istorical markers honoring two of Richmond's legal giants, **DLIVER HILL** and **SPOTTSWOOD ROBINSON**, were dedicated on February 6 at the federal courthouse where they advocated for racial justice.

**Example** "They revealed America's wounds," said Chief Judge Roger Gregory of the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, "and at the very moment they did so...they revealed that the medicine was through the rule of law."

About 150 people attended the ceremony, including Museum District author **MARGARET EDDS** who wrote the book *We Face the Dawn: Oliver Hill, Spottswood Robinson, and the Legal Team That Dismantled Jim Crow,* which chronicles the careers and legal accomplishments of the two African American attorneys.

Hill and Robinson are best known for their successful challenge of school segregation when they represented students protesting grossly inadequate schools in Prince Edward County and across Virginia under the so-called "separate but equal" doctrine. The case became part of the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education ruling that prohibited discrimination in education based on race.

The markers are located at the corner of 10th and Bank Street, outside the Lewis F. Powell, Jr. United States Courthouse. Robinson is the namesake of Richmond's second federal courthouse, the Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr, Federal Courthouse at 701 East Broad Street.





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# THE INNERWORK CENTER LET'S BEGIN WITHIN

#### by OLGA KLUG



*hat is my purpose? Is my life meaningful? What does it mean to be spiritual but not religious?* The Innerwork Center is a welcoming place for Richmonders that can help you answer these questions and more.

The Innerwork Center, located at 213 Roseneath Rd., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization offering award-winning keynotes, single and multi-session programs, retreats, donation based drop-ins and other unique opportunities to do inner work both individually and collectively. Programs include Mindfulness, Creative Expression and Movement, Psychology and Consciousness and Wisdom Traditions and Spirituality.

Executive Director **RACHEL DDUGLAS** is guiding a rebirth of the nonprofit. Her goal is for the Center to have a meaningful impact on the region with a new name (the Chrysalis Institute rebranded as The Innerwork Center in 2019) and clearer mission that are more reflective of the work being done. Just as Innerwork pursues its mission — helping adults follow journeys of spiritual transformation — this nonprofit embraces its own evolution.

This work began in 1994 under founder **NANCY MILLNER**, a "seeker" from Richmond so motivated by spiritual discovery that she traveled the world exploring the beliefs and practices of other cultures and religions. She shared her experiences with friends back home, and when the group of fellow "seekers" in Richmond grew, Millner decided it would have more impact to bring lecturers and teachers to the city instead of going to them. Thus was born Chrysalis, a name noted for its beauty and as a metaphor for change.

The Chrysalis Center was struggling when The Pew Research Center reported results from a survey that showed 30% of Americans





"THE INNERWORK CENTER IS A SOFT PILLOW OF PEACE AND NON-JUDGEMENT FILLED WITH SELF-CARE TOOLS TO ENHANCE ONE'S SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. IT HAS CHANGED MY LIFE FOR THE BETTER."

- FJ, INNERWORK CENTER MEMBER

identified themselves as "spiritual but not religious," or SBNR for short. "That research told us that this is a really important organization for Richmond to have," Douglas said. "We deserve to be in the world. People deserve to have a place where they can go and explore spirituality without dogma, without judgment, without a framework — where it's your personal authority [that] tells you what ... a meaningful life [looks] like to you." The organization then added a faculty and, with an emboldened sense of purpose, evolved into The Chrysalis Institute.

"We've only had a staff for five years, which means we're old but we're also young," Douglas said. For 21 years of its existence, the organization now known as Innerwork was an all volunteer organization. Today, Douglas leads a staff of four and over 40 volunteers who serve as the center's faculty as they continue the journey. The community is welcome to use the Meditation Patio in front of the building, and there is also a Labyrinth (3318 Loxley Rd. in Northside) that is open and available to all seeking a contemplative place to walk mindfully and quiet the noise.

"We're able to reach our audience now like never before and it continues to grow," Douglas said. The reason many are searching for meaning has its evidence in research, she said, making the mission and presence of The Innerwork Center even more important.

The Innerwork Center encourages you to find something that speaks to you — join the journey, plant a seed and cultivate growth within.

For more information about programming or to subscribe to the newsletter at The Innerwork Center, visit <u>innerworkcenter.org</u>.

# THE TOUR THAT MGHUYE BEEN

#### by ma powers

The Museum District MOTHER'S DAY IN EARLY MARCH, AS THE MUSEUM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE WAS PUTTING THE FINAL TOUCHES ON THE 26TH ANNUAL TOUR, NEWS BROKE THAT THE FIRST CASES OF COVID-19 HAD BEEN DIAGNOSED IN THE RICHMOND AREA. AFTER MUCH CONSIDERATION AND WITH EVENT GUIDELINES FROM THE STATE CONTINUING TO EVOLVE EACH DAY, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE SAFEST CHOICE FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED WAS TO CANCEL THE TOUR AND AVOID PUTTING ANYONE AT RISK.





he 2020 tour would have featured a unique collection of eight historic homes located throughout the neighborhood from Ellwood to Monument Avenues with artists painting along the route. The Virginia Museum of History & Culture had joined the tour for the fifth consecutive year as the hospitality center, and dozens of volunteers had signed up to serve. We are thankful for all of these supporters as well as the numerous sponsors who made financial commitments to the

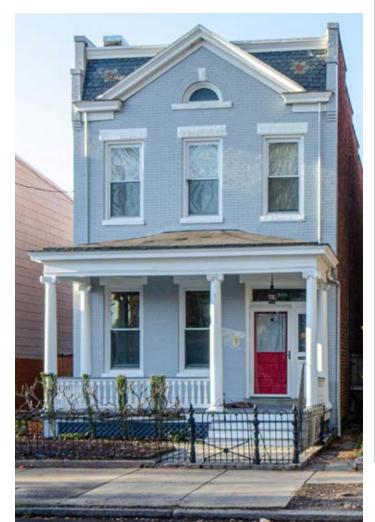
tour. The committee is hopeful that we can pick up where we left off for a successful tour next year. In the meantime, enjoy a look at the tour that wasn't and mark your calendars for May 9, 2021!

## THANK YOU TO OUR HOMEOWNERS:

## 2905 ELLWOOD AVE.

## Matt & Allison Schutzer

This 1911 home was purchased by Matt and Allison Schutzer in 2015. They were engaged on the back porch and the home has been a pinnacle in their marriage ever since. Heart of pine floors warm the interior of this classic row home. The owners fancy themselves novice art collectors and have amassed a number of pieces on their travels both domestically and abroad. Although much of the home expresses a contemporary style, many of the original details remain intact as a trademark of the home's design. Leaded glass window covers, unique tile work on four fireplaces and original pocket doors have been lovingly maintained. Without changing the footprint, the current owners installed a home office and updated the kitchen in the same style as the rest of the home. The couple removed the concrete back patio themselves and had a new stone patio installed. Now they spend countless hours there during the spring and summer tending their roses and vegetable garden.





## **3012 FLOYD AVE.** *Mary Weiser*

When Mary moved from New York City to Richmond three years ago, she brought with her a deep appreciation for walkable neighborhoods and the know-how to make the most out of small spaces. She found the perfect fit on Floyd Ave. With under 1,500 square feet of living space, this semi-detached 1920s brick Colonial wastes not a single inch. Highlights of this delightful home include ample custom built-in storage, an open floor plan, a first-floor full bath and laundry room and plenty of room for outdoor entertaining. The careful use of space and intentional editing of furnishings and fixtures have created a truly livable not-so-big house in the city.



## MOTHER'S DAY HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

## 3335 W. FRANKLIN ST.

## Larry & Judy Meyers

After years of searching for a Museum District home, Larry and Judy lucked out when they visited a friend on the beautiful gaslit block of 3300 W. Franklin and noticed a recently foreclosed house on the corner. It met all of their criteria: lots of windows, a full basement, a garage and great details like hardwood floors and a fireplace. It needed work, but Larry and his talented friends and family had the skills necessary to bring this home back to its former glory. The full basement is now a comfortable, wood-paneled Irish pub where the couple enjoys spending colder months entertaining friends with a selection of beers on tap, several screens to catch games and a bumper pool table. In warmer months, they head out to their secluded courtyard shaded by a jasmine covered pergola and ivied brick wall.





## **3137 GROVE AVE.** Eric & LeeLee Burfeind

The Burfeinds purchased their 1913 home three years ago and beautifully transformed the former duplex into a stunner of a single family home. LeeLee Burfeind, an interior designer, put her mighty skills to work on this blank canvas of a house. Abundant one-of-a-kind chandeliers, vibrantly upholstered furniture, exuberant contemporary artwork and a handmade dining room table make this home an eclectic dream. The kitchen has been completely renovated, transformed from a patchwork of small divided spaces into a wide-open, efficient cooking and family area. Don't miss the generous bar and wine storage unit, made by the Burfeinds themselves. Outside, an expansive deck with contemporary seating leads to a compact courtyard, bordered on the alley side by the original double carriage house. This home's playful, sophisticated style bursts with energy and creativity.



## MOTHER'S DAY HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

## 3310 GROVE AVE.

## Tom & Diane Payne

The expansive porch of this Grove Ave. home provides a gracious entrance to an impeccable interior. Built in 1923, the traditional brick structure features all of the classic detailing and exceptional craftsmanship of the period, enhanced by a tasteful remodel completed in 2015. Making the most of the home's generous proportions, Tom and Diane removed the wall separating the kitchen and dining room and enclosed the adjoining screen porch to create a spacious, open layout. They also added an impressive back patio with raised planting beds and native flowering plants. Visitors enjoy a collection of works by contemporary artists, collectibles from around the world and beautiful original windows and woodworking.





## **3201 KENSINGTON AVE.** *Luann Tarren*

Luann Tarren moved into her stately 1921 corner home in 2016 and immediately set to work updating and improving outdated features on every level. The colorfully appointed front porch seating area welcomes visitors into the freshly painted interior with restored floors, new built-ins and a back porch transformed into a cozy breakfast room. An upstairs porch was also converted to a dream closet and laundry area. The kitchen shines with new appliances, countertops and backsplash. A delightful powder room nearby, with its shallow sink, makes great use of its tiny footprint. Not to be missed is the master bath upstairs with its expansive exposed brick wall adding a backdrop of drama and rustic elegance to the space. This bright, open and spacious home reflects Luann's thoughtful creativity, both in the upgrades as well as the variety of artwork, all of which have personal meaning and connection to the owner.



## MOTHER'S DAY House & Garden Tour

## 3316 STUART AVE.

## Dr. Peter Greer

Dr. Peter Greer moved into this charming Stuart Ave. home in 2014 and filled it with personal touches, photographs and art reflecting his devotion to and career in education as well as his lifelong connection to Maine. The circa 1929 house had been completely renovated by the former owner between 2005 and 2008. The architect, Ron Friedman, was tasked with bringing an abundance of light into this dark townhouse. To that end, a 25-foot atrium was created in the middle of the house, in addition to vaulted ceilings, a skylighted shower and seven light transoms above the bedroom and bathroom doors. Outside, the front and back yards were skillfully and lovingly planted by the former owner, Mary Ann Bearse. Dr. Greer has made it his mission to maintain the 30+ varieties of plantings in her memory. Each spring, the gardens are a showstopping explosion of color.





## **3202 MONUMENT AVE.** Craig & Jeanne Minyard

Craig and Jeanne Minyard are the third owners of this elegant Monument Ave. home, moving to Richmond from Texas in 2019. Built in 1925 by the Thalhimer family, the property has undergone thorough renovation while retaining its significant architectural elements. Stained paneled doors and built-in bookcases abound throughout the first floor's main living spaces. The art and rich earth-toned furnishings combine traditional and contemporary styles seamlessly. The Minyards created a stunning white kitchen, steeped in texture, light and detail. The yard, with new fencing and a redone garage in carriage-house style, boasts a new deck and a clean brick bordered sidewalk curving through beautiful green grass.

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Rob has numerous credentials and awards, all earned though long experience. He is a Class A licensed design/build contractor, a Certified Green

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My beloved conifer I never should have bought.

AS A GENERAL RULE, THE SIZE OF THE ROOT STRUCTURE OF A TREE IS FOUR TO SEVEN TIMES THE AREA COVERED BY ITS CROWN.



# ROOTEDNESS

## THE UNDERGROUND WORLD OF PLANTS TAKES UP MORE SPACE THAN YOU MIGHT THINK.

#### by JANIE WILSON

magine you're a potted shrub — or maybe a tree. You're sitting in the nursery feeling the loving care of the skilled arborists who tend to you, but inside your pot, your tender roots are reaching the bounds of their existence. You're pressing

outward on your plastic container. There's now more root than soil in there, and you're growing weak with hunger for the deep, rich and expansive soil of just the right place to spread your underground wings so your above-ground arms can reach out and up into the fresh air. You long to flower. To leaf. To breathe. To support bird nests, honeybees and butterflies. To make your owner, and your planet happy. You're starving for a good, permanent home.



JANIE WILSON

Now come back to yourself as the owner of a small Museum District garden, and pause before you grab something in the greenhouse that just doesn't belong up against your foundation.

As a general rule, the size of the root structure of a tree is four to seven times the area covered by its crown. That means a 15 to 30-foot dogwood's root system could cover anywhere from 185-660 square feet! And though folks in our neighborhood are generally more shrub growers than tree growers, essentially the same rules apply for shrubs. The underground world of plants takes up more space than you might think.

I've made this mistake myself. In my new-to-the-neighborhood glee, I ran out and acquired two matching pots for my step platforms. I followed the *Spiller-Filler-Thriller* rules of potting — planting some spiller creeping jenny, filler begonias and a very interesting pair of thriller 12-inch high ornamental conifers. I was so proud — until they sprung up four feet and I had to relocate them to the backyard.

At present they're about 10 feet tall and Lord only knows what's going on underground. They have absolutely no business being in my garden, but now I've grown so attached to them that I can't let them go.

So, take my advice and channel your plant's inner rootedness before bringing it home to roost.

Find the *Spiller-Filler-Thriller* planting technique at www.provenwinners.com/Container-Design



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To order yours, visit the MDA website at **museumdistrict.org.** Under *Resources*, go to *Marketplace*, and you will see a link for house plaques.



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## SOUND FUNDAMENTALS SHOULD CARRY US THROUGH



s we move into the typically energized real estate season there are obviously other abnormal issues at play. Prior to the novel coronavirus, the future looked extremely healthy for both the economy and the housing market.

How the housing market will react remains to be seen. One can only hope that the fundamentals driving and sustaining the market over the past several years will have the resilience to get us through this period of uncertainty.

Overall, 2019 was a pretty good year for the Richmond market with an annual appreciation rate of 3.56%, the eighth straight year of appreciation.



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Even without the external forces, the market

has been more and more restricted due to the lack of inventory mentioned in the last Columns issue. The Fan, Museum District and near West End appear to be the most highly impacted areas due to their popularity. In a normal market there are typically five to six months' worth of inventory on the market. Currently there are roughly 1.5 months' worth of homes on the market in the city, down from about 1.9 a year ago.

To be more specific there are only four single family homes for sale in the Museum District as of this writing. Comparing the start of 2020 with 2019, there were 14 single-family homes sold at this time in 2019 versus six homes sold year to date in 2020. Townhouse and condo numbers are increasing both in number of sales and values at a quicker rate than single-family housing.

On a positive note, as a result of the current economic conditions, interest rates have gone down making homes more affordable. Mortgages above 4% would likely benefit from a refinance — obviously subject to individual circumstances.

The area in general remains incredibly active with the continued investment in Scott's Addition and the Arthur Ashe Boulevard corridor, the ongoing Publix-based redevelopment at the west end of Carytown, the planned hotel at Thompson & Floyd and the more remote Dabney Rd. area projects all adding to the value of living in the Museum District.

## ON A POSITIVE NOTE, AS A RESULT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, INTEREST RATES HAVE GONE DOWN MAKING HOMES MORE AFFORDABLE.

# WHAT TO KNOW WHEN YOU NEED TO CALL 911 IN AN EMERGENCY

#### by LIZ BRYANT

The City of Richmond's Department of Emergency Communications provides important information on how to contact emergency resources by phone or text. The following dos and don'ts are also found on their website.

## WHEN CALLING 911

## DO

- **CALL 911 ONLY DURING A REAL EMERGENCY**, such as someone is hurt, property is being damaged or a crime is being committed.
- **CALL 911 FIRST** before making any other call.
- **STRY ON THE LINE** until your call is answered, even if you dial 911 by mistake.
- **SPEAK CLEARLY** and calmly.
- **TELL THE OPERATOR THE LOCATION** of the emergency, including the address and any landmarks you can see.
- ANSWER ALL OF THE OPERATOR'S QUESTIONS to the best of your ability. Responders are already on the way, so the information you provide helps them prepare for arrival.
- **STRY ON THE LINE UNTIL HELP ARRIVES** or the operator tells you it's OK to hang up.
- TERCH CHILDREN and those with disabilities how to call 911 for help. Resources are available here: <u>http://www.911forkids.com/</u>

## DO NOT

- **DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN** to play with old cell phones, which can still dial 911.
- DO NOT HANG UP ONCE 911 HAS BEEN DIALED. You can explain to the operator if the call was made by mistake. Wait until the operator advises you to hang up.
- **DD NDT ASSUME** the operator knows your location.
- **DD NOT HANG UP** until you are advised to do so.

## FAQS ON TEXT-TO-911

## WHEN SHOULD I TEXT 911?

Text 911 only for an emergency AND you are not able to call 911. Call if you can, text if you can't. If you are uncertain of your phone's ability to text, call 911.

## HOW DO I SEND A TEXT TO 911?

Enter the numbers 911 in the "to" or "recipient" field; type a short message with the location and ask for fire, police or ambulance; then hit send. Send short text messages using simple words without abbreviations or slang. WHEN TEXTING 911

**IF YOU CANNOT CALL 911**, you can now send a text message to 911 for emergency assistance in the City of Richmond, City of Colonial Heights, Hanover County, Chesterfield County and Henrico County.

IT MAY NOT AVAILABLE in all areas of Virginia or the United States.

## DO

- **CALL IF YOU CAN**, text if you can't.
- SEND A TEXT MESSAGE TO 911 IF YOU ARE deaf or hard-of-hearing, can't speak, or it is not safe for you to speak.
- PROVIDE THE EXACT LOCATION of the emergency in the text message.
- IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A REPLY by text or if you receive a reply that texting is not available, call 911.

## DO NOT

- DO NOT TEXT AND DRIVE.
- **DD NOT SEND** photos or videos to 911 at this time.
- **DO NOT COPY OTHER5** on the message to 911. Text-to-911 cannot include more than one person.

# WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SEND A TEXT MESSAGE TO 911?

When you send a text message to 911, you will receive EITHER: An automated text message that states, "Make a voice call to 911 for help; text to 911 is not available" OR a text message from a live, emergency call-taker who will ask you to provide more information. Provide text answers to all of the operator's questions to the best of your ability. Responders are already on the way, so the information you provide helps them prepare for arrival.

For more information, visit the Department of Emergency Communications website at <u>richmondgov.com/content/EmergencyCommu-</u> <u>nications/index.aspx</u>.

9-1-1 graphic courtesy of the National Emergency Number Association





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# THE PROUST QUESTIONNAIRE

Adapted by **BEN HOPKINS** 

The Proust Questionnaire is a series of questions about personality that became popular in the late nineteenth century. While French author Marcel Proust did not write the questions, his answers (and the questions) were published in 1890. Modified versions of the questionnaire have been used over the years by James Lipton as part of his show "Inside the Actor's Studio" and Vanity Fair magazine, which features the answers of celebrities in the back pages of each issue.

## WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF PERFECT HAPPINESS?

Watching an iridescent sliver of morning sun appear on the horizon at daybreak on Hatteras Island.

## WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Being stuck in an elevator during an electrical blackout.

## WHICH LIVING PERSON DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?

Can "living" be metaphorical? Thomas Cannon Sr., the Richmond postal worker — now deceased — who quietly gave away tens of thousands of dollars to people he deemed deserving or in need.

## WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST E XTRAVAGANCE?

Potato chips. I eat them by the bagful.

## WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST REGRET?

Never learning to swim properly. I once tried so hard that my purple bathing suit turned bronze from chlorine in the pool water.

#### WHAT OR WHO IS THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE?

My truest friend who, luckily, is also my husband.

#### WHICH TALENT WOULD YOU Most like to have?

It would be musical — either to sing or play an instrument like a virtuoso.



Awakened (hopefully), clearly seeing what's around me.

## WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

The days when I meet my intention to live with integrity.

## IF YOU WERE TO DIE AND COME BACK AS A PERSON OR A THING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Renee Fleming, that gorgeous voice and also she seems to have fun.

#### WHAT DO YOU REGARD AS THE LOWEST DEPTH OF MISERY?

Estrangement from another person, not being able to bridge the gulf.

#### WHAT IS IT THAT YOU MOST DISLIKE?

Arrogance and bullying (not naming names, just saying).

#### HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO DIE?

Serene in knowing that I've fully lived.

## WHAT IS YOUR MOTTO?

"Whatever comes your way is yours to handle." (Eleanor Roosevelt)

#### WHAT'S THE MOST RICHMOND Thing you can do?

Stroll over to the VMFA on a summer evening, marvel at the cloud formations above those lofty oaks, take a mini-art tour if it's Friday night or sway to jazz on a Thursday, maybe even catch of glimpse of fireworks from the Diamond as you walk home.

Retired journalist and author Margaret Edds has lived in the Museum District for 40 years. Her latest book is "*We Face the Dawn: Oliver Hill, Spottswood Robinson, and the Legal Team that Dismantled Jim Crow.*"

MARGARET EDDS

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#### RVA311

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To get started, residents can go to **www.rva311.com** and set up an account for reporting. Once issues or complaints are filed, they can be tracked from inception, to assignment and ultimately through to conclusion.

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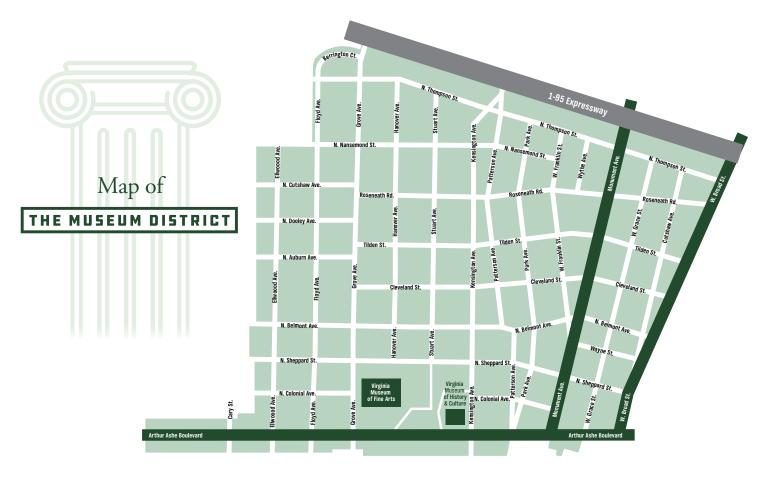
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