



FOJG NEWSLETTER: April 2019

**Monthly meetings feature outstanding speakers.
Location: The Science Museum of VA
All are free and open to the public.**

**Bring your old batteries and printer cartridges.
We'll recycle what your recycler won't.**

John Sydnor and Staff of Enrichmond

Tues. Apr. 9 at 7:00 pm

MEET ENRICHMOND!

The Enrichmond Foundation has served Richmond's people, parks, and public spaces for over 27 years. Several staff members will be introducing the main purpose and program areas of Enrichmond, including Historic Evergreen Cemetery, TreeLab, the 17th Street Market, Partners and volunteers. Staff will touch on how Enrichmond's activities and services create a healthier, more equitable city.



John Sydnor, Executor Director Enrichmond

FOLLOWUP ENRICHMOND TOURS

On the two Tuesdays following the introductory presentation at the Science Museum, Enrichmond staff will lead two on-site tours and further discuss their individual programs. On Tuesday, April 16, Ted Maris-Wolf will lead a

tour of Historic Evergreen Cemetery in the East End and discuss the history and volunteer efforts taking place there. On Tuesday, April 23, Aaron McFarland will lead a tour of TreeLab -- a Northside plant nursery specializing in native trees .

These both are family-friendly outings. Dress comfortably with closed toe shoes and long pants.

The maps below are to help with directions after you arrive on the roads near the site's entrance. Call 804-647-8130 if interested in carpooling from Science Museum of VA.

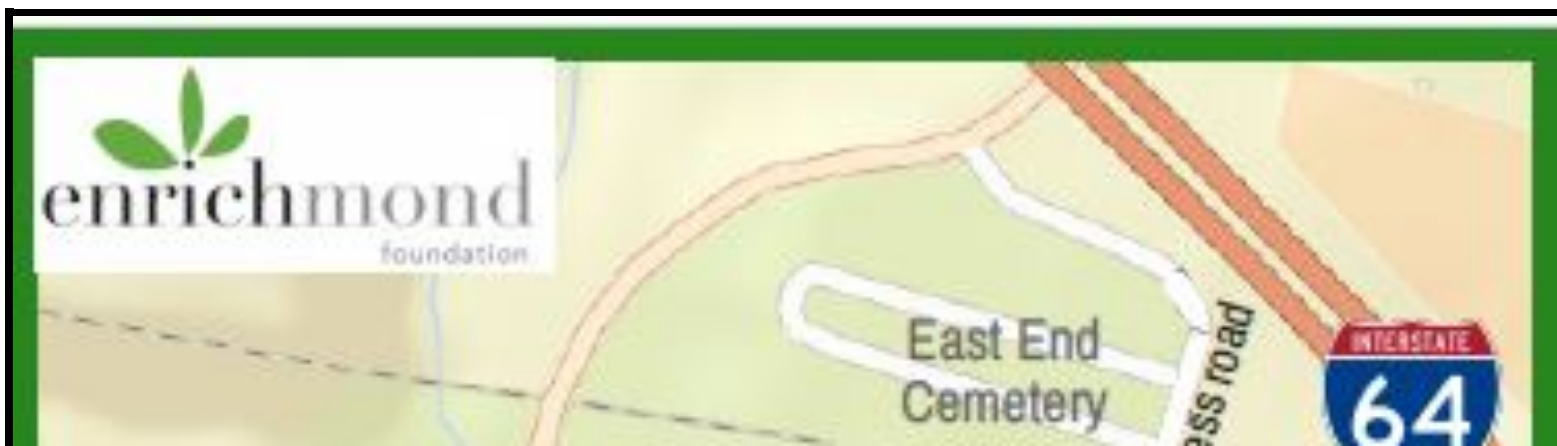
EVERGREEN CEMETERY TOUR



Ted Maris-Wolf
Historic Evergreen
Cemetery Caretaker
Tour: 6:15 pm
Tuesday, April 16

Location:
50 Evergreen Rd.
Richmond, 23223

Map of Cemetery Location Below





Address: 50 Evergreen Rd, Richmond, VA 23223

Directions from I-64

- Exit 193: East Nine Mile Road
- Turn right on Evergreen Road
- Turn left onto cemetery access road
- Continue until you reach the white entrance pillars

TREELAB TOUR



Aaron McFarland

TreeLab Manager

Tour: 6:15 pm

Tuesday, April 23

TreeLab Location:

622 Forest Lawn Dr., 23227

AERIAL VIEW

of TreeLab location below



Volunteer Now for the Big Yard Sale at the University of Richmond

NOW is the time to volunteer for the fantastic Big Yard Sale at University of Richmond! This recycling effort involves a huge volunteer team that starts now to collect and sort items discarded by students as they leave campus--all in preparation for the

Big Yard Sale on May 18. It's a great example of reduce/reuse/recycle!

Last year's Big Yard Sale was a great success in every way -- diverting good stuff from the landfill, donating leftover items to Goodwill Industries, meeting other volunteers, and generating over \$15,000 shared by FOJG and the University of Richmond (UR). Proceeds benefit educational programs at the University of Richmond as well as the Sierra Club's Falls of the James Group.

In 2018, we successfully transitioned the sale from Millhiser Gym, which is being re-purposed into a training facility, to the concourse in front of Robins Stadium, a space one third smaller than the Millhiser Gym. Because of the smaller space we now presort goods during Early Collection to minimize sorting needed on Collection Day. Here are the important dates:

- **Phone Banking:**
 - April 1-30 (calls to members & former volunteers)
- **Scouting and Presorting:**
 - Saturday, April 27th to Saturday, May 11th
- **Sale Week**
 - Monday, May 13th: Collection Day
 - Tuesday, May 14th: Sorting
 - Wednesday, May 15th: Final Sorting
 - Thursday, May 16th: Finishing odds & ends
 - Saturday, May 18th : Public sale (7:30AM to noon) and Cleanup (noon to 2 PM)

Collection Day, Monday, May 13th, is our biggest volunteer day, as eighty volunteers are needed to begin organizing in the sale space.

Volunteer [HERE](#) for Phone Banking & Presorting (before May 11)
Volunteer [HERE](#) for the BYS Week (May 13-May 18)

When you click the link, registration forms describe the various tasks that you can volunteer for. Read the task description and then scroll down to select tasks and times that appeal to you. You are welcome to invite a friend--please register them also.

For questions or more information, contact Gill Sigmon, our Volunteer



Photos by Tamara Smith & Mary Crutchfield

Note the site; the 2019 BYS will again be held at the Concourse in front of the UR Robins Stadium, 21 Boatwright Drive.

SAVE THE DATE:
Falls of the James Group
Annual Pot Luck & Plant Trade
Tuesday, May 21, 6-8 pm
Carillon Pavilion at Byrd Park

Celebrate after the 2019 Big Yard Sale with food, friendship and a plant trade. Bring some; take some.

- Label your food - please include if vegan, vegetarian or if contains meat product that may not be obvious
- Label your surplus individual plants with name & needs. Native plants especially welcome.
- Please bring your own reusable plates, cup, utensils and napkins.

**Volunteer at the VA Sierra Club Booth
on Monument Avenue's "Easter on Parade"**



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JOIN US AT EASTER ON PARADE!

APRIL 21 • SUNDAY • 1-5 PM
MONUMENT AVENUE

Want to Help?

Email - jessica.sims@sierraclub.org

Call - 804-366-0745

Congratulations to FOJG's Daryl Downing

Daryl Downing was recently elected as Chair of Sierra Club's Virginia Chapter. He presides over the Chapter Executive Committee which is like an all-volunteer, 20-member board of directors that reviews many tasks including spending, personnel, and political endorsements within the VA Chapter. Daryl has been an active Sierra Club volunteer for several years with the VA Chapter and the Falls of the James Group. He also serves on the board of the Virginia Conservation Network. Kudos to Daryl in his new position!

Join the Green Drinks Group

On April 18, the Falls of the James Group of Sierra Club is happy to be sponsor of Green Drinks, a monthly happy hour for all who are members of environmental organizations or who work in green occupations. The event will be at Triple Crossing Beer in Fulton, 5203 Hatcher St. 23231, from 5:30 to 7:30.

Same date, time and place: Tech4All will be holding a fundraiser, displaying the latest in clean, efficient vehicles. For more info, see <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tech4all-31-electric-vehicles-tickets-58853691977>

APRIL Calendar in Brief

* click link for details

Ap.1-May 18. **Volunteers needed** for Big Yard Sale. (see above)

Ap.6, Sat. FOJG Workday with [Bellmeade Community Clean-up*](#). 1800 Lynhaven Ave, Richmond, VA 23224. 9:30--noon.

Ap.9, Tu. FOJG meeting: Speakers John Sydnor and Staff. "Meet Enrichmond." (see above) Science Museum of VA. 7:00 pm.

Ap.16, Tu. Ted Maris-Wolf leads tour of Evergreen Cemetery. (see above). 6:15 pm.

Ap.18, Thu. [Green Drinks](#) sponsored by Falls of the James Group. Meet for drinks and conversation. Triple Crossing Beer. 5203 Hatcher St, Richmond, 23231 5:30-7:30.

Ap.21. Sun. Volunteers needed for booth at "Easter on Parade". (see above).

Ap.23, Tu. Aaron McFarland leads tour of TreeLab. (see above). 6:15.

Ap.27, Sat. [Party for the Planet](#)*. Richmond National Battlefield Park. 11:00-3:00.

For other area meetings related to the environment, see the online [calendar](#) of the Sierra Club's Virginia Chapter.

Get involved! Visit [HERE](#) to learn more about the Sierra Club's Falls of the James Group.

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FOJG Committee Structure

Communications Committee

comprises e-news, website, publicity and social media.

Conservation & Advocacy Committee

comprises conservation, legislative/political, pollinators, bike/pedestrian issues. Meets on the fourth Wednesday each month at K-Town Kitchen, 9 N 4th St., Richmond. 6:30-8:00

Membership Engagement Committee

comprises membership, programs, outings and fundraising. Meets on the last Thursday of each month.

New members are welcome. Interested? Contact Shavon:
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