



**SIERRA CLUB**  
VIRGINIA CHAPTER

FALLS OF THE JAMES GROUP

## **FOJG NEWSLETTER: May 2019**

**It's time for the  
2019 BIG YARD SALE  
at the University of Richmond  
Robins Center Concourse  
21 Boatwright Drive  
Sat., May 18 -- 8:00 am to noon**



**The Big Yard Sale is huge--thousands of items for sale.**

Look for an amazing selection:

men and women's clothing

sporting equipment

mini refrigerators

microwave items

household items

officesupplies  
kitchen items  
appliances  
books  
lamps  
linens

. . . all the things that college students accumulate but find they must leave behind. Best of all, look for great prices that you have enjoyed at this sale during the last 21 years.

This great effort saves tons of items from the landfill. Proceeds benefit the Falls of the James Group of the Sierra Club, environmental programs at UR, and Goodwill.





Photos by Tamara Smith & Mary Crutchfield

## Volunteers are needed all week -- May 13-18 to prepare for this fantastic event

Job descriptions & sign up [HERE](#).

- Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>: Collection Day (80 volunteers needed!)
- Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: Sorting
- Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>: Final Sorting
- Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>: Finishing odds & ends
- Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> : Public sale (7:30AM to noon) and Cleanup (noon to 2 PM)

As you will see, the positions we need most help with are

**Cashier Assistant** ( May 17-18)

**Cart pusher** ( May 13). This means moving items from parking lot

into stadium using large carts.

**Transportation** (May 13). This means RIDING in a UHaul to help the driver collect things on campus.

Join the Reduce/Reuse/Recycle team! The many volunteers who make it happen find this is a terrifically rewarding job because they can see immediate, satisfying results for their efforts!

## **FOJG Spring Picnic: Pot-Luck and Plant Exchange**

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 pm

Byrd Park, Carillon Picnic Shelter

(See map below.)

All FOJG members and volunteers are invited to our annual Spring Picnic including a pot luck supper, plant exchange and lots of camaraderie as we celebrate our 2018-19 program year.

- Bring a dish to share. Label it with its name and please state whether it is vegetarian, vegan or if it contains meat products that may not be obvious. (And bring a serving spoon.)  
Appetizers, mains, sides, desserts are all welcome.
- Bring your own reusable plates, cup, utensils, and napkins. FOJG will provide water, ice and soft drinks. (Alcohol not permitted in the park.)
- Bring your extra plants to trade: bring one, take one; or bring five, take five. You could even take one or more (we usually have extras) without bringing any. Please pot or bag each plant separately for ease of exchange and label it if possible. Native plants especially welcome.

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# MAP TO CARILLON PICNIC SHELTER



## 2019-20 Programs Announced

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are at 7:00 pm  
at the Science Museum of VA

**September 10, 2019** -- A panel of journalists, including Jeremy Lazarus with the *Richmond Free Press* and Mechelle Hankerson with *The Virginia Mercury*, will present “Environmental and Social Justice Issues: From

## Pipelines to the Richmond Coliseum”

**October 8, 2019** – Election Special! Come hear updates on legislative races and environmental issues.

**November 12, 2019** -- Ed Clark, President and Founder of the Wildlife Center of Virginia, will speak on the Center’s role in wildlife management in Virginia. He is host of the 13-episode TV series “Untamed,” which began May 2 and is airing on WCVE and WHTJ each Thursday at 9:00 pm. Be sure to tune in!

**December 12, 2019** -- FOJG Holiday Potluck Dinner, 6:00 - 9:00 pm at Westover Station, 5047 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond 23225.

**January 14, 2020** – Dr. Todd Lookingbill from University of Richmond will review research on tide pools of the James River, geography of the James River watershed, and invasive species removal.

**February 11, 2020** – Goodwill Industries presenter Andrea Butler will explain how Goodwill recycles goods as well as talk about their unique employment program. A tour of a Goodwill store will be scheduled at a later time.

**March 10, 2020** – Bill Shanabruch from Reedy Creek Environmental, LLC, will discuss the use of native plants and conservation landscaping for water quality. He will offer a 3-hour workshop on native plants in the fall of 2019.

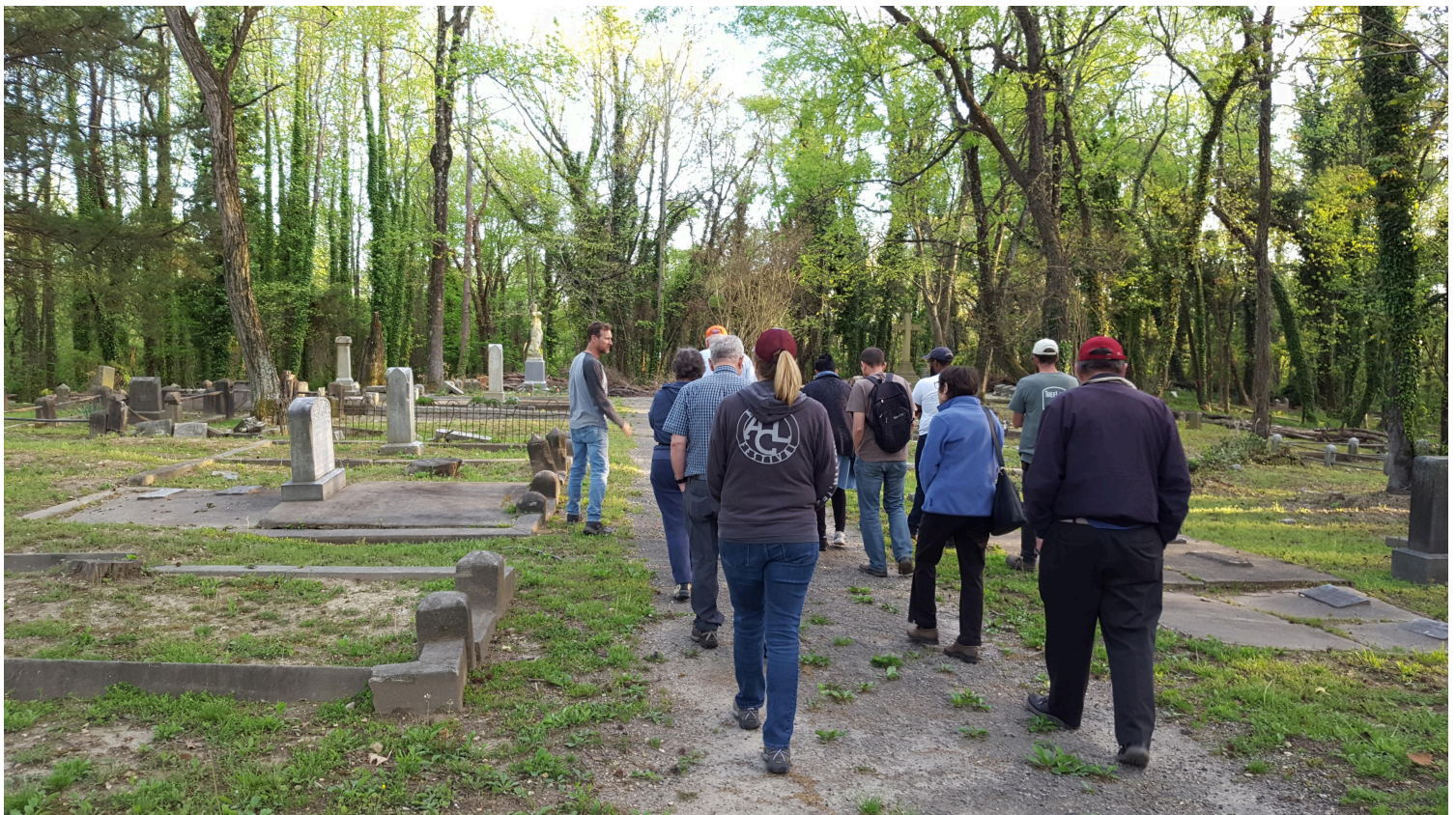
**April 14, 2020** – Jay Epstein, President/Developer/Builder of Health E Community, will introduce us to the Walnut Farm Zero Energy Ready Homes.

**May 2020** – Big Yard Sale at the University of Richmond and FOJG Picnic.

**Look for further details about FOJG’s 2019-2020 programs in the**

## Looking Back on a busy April 2019

- **Program/speaker:** Enrichmond Executive Director John Sydnor explained the organization's role in the Richmond non-profit community.
- **Two Field Trips:**
  - Historic Evergreen Cemetery Tour led by Ted Maris-Wolf and Viola Baskerville
  - TreeLab Tour led by Aaron McFarland.
- **Green Drinks:** FOJG hosted the monthly Green Drinks on April 18 at Triple Crossing Beer in Richmond.
- **Tabling at the Easter Parade:** Volunteers from FOJG helped staff the Virginia Sierra Club booth at Monument Avenue's Easter on Parade.



Walking in a tract recently cleared by volunteers, the group from FOJG noted the distinctive grave markers and learned about the lives of prominent African Americans buried at Evergreen Cemetery-- among them Maggie Walker.

photo by Shavon Peacock

**May 13-May 18. Volunteers needed** for Big Yard Sale. (see above)

**May 4, Sat.** FOJG Workday with [Bellmeade Community Clean-up\\*](#) . 1800 Lynhaven Ave, Richmond, VA 23224. 9:30--noon.

**May 18, Sat..** Big Yard Sale at University of Richmond. 8:00-noon. (see above)

**May 21,Tues.** Picnic and Plant Exchange. Byrd Park Carillon Shelter. 6:00-8:00 pm. (see above.)

**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.

**Join or donate to the Sierra Club, [HERE](#)**  
New member's special only \$15.

## **2019 FOJG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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## **FOJG COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

### **Communications Committee**

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

### **Conservation & Advocacy**

**Committee** comprises conservation, legislative/political advocacy, pollinators, bike/pedestrian issues.

### **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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