



The Carpenter Theatre



DID YOU KNOW?

The Maggie L. Walker house located at 600 N. Second St. is a National Historic Site and part of the National Park Service (which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year). The Walkers purchased the Jackson Ward home, built in 1883, in 1904. The family added several upgrades to the structure including central heating, electricity, enclosed porches, an elevator, and even expanded the structure from nine to 28 rooms, impressive remodeling for an African-American family during the Jim Crow era. The house remained in the family until NPS bought it in 1979 complete with the Walkers' original furnishings and contents.

CITY OF RICHMOND (CENTER)

Business blends with residential neighborhoods in the state's capital.

RECREATION

How many cities have Class IV rapids running right through their downtown? The James River brings an unexpected blast of nature into a city full of old buildings and history. Downtown is the place to visit the James River Park System, including Belle Isle, a great spot for biking and running. You'll find disc golf and BMX biking at Gillies Creek, while August's Dragon Boat Festival at Rocketts Landing brings heated competition and powerful paddling to the river. Take in the gardens at Maymont, then go for a spin in a paddleboat in Byrd Park.

THE VIBE

From the turn-of-the-century townhouses of the Fan to the pre-Civil War homes in Church Hill, the city's neighborhoods are walkable and bikeable, brimming with shops, restaurants and entertainment venues. Centuries-old warehouses, factories and former banks are expanding the pos-

sibilities of residential living for families, students and retirees.

SHOPPING

Tea, apparel, toys, jewelry, chocolate, wine and furniture are all for sale in the shops of Carytown, while Shockoe Slip and Shockoe Bottom offer books, furniture and artwork in converted warehouses between restaurants. Gifts and flowers can be found on Strawberry Street, and Broad Street serves the Virginia Commonwealth University area with vintage clothing, vinyl and other student-targeted goods.

ENTERTAINMENT

Richmond CenterStage is now the Dominion Arts Center. In recognition of a \$5.5 million grant from the Dominion Foundation, the new name is being applied to the East Grace Street performing arts complex, which includes the Carpenter Theatre, Rhythm Hall, Libby S. Gottwald Playhouse and the Genworth BrightLights Education Center.

LOOKING FORWARD

A statue commemorating the legacy and impact of Maggie L. Walker, a champion for civil rights and the first woman to found a bank, is scheduled to be erected on Broad Street at North Adams Street this fall. Representing a gateway to the historic Jackson Ward district, the area is also the new home of the Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia. And Stone Brewing is scheduled to open a 200,000-square-foot production brewery and distribution facility in April in the Fulton neighborhood, with Stone Brewing World Bistro & Gardens set to open a year or two after the brewery.