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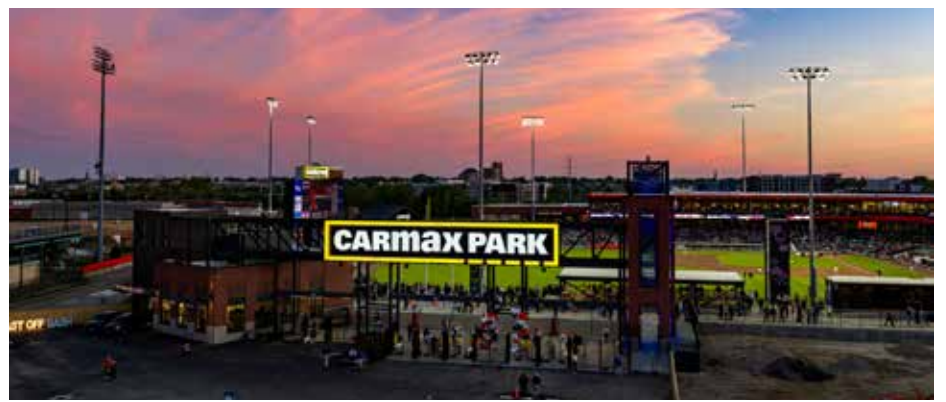
TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME


by Taylor Armstrong



If you grew up in or around Richmond, you probably have fond memories of visiting the Diamond, eating cotton candy, and enjoying not only a baseball game, but fireworks. The Diamond is no longer in use, but CarMax Park, the new state-of-the-art ballpark located at 2929 N Arthur Ashe Blvd, is now officially the home of the Richmond Flying Squirrels. It is part of the Diamond District, which will eventually include apartments, hotels, stores, restaurants, and a public green space.

CarMax Park is a family friendly ballpark and through their partnership with Bon Secours, their official healthcare partner, they are able to provide multiple spaces for families and those with young children. At the Bon Secours Base Camp & Lawn, families will enjoy a playground with structures for ages ranging from 2 to 12. The Lawn is a beautifully terraced turf



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There are twenty luxury suites at CarMax Park, perfect for entertaining families, clients, employees, or for use for a celebration. It is a year-round venue, with multiple climate-controlled spaces and the ability to host concerts, festivals, and private events. One of the most popular suites, the Atlantic Union Bank Lounge, comes with an all-you-can-eat buffet, a private bartender, and spectacular views of the ballpark.



There are multiple seating options, at differing price points, including The Lawn (no seats, but perfect for lounging with a blanket), the Woodfin Yard Club (Adirondack chairs with prime views), the Bullpen Rails, classic ballpark seating, and much more. The Patio, a multi-terraced beer garden in left field, is open to all ticket holders and is even next to the visiting team's bullpen.



With a wide variety of exciting concessions offerings, spectators can choose from BBQ plates, specialty burgers, hot chicken, burritos, and much more. They also have a couple of quick grab-and-go options, including the 804 Market. Drinks will continue to include delicious local craft beer, as well as wine, seltzers, cocktails, and Pepsi products.

CarMax Park certainly has something for everybody. We are excited to see all that it has to offer and can't wait to see the Flying Squirrels, NutZy, and Nutasha this summer.

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What Are You Doing for the Semiquincentennial?

by Steve Cook

Are you getting excited about the semiquincentennial? Even if you don't know how to pronounce it, you may know that's just a fancy way of saying it's the 250th anniversary of something. And in this case, that something is the United States, itself. How many folks or businesses do you know that ever celebrate their semiquincentennial? That's what makes this such a big deal and, obviously, no one is likely to be celebrating this one more than Virginians. Here are some of the ways you can join in.

The Event: George Washington: A Revolutionary Life

Location: Mount Vernon **Dates:** Throughout the summer

Event Details: In this immersive experience, you become a fly on the wall during important conversations as our nation was founded. As you listen to these scenes play out, learn about the challenges and experiences Washington faced throughout the presidency. Please note the exhibit officially opens in July, but visit MountVernon.org to learn how you might gain access to early previews. This exhibit is just part of what Mount Vernon has in store this summer. Again, visit the website for more details.



The Event: SAIL250*

The Location: Norfolk Harbor **The Dates:** June 12 through 23

Event Details: "Norfolk played a key role in the birth of our nation," says Kenneth Cooper "Kenny" Alexander, mayor of Norfolk. "Those who came to the new world, came by ship. We've played a key role in tall ships coming to America."

Beginning Tuesday morning, June 16, the tall ship fleet begins to arrive at Lynnhaven Anchorage on the Chesapeake Bay for this 12-day international maritime festival, which will bring more than 60 tall ships and military vessels representing 30 countries to Norfolk. The spectacular 26-nautical-mile Parade of Sail begins on Friday morning (June 19). Fifteen public viewing sites along the route will give spectators unprecedented access to this maritime spectacle. The US Navy's famed Blue Angels will conduct a flyover during the 4.5-hour Parade of Sail. For more details, visit Sail250Virginia.com.

The Event: America. Made In Virginia: 250 Years Together

The Date: July 4.

The Location: Colonial Williamsburg

Event Details: Come to think of it, America really was made in Virginia. This celebration includes live music, historical performances, and a drone/fireworks show, focusing on the past, present, and future of the United States.



This event also includes a live two-hour special, America. Made In Virginia: 250 Years Together, which will be broadcast by PBS on television and streaming platforms.



Other noteworthy events planned for the upcoming months include:

Freedom Flows on the Potomac: Celebrating 250 Years of the Virginia Declaration of Rights - June 12 - 14

Juneteenth - June 19

African Landing Day Commemoration - August 22

For more details on these and other upcoming events honoring the nation's 250th, visit VA250.org. Additionally, the Virginia Museum of History & Culture, at 428 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd. has a variety of events planned. Learn more about these at VirginiaHistory.org.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 11 @ 7 P.M.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 26 @ 5 P.M.

JAZZ IT UP, TRACKSIDE

Ashland Fourth Friday Presents the Generation Trio. This Richmond-based group's music spans the decades back through the golden age of jazz. Head to the **Ashland Town Hall Pavilion** for all the fun. (AshlandVirginia.com)



SATURDAY, JULY 4 AT 4 P.M.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

Henrico's Red, White & Lights celebration returns to **Meadow Farm**. Live entertainment on the main stage will begin at 4:15 p.m. with a performance by Big Bang Boom, a three-piece children's musical group. At 6 p.m., pop singer Deau Eyes will take the stage, The Richmond Symphony's performance will begin at 8:15 p.m.. The laser-light show will begin around 9:30 p.m. It will not include fireworks. (Henrico.gov)



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