

# RIC INSIDER



**RICHMOND**  
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



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The internal newsletter created by and intended for members of Team RIC.

## **NONSTOP** TO THE **Holidays**



### **Holiday Cheer Lands in the Terminal**

It's that time of year! Join us for Nonstop to the Holidays, Richmond International Airport's (RIC) December extravaganza featuring live music, pop up shops, and (of course) festive decorations.

RIC is going all-in on the holiday cheer this season with more decorations than ever before. Local musicians and vendors will be bringing their best to the airport throughout the entire month.

#### **PERFORMANCES**

Tues. 2nd: 10:30A  
Wed. 3rd: 10A  
Fri. 5th: 10A & 1P  
Wed. 10th: 11A  
Fri. 12th: 1:30P  
Mon. 15th: 10A  
Tues. 16th: 10:30A  
Thurs 18th: 3P

#### **POP UP SHOPS**

Wed. 3rd  
Thurs. 4th  
Fri. 5th  
Wed. 10th  
Thurs. 11th  
Fri. 12th  
Wed. 17th  
Thurs. 18th  
Fri. 19th

## Winter Weather Awareness Week

As temperatures drop in the Commonwealth, Virginia Winter Weather Awareness Week (December 8-12) serves as an important reminder for travelers and airport staff alike to stay prepared for the season ahead. Each year, the National Weather Service highlights this week to help communities understand winter hazards and the steps we can all take to stay safe.

Please visit the [National Weather Service website](https://www.weather.gov) for more information.



## Thanks for a Great P.O.W.E.R. Forum!



The 5th Annual P.O.W.E.R. Forum is in the books! For this special anniversary, the forum reflected on the event's evolution over the years and its role in shaping regional economic development. The event also gave business owners the opportunity to hear from expert speakers, meet new business partners, learn about procurement opportunities, and more.

A HUGE thank you to all who dedicated their time and efforts to making this the best P.O.W.E.R. Forum ever. See you next year!

## Just the Numbers - New September Record!



### RIC to SJU in 2026!

Next year, we're heading to the Caribbean! **JetBlue Airways** has announced new nonstop flights to San Juan, Puerto Rico (SJU), providing a convenient trip to paradise from Virginia's Capital Region.

"Today marks a notable expansion for the Richmond region as we announce our first-ever nonstop service to San Juan with longtime customer favorite JetBlue," said Perry J. Miller, Ph.D., A.A.E., I.A.P., president and CEO of Richmond International Airport.

"This new route opens meaningful opportunities for visiting friends and relatives and for leisure travel, while strengthening cultural and educational ties between Richmond and Puerto Rico. We look forward to seeing this vibrant connection grow."



Service to SJU begins March 26. Operating three times weekly on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, this route will whisk travelers away to a seemingly endless coastline, vibrant culture, and culinary exploration available in Puerto Rico.

For more information about this new nonstop destination, [visit our website](#).





## Joy Takes Flight

Richmond families are invited to take to the skies—literally and imaginatively—at this year's Joy Takes Flight, a festive community celebration taking place on December 13th from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at RIC.

Joy Takes Flight, an event presented by [The Society Inc. Chickahominy River Women](#), [Delaware North](#), and RIC, is packed with holiday cheer, hands-on fun, and inspiring youth performances. Children can enjoy arts and crafts, a cookie-making bakery, youth performances, and a cheerful sing-along show. Magical rides to the North Pole will be available, as well as special gifts and a community feast.

Beyond the holiday magic, Joy Takes Flight also brings learning to life. The event features an engaging STEAM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) designed to introduce children to the inner workings of an airport in a simple, accessible way. Participants will use a mock boarding pass and passport to “travel” to a new country, meet airport and aviation professionals, and experience how real-world science and engineering keep airports moving.

Combining celebration, creativity, education, and community, Joy Takes Flight promises a memorable day of discovery and delight for families across Richmond! **Registration is FREE.**

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT**



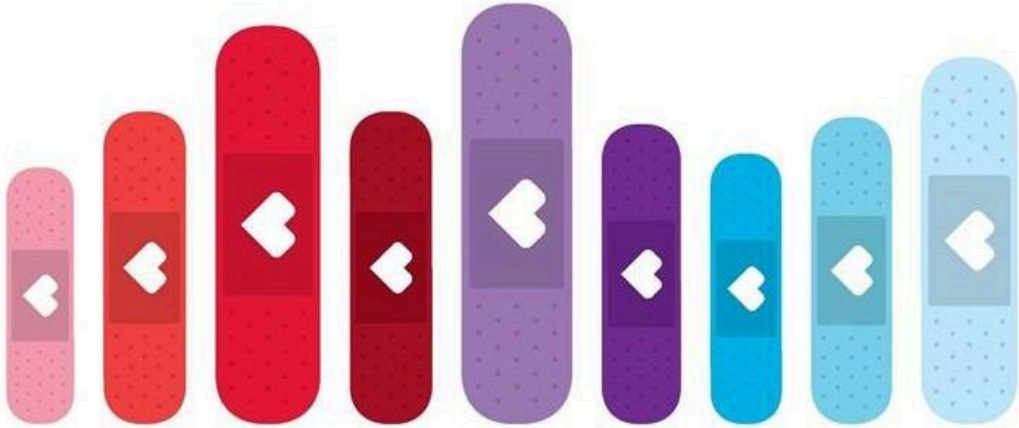
## You Named RIC's *Travel Companions*!

We asked, and you answered. In 2026, our state flower and tree, the dogwood, will be sprouting at the airport in the form of a 24-foot-tall sculpture accompanied by three hummingbirds. A naming contest on our social media platforms determined the names of these birds: Henry, Hollywood, and Hummie Mae!

This new artwork, entitled *Travel Companions*, comes from [Matthew Mazzotta](#) dba Social Space, LLC, with landscape improvements designed by [Reichbauer Studio Landscape Architecture](#). The flowers, birds, and petal benches will be made of steel armatures and painted fiberglass. The sculpture will be located between our North and South garages, providing an artistic flair at the entrance of RIC.

Thanks for helping our new friends take flight!

# Get a **FREE flu shot** with most insurance\*



On Thursday, December 11, get a free flu shot at RIC! A certified immunizer with CVS Pharmacy will be on-site in the South Rear Ticketing Conference Room from 9 a.m.-3p.m. Participation is free with most insurance plans.

For questions, contact (804) 226-3076. Take advantage of this quick and easy opportunity to access vaccinations to help you stay healthy this holiday season!

**REGISTER NOW**

## Important Dates

<b>December 2-18</b>	Nonstop to the Holidays Performances ( <a href="#">select days</a> )
<b>December 3-19</b>	Nonstop to the Holidays Pop Up Shops ( <a href="#">select days</a> )
<b>December 5</b>	<a href="#">RVA Illuminates 2025</a>
<b>December 6</b>	<a href="#">Dominion Energy Christmas Parade</a>
<b>December 11</b>	<a href="#">Free Flu Shots</a> : 9A-3P, South Conference Room
<b>December 13</b>	<a href="#">Joy Takes Flight</a>
<b>December 24</b>	Christmas Eve
<b>December 25</b>	Christmas
<b>January 1</b>	New Year's Day

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