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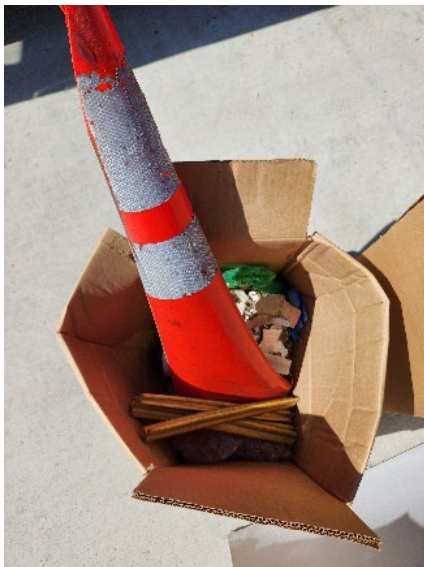
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A Message from Toni Bastian, Richmond Region Tourism Visitor Center Manager

Richmond Region Tourism is eagerly anticipating the arrival of the 2024 Wheelchair Basketball Nationals takeover! Starting today, our vibrant region will play host to 100 teams and more than 1,200 wheelchair basketball players who will be competing for prestigious national titles during two incredible events. Please join Richmond Region Tourism in our commitment to extending first-class hospitality and creating a welcoming environment for all teams and participants as they arrive at RIC.

FOD Awareness and Prevention Day

by Dereck Tingfah, Operations Manager



Each year during the week of Earth Day, RIC hosts FOD Awareness and Prevention Day. FOD (Foreign Object Debris) includes any object found in an inappropriate location that can damage equipment or injure aircraft or airport personnel. The resulting damage has been estimated to cost the aerospace industry \$4 billion a year; earlier this year, the engine on a Boeing 737 caught fire as the result of bubble wrap that had been ingested into the engine.

FOD Day 2024 will be Thursday, April 25 with the FOD Walk kicking off at 09:00. The goal is to promote good housekeeping, FOD prevention strategies, and best practices to reduce hazards. Airport staff join with tenants and stakeholders in a "FOD walk" around the Air Carrier Ramp to remove foreign object debris. The event doubles as an opportunity to do a spring clean-up by collecting larger items for disposal and sweeping hard-to-get areas around the building. The FOD Walk also includes a scavenger hunt! Several rubber ducks will be hidden around the ramp and prizes will be awarded to the participants who find them. FOD Day is capped off with a hot dog cookout to thank participants for their efforts. See you there!

Itinerary: Important Dates

- April 5-7 NWBA Junior Wheelchair Basketball National Championships
- April 9 Richmond Flying Squirrels Opening Night
- April 12-14 NWBA Adult Wheelchair Basketball National Championships
- April 25 FOD Awareness and Prevention Day
- May 4 ¿Qué Pasa? Festival



February 2024

327,906

15.0 million lbs.

7,973

+ 8.2%

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-4.6%



2024 NWBA National Championships

by Toni Bastian, Richmond Region Tourism Visitor Center Manager

The 2024 Adult and Junior Division Wheelchair Basketball National Tournaments are coming to RVA! These tournaments will be held over the first two weekends in April, taking place at the state-of-the-art Henrico Sports & Events Center. The event is hosted by National Wheelchair Basketball Association, Sportable, Richmond Region Tourism, and the Henrico Sports & Entertainment Authority. [Visit Sportable's website for more information on the NWBA National Championship.](#)

In collaboration with [VisitAble](#), [Richmond Region Tourism](#) proudly sponsored Disability Awareness and Inclusion Training for the Airport Commission. This initiative aims to ensure that all visitors, including those with disabilities, feel welcomed and accommodated during the NWBA Championships. Through this training, commission staff received valuable insights and tools to enhance accessibility and inclusivity for individuals with disabilities. Richmond Region Tourism and Team RIC are dedicated to fostering an environment where everyone, regardless of ability, can fully participate and enjoy their travel experience.



Team RIC Saves Lives!

Congratulations Team RIC! **30 donations** were collected at our blood drive last week, which can save up to **90 lives!** Thank you for your generous contributions.

People

Do you have a co-worker who deserves to be recognized for embodying our core values? [Fill out this form](#) to nominate them for their workplace success and outstanding customer service.



YEARS OF SERVICE



Adrian Young
Primeflight Aviation
RIC General Manager

Congrats to Adrian for his retirement after 42 years in the transportation industry!

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