

# RIC INSIDER



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

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## RIC Spring Cleaning on the Ramp

by Dereck Tingfah, Airport Operations Manager, Capital Region Airport Commission

In celebration of Earth Week, Foreign Object Debris Prevention and Awareness Day (F.O.D. Day) took place on Thursday, April 24. F.O.D. Day is an annual event coordinated by Airport Operations where dozens of Team RIC volunteers lend a hand to perform a F.O.D. Walk, scouring the parking apron around the terminal and removing any potential hazards. **Team RIC collected more than 70 lbs of foreign object debris over the course of 1 hour!**



F.O.D. costs the global aviation industry upwards of \$22 billion annually in direct and indirect costs. F.O.D. Day brings together members of the airport community with the objective of promoting F.O.D. awareness and prevention strategies.

Team members from the Capital Region Airport Commission, American Airlines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, GAT Airline Support, Hudson Group, RVA Flyers Flight School, Altria Client Services, United States Postal Service, and the Transportation Security Administration participated in this year's F.O.D. walk. Thanks for the help, Team RIC!

## One of Team RIC's Own Is a Virginia Green Travel All-Star!

RIC's long-tenured Environmental Services Manager, Paul Barksdale, has a lot to celebrate. Following his recent retirement after 20 years with the Capital Region Airport Commission, Paul has earned the Virginia Green Travel Alliance All-Star Award based on the following accolades:

- Leader in establishing a viable recycling program at RIC.
- Spearheaded initiative to get funding for co-located recycling containers
- Helped drive green initiatives to prepare for the 2015 World Cycling Championships
- Worked with vendors/staff to expand recycling
- Promoted the Virginia Green Travel brand to other airport businesses

Congrats, Paul! Learn more about RIC's environmental commitment [here](#).



## What Do You Want to See in RIC Insider?

Do you have ideas for content for our biweekly newsletter, *RIC Insider*? Complete the quick poll [at this link](#) or the QR code to the left and let your voice be heard!

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395,919



19.8 million lbs.



8,650

-4.2%

+4.8%

+4.7%

## Small Business Week Pop-Up Shops at RIC!

The Capital Region Airport Commission proudly celebrates the contributions of Virginia SWaM businesses, and this May, we're showcasing them at RIC! During Small Business Week (May 5-9), the airport is hosting daily pop-up shops from 7 a.m.- 3 p.m. in RIC's upper-level connector, displaying everything these businesses have to offer.

If you have questions regarding this event or doing business with RIC, please contact [supplierdiversity@flyrichmond.com](mailto:supplierdiversity@flyrichmond.com).



## Nonstop to West Palm Beach with Breeze

Goodbye layovers, hello sunshine! West Palm Beach, Florida has been added to RIC's ever-growing portfolio of destinations. This luxurious destination in southeastern Florida provides another nonstop option to the Sunshine State's Atlantic coast, courtesy of [Breeze Airways](#).

Twice-weekly flights from RIC to Palm Beach International Airport (PBI) with Breeze start on September 5. West Palm Beach is now on your doorstep, thanks to the convenience of a quick, nonstop flight from Richmond.

For more information regarding this new service, [visit our website](#).

## A Fresh Look for Our EasyPark Shuttles

Our EasyPark compressed natural gas (CNG) shuttles are sporting new wraps! Each vehicle has a different design, showcasing RIC's ever-expanding offering of destinations. Be on the lookout for these spiffy new looks as the shuttles make their rounds!



## Itinerary: Important Dates

April 30 & May 1

**Benefit Fair (Commission employees only)**

4/30: South Conference Room, 5 a.m.- 10 a.m.

5/1: South Conference Room, 10 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

May 3

[¿Qué Pasa? Festival](#)

May 3-4

[Arts in the Park](#)

May 5-9

[Small Business Week Pop-Up Shops](#)

May 11

**Mother's Day**

May 15

**Full-Scale Emergency Response Exercise**

May 16-18

[Dominion Energy Riverrock](#)



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