

Mother's Day House & Garden Tour

On May 8 the Museum District will showcase its attractions with the 17th Annual Museum District Mother's Day House & Garden Tour. Money raised will help fund neighborhood projects, including a revitalization on the median of Roseneath Road.



Museum District.

The Museum District: Art, shopping and dining, a short walk from home

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For a neighborhood that's more than a century old, Richmond's Museum District has a young name.

The 249-acre area – which runs south from West Broad Street to Cary Street and east from North Thompson Street to both sides of the Boulevard – had been known variously as Benedictine, West of the Boulevard and the Upper Fan before getting a new name just 10 years ago.

"The West of the Boulevard Civic Association" — as it was then known — "changed the neighborhood's name because the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the Virginia Historical Society were the area's centerpieces, and the new name identified the area geographically," said Jon Bailles, president of the Museum District Association.

The area's changes don't stop with its name, though. Neighborhoods are dynamic records of change, and the Museum District is no exception. It has mirrored Richmond's growth, from boasting a few farmhouses to hosting an emerging neighborhood more than 100 years ago.

