



DECEMBER 2025

# cityscene

## Celebrate the Season IN FAIRFAX CITY

### Santa's Ride, through Dec. 8

Drop off new, unwrapped toys, books, and games at the City of Fairfax Police Station (lobby open 24/7). Officers deliver these gifts to children in hospitals and to other charitable organizations.

### Sherwood Center GIVING TREE

#### Giving Tree, through Dec. 12

Fairfax City Parks and Recreation Department partners with Fairfax City Public Schools to assist families in need. Gift cards, monetary donations, Amazon Wishlist purchases, and wrapping supplies will be accepted through Dec. 12. Info: [fairfaxva.gov/givingtree](http://fairfaxva.gov/givingtree), 703-385-7978

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### Breakfast With Santa, Dec. 13

Join Santa and his helpers for Breakfast with Santa from 8-11 a.m. Dec. 13 at Fire Station 3. Enjoy pancakes and sausages, tour the station, and take pictures with Santa. Cost is \$10 for ages 10 and older, \$5 for kids age 4-9, and free for kids age 3 and younger. Proceeds support the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department.

### Toys for Tots, through Dec. 19

Drop off new, unwrapped toys at Fire Station 3 and 33 through Dec. 19. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots distributes toys to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas.



### A Warm Gesture

We're collecting handmade hats and scarves for those in need this winter season. Please bring finished handmade items to City Hall. Donations accepted 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays through Feb. 13. Info: 703-273-6097 [Christine.Vincent@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:Christine.Vincent@fairfaxva.gov)



Join us for the annual Fairfax Holiday Market in Old Town Square. Shop and enjoy holiday activities such as holiday music, hot drinks, gourmet treats, and more! Dec. 5-7, 12-14. Fridays: 5-8 p.m. Saturdays: noon-6 p.m. Sundays: noon-5 p.m.

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Enjoy free cider, s'mores, crafts, and live entertainment at Old Town Square from noon to 6 p.m. on Dec. 6. Shop for unique gifts at the Holiday Market. Take photos with Santa and join the tree lighting ceremony and caroling at 5:30 p.m.

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# CITY NEWS

## Holiday Closure and Service Information

**Friday, Dec. 5,**

### **Employee Recognition Luncheon**

- Closed from 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m.: City government offices
- Closed at 11 a.m. for the day: DMV Select services
- Closed from 11 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.: Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center
- Closed all day: Historic Blenheim
- Open all day: General District Court, Green Acres Center, Sherwood Community Center

**Wednesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve**

- Closed at noon: City government offices
- Closed all day: DMV Select services, General District Court, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, Historic Blenheim
- CUE Bus: Regular service ending at 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day**

- Closed: City government offices, DMV Select services, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, General District Court, Historic Blenheim
- CUE Bus: No service

**Friday, Dec. 26**

- Open: City government offices
- Closed: DMV Select services, General District Court, Historic Blenheim

**Wednesday, Dec. 31**

- Open: City government offices, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center
- Closed: DMV Select services, General District Court, Historic Blenheim

**Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026,  
New Year's Day**

- Closed: City government offices, DMV Select services, General District Court, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, Historic Blenheim
- CUE Bus: No service

## Holiday Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

- Dec. 24: Regular service
- Dec. 25: No service

- Dec. 26: Thursday and Friday routes collected
- Jan. 1, 2026: No service
- Jan. 2, 2026: Thursday and Friday routes collected

*There may be delays in yard debris collection during the holidays.*

*Please leave material at the curb.*

*Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "Refuse Holiday"), 703-385-7837*

## Real Estate Tax, Stormwater Utility Bills, Dec. 5

City of Fairfax real estate tax bills, with the stormwater utility fee, are due Dec. 5. If you pay real estate taxes directly and do not receive a tax bill, call 703-385-7900.

## Real Estate Taxes: Payment Options

View Fairfax City real estate and personal property tax information and e-payment options in the city's tax portal at [fairfaxva.gov/mytaxes](http://fairfaxva.gov/mytaxes). Payment may be made by credit card or PayPal (includes a convenience fee) or e-check (free). Mail your payment or drop it off at City Hall in a 24/7 secure drop box in the circular driveway on Armstrong Street. Info: 703-385-7900

## Interest-Free Loans Available for Tax Payments

City residents may apply for interest-free loans to pay real estate taxes through the Taxpayer Assistance Program (TAP). Borrow \$250 - \$15,000 and repay monthly for six to 10 months. Apply in person at the Treasurer's Office in Fairfax City Hall. There is a 7.5% application fee. Info: [fairfaxva.gov/tap](http://fairfaxva.gov/tap), 703-385-7900

## Tax Relief Available

Fairfax City provides real estate tax relief options to qualified senior citizens and homeowners with disabilities. Additionally, disabled veterans (or their surviving spouses) may be eligible for real estate tax exemptions on their principal residences. Applications are due April 15, 2026. Info: [fairfaxva.gov/government/finance](http://fairfaxva.gov/government/finance), 703-359-2486

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- CityNews** (news and videos)
- CitySchools** (CloseUp)
- Sustainability** (environmental sustainability)
- CityArts** (arts, performances, concerts)
- CityPD** (arrests and crime reports)
- Transportation** (transportation projects and news)
- Museum** (exhibits, programs)

## Curbside Leaf Collection, Through Dec. 31

Fairfax City provides curbside leaf collection in neighborhoods that receive city refuse collection service. Please rake leaves loose to the curb by Dec. 24. Bagged leaves are not collected during this time. Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "trash"), 703-385-LEAF

## Compost Center Open 24/7

Make the holidays even brighter: dispose of food waste and organic decorative items at the Fairfax City Composting Center. Drop off organic decorations such as pinecones and cut flowers, spoiled food, turkey bones, pizza (and oily pizza boxes), and more. Remove ornaments from your organic décor. Info: [fairfaxva.gov/composting](http://fairfaxva.gov/composting)

## City Earns Distinguished Budget Award

The city's fiscal year 2026 annual budget earned the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 32nd consecutive year. This is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and reflects the commitment of both the governing body and staff to the highest principles of sound financial management. The city also received special recognition for the Capital Improvements Program section of the budget for the third consecutive year.



# COUNCIL REPORTER



## PLEASE NOTE

Summaries have been edited. To read the full Council Reporter, visit [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) and click on "City Meetings" or scan the QR code at left.

## COUNCIL ACTIONS OF OCT. 14, 2025

### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Mayor Catherine Read presented proclamations acknowledging October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and National Disability Employment Awareness Month and honoring Didlake, Inc., on its 60th anniversary; and acknowledging Oct. 15 as Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day in the City of Fairfax.
- Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department presented a check for \$250,000 to the city toward the refurbishment of the tower ladder truck that is part of the FY 2026 CIP.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, consideration of the Sept. 30, 2025, regular meeting minutes, and the Oct. 7, 2025, special meeting minutes.
- Approved, unanimously, scheduling a public hearing on a proposed resolution requesting that the General Assembly amend the city charter relating to the levy of the transient occupancy tax; the election of the mayor, the members of the city council and, by implication, the members of the school board; and compensation of members of boards and commissions.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Held a public hearing for consideration of a special use permit to allow expansion of government use, in a joint redevelopment agreement between the city and Fairfax County, for a health and community center at 3740 Blenheim Blvd.

- Approved, 4-3, to approve a request by the City of Fairfax to allow expanded government use in the RM residential medium zoning district, with conditions. (In favor: Councilmembers Amos, Bates, Hardy-Chandler, and Mayor Read. Opposed: Councilmembers Hall, McQuillen, and Peterson.)
- Approved, 4-3, the request of City of Fairfax for two special exceptions to allow a modification for required side yard and reduce the amount of required parking spaces pursuant to shared parking, in the RM district, with conditions. (In favor: Councilmembers Amos, Bates, Hardy-Chandler, and Mayor Read. Opposed: Councilmembers Hall, McQuillen, and Peterson.)
- Approved, 4-2, the request by the City of Fairfax for a certificate of appropriateness, with conditions. (In favor: Councilmembers Amos, Bates, Hardy-Chandler, and McQuillen. Opposed: Councilmembers Hall and Peterson.)

- Approved, 4-3, to the request by the City of Fairfax for a special use permit to allow expanded government use in the RM residential medium zoning district, with conditions. (In favor: Councilmembers Amos, Bates, Hardy-Chandler, and Mayor Read. Opposed: Councilmembers Hall, McQuillen, and Peterson.)
- Approved, 4-3, to the request by the City of Fairfax for two special exceptions to allow a modification for the required side yard and to reduce the amount of required parking spaces in the RM district, with conditions. (In favor: Councilmembers Amos, Bates, Hardy-Chandler, and Mayor Read. Opposed: Councilmembers Hall, McQuillen, and Peterson.)
- Approved 4-2, the request of the City of Fairfax for a certificate of appropriateness at 3740 Blenheim Blvd., with conditions. (In favor: Councilmembers Amos, Bates, Hardy-Chandler, and McQuillen. Opposed: Councilmembers Hall and Peterson.)

### PUBLIC HEARING

Held a public hearing for consideration of a special use permit to allow expansion of government use, in a joint redevelopment agreement between the city and Fairfax County, for a health and community center at 3750 Blenheim Blvd.

- Approved, 4-3, to the request of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for a special use permit to allow government use in the RH residential high zoning district, with conditions. (In favor: Councilmembers Amos, Bates, Hardy-Chandler, and Mayor Read. Opposed: Councilmembers Hall, McQuillen, and Peterson.)
- Approved, 4-3, the request of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for seven special exceptions to allow an increase in lot coverage, an increase in maximum building height, a modification for required yards, the reduction of required parking spaces, an increase for signage, and an increase in building coverage in the RH district, with conditions. (In favor: Councilmembers Amos, Bates, Hardy-Chandler, and Mayor Read. Opposed: Councilmembers Hall, McQuillen, and Peterson.)
- Approved, 4-3, the request by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for a certificate of appropriateness, with conditions. (In favor: Councilmembers Amos, Bates, Hardy-Chandler, and Mayor Read. Opposed: Councilmembers Hall, McQuillen, and Peterson.)
- Approved, 4-3, to the request by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for a special use permit to allow expanded government use in the RH residential high zoning district, with conditions. (In favor: Councilmembers Amos, Bates, Hardy-Chandler, and Mayor Read. Opposed: Councilmembers Hall, McQuillen, and Peterson.)
- Approved, 4-2, the request of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for seven special exceptions to allow an increase in lot coverage, maximum building height, a modification for required yards, reduced number of required parking spaces, increased signage, increased building cover, and a decrease of

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10-year tree canopy requirements in the RH district, with conditions. (In favor: Councilmembers Amos, Bates, Hardy-Chandler, and McQuillen. Opposed: Councilmembers Hall and Peterson.)

- Approved 4-3, the request of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for a certificate of appropriateness, with conditions. (In favor: Councilmembers Amos, Bates, Hardy-Chandler, and Mayor Read. Opposed: Councilmembers Hall, McQuillen, and Peterson.)

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 66 pertaining to the treatment of accumulated contributions for non-vested participants.
- Approved, unanimously, to defer action to Oct. 28, 2025, on the ordinance amending City Code Chapter 54 pertaining to a prohibition on the possession, carrying, or transportation of firearms, ammunition, or components or a combination thereof, in city buildings or facilities, on public property, or at certain public events.

## COUNCIL ACTIONS OF OCT. 28, 2025

### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Mayor Catherine Read presented proclamations acknowledging: November as National Family Caregiver Month; Nov. 8-15 as World Kindness Day; Edwin Gonzalez for 32 years of service to the city; and Civic Connections graduation.

### ACTIONS OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

- Approved, unanimously, the appointment of Melanie R. Zipp as acting city manager of Fairfax City as of Nov. 1.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, adoption of the agenda with changes: rescheduled the discussion regarding revised city council rules and procedures to Nov. 18; and the addition of tasks to agenda item 10b to be listed as agenda item 10c.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, consideration of the minutes of special meetings for Oct. 13, 2025, and Oct. 14, 2025; and the minutes of the regular meeting on Oct. 14, 2025.
- Approved, unanimously, Introduction of an ordinance authorizing and approving a deed of easement between the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County Water Authority for the installation, construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of one or more water mains and appurtenances thereto on certain city-owned property (Tax Map No. 48-4-01-000-C and 48-4-01-003).

### PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, unanimously, a resolution requesting the General Assembly to amend the City Charter: pertaining to the transient occupancy tax; pertaining to the election date for the mayor, members of the city

council, and members of the school board; and pertaining to the compensation of members of boards and commissions.

### ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, 4-2, that the city council adopt the resolution to deny the request for nine special exceptions at 10300 Willard Way because the proposal is not consistent with the purpose and intent of the zoning ordinance and the comprehensive plan. (In favor: Councilmembers Amos, Hall, McQuillen, and Peterson. Opposed: Councilmembers Bates and Hardy-Chandler.)
- Approved, 4-2, that the city council adopt the resolution to deny the request for a certificate of appropriateness at 10300 Willard Way because the proposal is not consistent with the applicable provisions of the City Code or the City of Fairfax design guidelines; and because the proposal does not exhibit a combination of architectural elements, including design, line, mass, dimension, color, material, texture, lighting, landscaping, roof line, or height conforming to accepted architectural principles or exhibit external characteristics of demonstrated architectural aesthetic durability. (In favor: Councilmembers Amos, Hall, McQuillen, and Peterson. Opposed: Councilmembers Bates and Hardy-Chandler.)
- Approved, unanimously, that the City Council enact the ordinance as presented, amending City Code Chapter 54 pertaining to a prohibition on the possession, carrying, or transportation of firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof, in city buildings or facilities, on public property or at certain public events, with the following amendment: to enact an early effective date of January 1, 2026.
- Approved, unanimously, to amend the main motion to amend the ordinance as presented to: move to amend the main motion to amend the ordinance as presented to: Request that our police department, by the end of the calendar year, provide to the City Council a recommendation on how to close capacity gaps within the department for the collection, analysis, and reporting of crime and safety risk information for the city to support ongoing monitoring, evaluation, and updating. this includes but is not limited to firearms issues and city events; Request that the police department and our Department of Health and Human Services, by the end of the calendar year, explore how they might partner to instill stronger preventive measures for citizens who may be particularly at risk of committing crimes and to report back to the council on possible recommendations; Request, by the end of the calendar year, that the city attorney, in combination with appropriate departments and city staff, bring back options on how we might close the loophole for gun carry on the grounds of City Hall. \*Please note that upon further discussion, the above requests were amended to within 90 days instead of by the end of the calendar year. During the discussion of the future list, a date of Feb. 3, 2026, was selected for the follow-up discussion.



5 MINUTES WITH...

## CORY RALSTON

ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR,  
PUBLIC WORKS STREET DIVISION



In 2006, I started as a laborer in the water division and learned a lot about municipal utilities and service. Over the years, I advanced in the Public Works Department, working as an equipment operator for the utilities department, ultimately becoming an assistant supervisor in the storm drainage division.

I manage a crew of six people who split their time between maintenance, rehab, and construction of in-house storm drain projects. I develop solutions to improve drainage and replace or install assets such as storm drain catch basins, culverts, and drainage ditches. My division responds to emergency calls and works 12-hour shifts during snow and storm-related events.

I'm always excited for upcoming projects because I can put my problem-solving mind to work and get my

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## Urban Forest Master Plan Update

For the last 18 months, the City of Fairfax has been preparing its first-ever Urban Forest Master Plan, a document to help guide the protection, regulation, care, and management of the city's trees and forests over the next 20 years. The plan's goals, objectives, strategies, and actions are shaped by community input and guidance from staff and city boards and commissions. The draft plan will be reviewed by the planning commission and the city council.



### Next Steps

- Dec. 2: City Council Work Session
- Dec. 8: Planning Commission Work Session
- Jan. 26: Final Urban Forest Master Plan presentation to the Planning Commission
- Jan. 27: City Council public hearing and council action on adoption  
Dates are subject to change.

Info: [engage.fairfaxva.gov/urbanforestmasterplan](https://engage.fairfaxva.gov/urbanforestmasterplan)



### Boost Your Business



## FAIRFAX CITY

BUSINESS MARKETING GRANT

The Business Marketing Grant program connects locally owned businesses with marketing experts, providing them with tools and strategies to stay competitive, enhance their visibility, and drive long-term success. A total of \$25,000 is awarded across at least five businesses.

Info: [gofairfaxcity.com/business-assistance/incentives-grants](https://gofairfaxcity.com/business-assistance/incentives-grants)

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## ABOUT OLLI MASON

The nonprofit OLLI Mason is affiliated with George Mason University and the national Osher Lifelong Learning network. OLLI provides classes, trips, and other social activities for more than 1K active learners ages 50+. More than 500 college-level courses covering a broad range of subjects are offered each year. Programs are presented in-person at the Fairfax campus, at satellite sites in Fairfax County, and online.

OLLI Mason is planning a special program of classes and activities in 2026 to commemorate the **250th anniversary** of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the Independence of the United States.

[olli.gmu.edu](https://olli.gmu.edu)



# MAKING History

## "Founding Frenemies,"

through Dec. 8

Explore how Alexander Hamilton's relationships with Virginians helped shape the character of the United States, its founding institutions, and patterns of civil discourse still felt today. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center. Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov, search "Frenemies"*

## "The Cold War," Dec. 8 – Jan. 9

Examine some of the major events of the Cold War. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center. Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov, search "Cold War"*

## Tours through Christmas Past, Dec. 6, 13

Tour the city's oldest residence (1807) and learn how holiday celebrations evolved through the eras of the house. Noon-2 p.m. Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House. Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov, search "Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer"*

## Victorian Christmas with Santa & Mrs. Claus, Dec. 7

Meet Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, make Victorian ornaments to take home, and tour the historic Blenheim house. Noon-3 p.m. Historic Blenheim. Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov, search "Victorian"*

## HELPING HANDS

### THE CITY NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**Board of Building Code Appeals** (four vacancies: one mechanical or plumbing vacancy, one architect vacancy, one fire protection vacancy, and one for city resident); **Board of Zoning Appeals** (one vacancy for city residents); **Commission on the Arts** (two vacancies for city residents); **Continuum of Care Board** (one vacancy for city resident); **Environmental Sustainability Committee** (three vacancies for city residents); **Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board** (one vacancy for city resident); **Fairfax County History Commission** (one vacancy for city resident); **Grievance Panel Board** (five vacancies for city residents); **Historic Fairfax City, Inc.** (two vacancies for city residents); **Human Services Committee** (one vacancy for city resident); **NOVA Parks** (two vacancies for city residents); **Planning Commission** (two vacancies for city residents).

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hands dirty. One of my favorite projects was designing and building the plumbing system for our snow and ice pre-treatment brine-making and storage system at the Property Yard.

I enjoy turning challenges into "problems solved" that make the job easier for future employees and improve life for city residents. I lead my crews safely and efficiently on every project, sharing tips and techniques I've learned along the way to help them grow professionally and get the job done right.



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## We Need Your Feedback!



Help shape the future of recycling and waste reduction in Fairfax City — share your experiences and ideas with us today!

Take 10 minutes to complete the survey to help shape the future of trash, recycling, and waste reduction in the City of Fairfax. Residents who complete the survey will be eligible to win a prize valued at \$50.



Scan QR code to complete the survey now!



ONLINE: [engage.fairfaxva.gov/trash](http://engage.fairfaxva.gov/trash)



BY PHONE: 703-385-7837

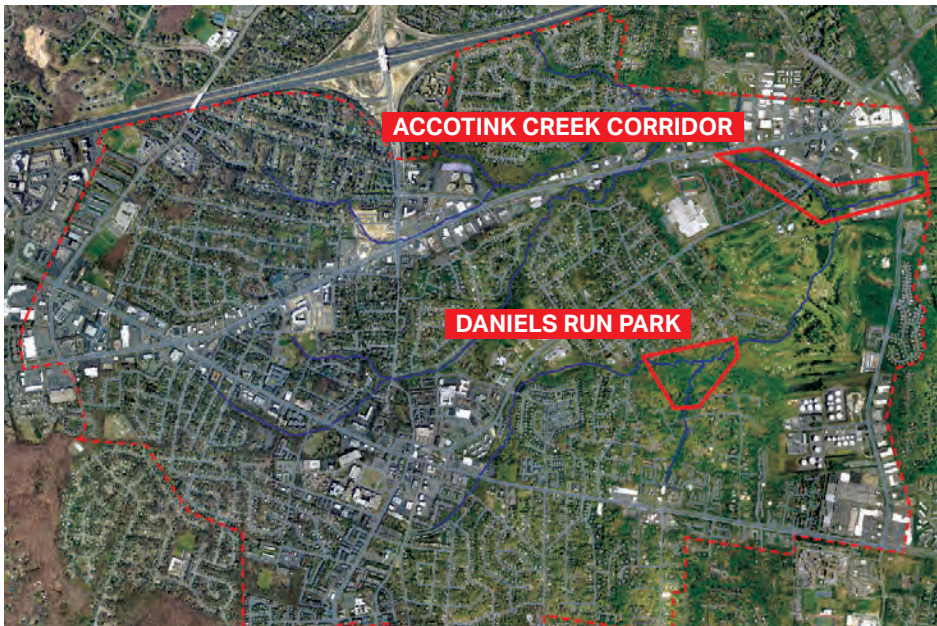
# FAIRFAX CITY MINI ART MACHINE

## ROLLING CALL FOR ARTISTS!

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# City Begins Exploring Two Potential Stream Restoration Projects



Learn more about stream restoration at [fairfaxva.gov/streamrestoration](https://fairfaxva.gov/streamrestoration)

Fairfax City is located within the Chesapeake Bay watershed and is required by law to reduce pollutants that will negatively impact the bay. The city is experiencing more frequent and intense storm events. The stormwater runoff produced by these storms erodes creek beds and stream banks, releasing pollutants downstream such as sediment, phosphorus, and nitrogen. Stream restoration is the city's primary method to reduce these pollutants.

Streams in urbanized areas must be managed to protect public and private property and infrastructure. Restoring streams now is an investment in the city's future and allows the city to meet its water quality obligations. The city has successfully completed four stream restoration projects (Tusico Branch phases 1 and 2, Daniels Run, and Stafford Drive Stream), and two more potential projects have been identified.

The city completed a comprehensive assessment of the Accotink Creek in 2024 and identified seven locations for potential stream restoration projects. Staff presented the

seven options with community feedback to the city council last July. The city council directed staff to move forward with preliminary engineering on two sites. Preliminary designs will focus on hydraulic efficiency, pollutant reduction credit return, saving trees, and minimizing impacts to the floodplain.

## Daniels Run Park

The goal of this project is to restore three-quarters of a mile of degraded stream within Daniels Run Park. Of the seven potential locations identified, stream segments in this area have the highest potential for water quality improvements.

The first step is to gather data to determine the Chesapeake Bay pollutant reduction credit potential, which is used to decide whether the project is a feasible candidate for stream restoration. The credit potential also determines whether the project can qualify toward Stormwater Local Assistance Fund grant funding. A preliminary design will be shared in late 2026.

## Accotink Creek Corridor

This potential project comprises nearly a mile of the Accotink Creek, from Fairfax Boulevard to Pickett Road. Many properties along this stream corridor would benefit from a project to reconnect the stream to the floodplain. The city was awarded a Community Flood Preparedness Fund grant to evaluate removing sediment underneath roadway bridges and the effects of stream restoration on the floodplain throughout the corridor. The results of the study will be presented to the city council and shared with the community in late 2026. A decision will be made whether to proceed with preliminary engineering based on the feedback.



**Decorate a cookie and grab a photo with Santa Dec. 13! Pre-registration is required. Purchase tickets at City Hall, Sherwood Center, Green Acres, or online. Cost is \$6 per child. Sessions are at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**

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## ARTSCREEN: "KNIVES OUT"

7 p.m. Dec. 5. Sherwood Center.

Free admission and refreshments.

Sponsored by the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts. (PG-13)

## BONITA LESTINA OLD TOWN HALL PERFORMANCE SERIES:

James Fernando Trio

8 p.m. Dec. 12. Sherwood Center.

Free jazz! Sponsored by the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts.

## CITY OF FAIRFAX THEATRE COMPANY:

### "A BACKSTAGE CHRISTMAS"

Dec. 12-21. Katherine Johnson

Middle School. \$30/adult; \$15/child.

Written and directed by Ellen Dean Price.

## MAIN STREET COMMUNITY BAND: "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"

4 p.m. Dec. 14. Fairfax High School.

Free. Get tickets at [fairfaxband.org](http://fairfaxband.org).

Bring canned goods for the food drive.

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FAIRFAX CITY

## CITY OF FAIRFAX BAND: "CHRISTMAS IN FAIRFAX"

7 p.m. Dec. 20.

Fairfax High School. Free.

Get tickets at [fairfaxband.org](http://fairfaxband.org).

The City of Fairfax Band and the Fairfax Choral Society perform an evening of holiday music.

Look for Santa!

Sponsored by the Gingrich Foundation.

## FUNDAY MONDAY

10:30 a.m. Mondays.

Sherwood Center.

Free. Geared toward preschoolers.

Schedule and details:

[fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts](http://fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts)

## FAIRFAX ART LEAGUE EXHIBIT AND SALE

8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, except holidays. City Hall.