



# Cityscene

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What's Happening in the City of Fairfax



## Business NEWS

### Get Ready for Restaurant Week March 4-10

Food enthusiasts and restaurant owners both can find ways to participate in the 2018 Fairfax City Restaurant Week March 4-10.

Restaurant Week celebrates the city's diverse dining scene and offers an excellent opportunity to dine out with friends, family, and neighbors, while supporting the Fairfax City restaurant community, Northern Virginia's next must-visit dining destination.

Participating restaurants will offer a \$35 three-course dinner menu, a \$20 three-course lunch/brunch menu, and dine-in specials. Additional thematic layers of entertainment will include social media contests, government official "meet and greets," local product features, Meet the Maker events, charitable giving, live entertainment, and drink pairings.

Diners are encouraged to join the conversation: when posting about Fairfax City Restaurant Week on social media, use #TakeABiteOfFairfaxCity. On Facebook, check out "Fairfax City Restaurant Week."

The Fairfax City Economic Development Authority, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, has commissioned Fairfax City-based Fifth & Main PR, with Shamrock Solutions Group and Tam + Flo, to promote and facilitate the program. Information: 703-385-7851, [www.fairfaxcityrestaurantweek.com](http://www.fairfaxcityrestaurantweek.com), [fairfaxcityrestaurantweek@gmail.com](mailto:fairfaxcityrestaurantweek@gmail.com).

If you're new to the city, welcome!  
Call 703-385-7800  
for new resident information.

## Indulge at Fairfax's Chocolate Lovers Festival February 2-4



See schedule on page 4!

## City Joins National 'HEAL' Initiative to Support Practices and Policies for Healthy Living

The City of Fairfax has joined the HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign to support and encourage Fairfax residents and businesspeople to lead healthier lives. Information: 703-385-7858.

As part of the HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign, the Institute for Public Health Innovation provides free training, support, and technical assistance to municipal leaders to create local government policies and practices that improve access to healthy foods and physical activity in communities in Maryland and Virginia. HEAL helps cities analyze

current policies that impact healthy living, suggesting ways to update city policies and practices to increase access to healthy eating and active living, and update administrative procedures to help make healthy choices the easy choice for municipal employees.

In 2018, the city will offer suggestions on how to increase fitness and activity levels, seek partnerships with city businesses to promote health and fitness, and more. Look for HEAL tips in the *Cityscene*, and watch for HEAL programs and activities from the Parks and Recreation Department.



## Holiday Schedule: George Washington's Day February 19

- City government offices closed
- Recycling Center closed
- General District Court closed
- Fairfax Museum open
- CUE Bus on modified weekday schedule
- Refuse and recycling are not collected — Monday and Tuesday routes collected on 2/20

## Keep Your Dog Street-Legal With a 2018 Dog License

Dogs age 4 months and older who live in the City of Fairfax must be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. Dogs must have a 2018 license tag by February 1 — or be in violation of City Code (and owners will be subject to a fine).

To obtain a license from the Treasurer's Office, owners must present a valid rabies certificate for each dog and, if applicable, neutered/spayed certificate from the dog's veterinarian.

City dog licenses cost \$5 per year for spayed/neutered dogs and \$10 per year for unaltered dogs. Multi-year licenses are available. Information: 703-385-7900.

## City Holds Monthly Animal Adoption Events; Next is February 17



Find a new forever animal friend with the help of the City of Fairfax Animal Control and Animal Shelter.

The city holds animal adoption events from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month at Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Highway.

The next event will be held February 17; look on the city website to find out what animals will be available for adoption at the event. Information: 703-385-7919.

Can't wait? Don't wait! Meet adoptable animals from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays at Town & Country Animal Hospital, 9836 Fairfax Boulevard.

Visit the city website to view photos and information about animals currently available for adoption. On the home page, click on "How Do I..." and choose *Adopt ... a Pet*.

## Vendor Applications Accepted for City Events

The City of Fairfax seeks applications for vendors at city events. Food vendors are sought for Derby-Q, Rock the Block, and Independence Day activities. Craft and food vendors are sought for Fido Fest, Fall Festival, and the Holiday Craft Show.

Applications are due March 16 and are available on the city website. Information: 703-385-7858.

## Safe Home Ranks Fairfax #2 Safest City in Virginia

The City of Fairfax is the second safest city in Virginia, according to statistics analyzed by Safe Home, a home security resource.

SafeHome calculates a Safety Score for cities in the nation with populations of 21,000 or more. Among factors evaluated are the FBI's UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) program, the city's crime trends, and demographic metrics correlated to crime (including population density, population

trends, unemployment rate, median income, education level, etc. ).

Information: 703-385-7855.

## Secondary School Students Eligible for Free Bus Pass

Middle school and high school students who live in and attend school in the City of



Fairfax and Fairfax County may travel for free on CUE Bus and Fairfax Connector with a pass available through their schools.

For information, parents should contact school administrators. Parents of home-school students should email [taitaliano@fcps.edu](mailto:taitaliano@fcps.edu) or call 703-446-2000.

## Donations Sought for Children's Coats

Join the City of Fairfax Fire Department in Operation Warm: providing new winter coats for local children living in poverty. City firefighters will personally fit each child with a new coat.



Financial donations are accepted at [www.operationwarm.org/fairfaxcity](http://www.operationwarm.org/fairfaxcity) and Operation Warm, P.O. Box 822431, Philadelphia, PA 19182-2431; if paying by check, please write "Local 2702" in the check's memo line.



## Green Acres Fitness Center Open For Public Use; Membership Available

Keep that New Year's resolution to get your workout on at the Green Acres Fitness Center, 4401 Sideburn Road. Pick up a fitness pass — for a month or a year — or just drop in for a workout at your convenience.

Use the equipment and facility on your own or purchase sessions with a personal trainer for an additional fee.

Fitness center hours for the general public are 5-9 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Fitness passes cost \$15 a month or \$96 a year, or drop in at a cost of only \$5 per day. Members must be age 16 or older.

Senior Center members may use the center for free; please check hours of use. Information: 703-273-6090.



## A Blast from the Past

# City of Fairfax Regional Library Turns 10

On January 26, 2008, hundreds of library lovers joined librarians with library carts in a parade through Old Town Fairfax for the grand opening of the new building.



## 2017 Business Recycling Report Due Online by March 1

City business owners are asked to electronically submit their annual business recycling report to the city by March 1 using a form on the city website. The report details actual or estimated weight or volume of recycled materials provided by recycling vendors.

Commercial property owners who provide recycling services for their tenants must submit the information on behalf of those tenants.

Business owners who have received permission from the city to use the city's recycling center for this purpose must submit a report with an estimate of their recycling amounts.

Home-based businesses do not submit reports because their information already is included in the city's annual municipal recycling report.

The report must be completed online. Free computer services and Internet access are available at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street.



## Budget Review Launches February 27

Help the Mayor and City Council determine the city's financial priorities by participating in the annual budget review.

The review begins when City Manager Bob Sisson presents the proposed budget during the February 27 City Council meeting. The discussion continues until the Mayor and City Council adopt the final budget on Wednesday, May 2.

The budget is a detailed description of how taxpayer money is spent. It explains the city's goals, proposed programs, and activities for that fiscal year.

After the presentation, the proposed budget document will be available on the city website, and a limited number of print copies will be available. Information: 703-385-7870.

### Budget Review Schedule

- February 27: proposed budget presentation
- March 6: Staff presentations to City Council and community outreach
- March 13: public hearing; consideration of real estate tax rate
- March 27: public hearing; work session
- April 3: work session
- April 10: introduction of rates for commercial and industrial property tax, wastewater
- April 24: real estate tax rate public hearing, work session
- May 2: public hearing; budget adoption

*Meetings and work sessions are held at the City Hall Annex and televised on Cityscreen-12; see page 5. Schedule subject to change.*

## Refund Requests for Prepaid 2018 Real Estate, Personal Property Taxes Accepted Through May 2

City residents and business owners who pre-paid 2018 city taxes in 2017 may request a refund of the pre-paid amount.

Refund requests must be submitted in writing by May 2, when the City Council is scheduled to adopt the fiscal year 2018-19 budget. In most cases, the city will process refund checks within three weeks of the request. Information: 703-385-7900.

To request a refund, please provide the following information to the city via email at [prepayrefunds@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:prepayrefunds@fairfaxva.gov): date paid, amount paid, amount to be refunded (if different than amount paid), payment method, taxpayer name, account address, category of tax prepaid (*real estate and/or personal property*), and real estate or personal property account number.

## Receive Refuse/Recycling Service Announcements Via Fairfax City Alert

Find out about refuse and recycling service changes and scheduled closures of the city Recycling Center via Fairfax City Alert, the city electronic message alert system.



Subscribers create and maintain their own accounts. To enroll, click on the "Fairfax City Alert" link at the top of every city Web page, or visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert).

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

## Volunteer to Serve on a City Board or Commission

Live life connected in the city by volunteering on one of the city's dozens of boards and commissions. Make your mark by giving of your time.

If you have an interest — community appearance, municipal planning, history, arts, environmentalism and sustainability — chances are, there is a city or regional board or commission you can join.

Check out the current vacancies (*below, right*) or visit the city website to find out more about the various boards (on the home page, click on *Volunteer Opportunities*). Information: 703-385-7935.

## Lateral Repair Assistance Available to Eligible Customers

The City of Fairfax has a program to assist eligible property owners with the cost of wastewater lateral repairs. Information: 703-273-6239.

Funds are provided from a self-sustaining escrow account supported by customers with a charge added to their wastewater bills: \$18 per year for single-family, townhouse and duplex property owners; and \$36 annually for owners of apartment and condominium buildings; hotels and motels; and commercial or industrial facilities.

Eligibility is based on demonstrated need and meeting program requirements: substantiation of reasonable cost and city-approved installation that meets city plumbing code requirements. *Excluded from this program are repairs caused by root infestation, blockage removal, and owner's abuse or fault, and repairs within private property.*

Reimbursement may include:

- up to \$5,000 for replacements from dwelling or business unit entirely to the main;
- up to \$2,500 for repairs or replacements only within the right-of-way; and
- up to \$2,500 for repairs or replacements only within the private property and only for the entire length.

Property owners are encouraged to seek sufficient insurance coverage for water and wastewater damage and repairs.



# Chocolate Lovers Festival Schedule of Events

**Text CHOCOLATE to 888777  
to receive festival updates!**

## Friday, February 2

*Liquid Chocolate Tent: Chocolate Libations (all ages)*—6-8 p.m., Old Town Square  
*Musical Chocolate with Beau Soir* — 8 p.m., Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center

## Saturday, February 3

**The Chocolate Express runs between festival event sites from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday.**

*Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale* — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fire Station 3  
*Fairfax Host Lions Club free eye screenings* — 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Fire Station 3  
*Child Fingerprinting* — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Historic Fairfax Court House  
*Historic Records and Archives* — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Historic Fairfax Court House  
*Taste of Chocolate* — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (*doors close at 4:30 p.m.*), Old Town Hall  
*Chocolate Challenge and Silent Auction* — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 10427 North Street  
*Life Safety Puppet Show* — 10:15 a.m., noon, City of Fairfax Regional Library  
*Harley Eye Candy Photos* — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library  
*The Chocolate Caper Mock Trial* — 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m., Historic Fairfax Court House  
*Cake Walk* — noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., Old Town Square  
*So You Think You Are Smarter Than a Lawyer?* — 12:30 p.m., Historic Fairfax Court House  
*Liquid Chocolate Tent: Chocolate Libations (all ages)* — 1-6 p.m., Old Town Square  
*Chocolate-Dipped Tales with Kaydee Puppets* — 2 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library  
*Be Our Valentine! Music with Cody + BJ!* — 3:30 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library  
*Open House and Exhibits* — Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Legato School, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Ford House, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. • Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House, noon to 4 p.m.

## Sunday, February 4

**The Chocolate Express runs between festival event sites from 11:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.**

*Chocolate Challenge and Silent Auction* — noon to 4 p.m. (*silent auction bidding ends at 2 p.m.*), 10427 North Street  
*Taste of Chocolate* — noon to 4 p.m. (*doors close at 3:30 p.m.*), Old Town Hall  
*Construct a Cupcake* — noon to 3 p.m., Twins ACE Hardware  
*Life Safety Puppet Show* — 12:30 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library  
*Cake Walk* — 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., Old Town Square  
*Chocolate-Covered Fairy Tales* — 2 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library  
*Jonathan Austin — Magic + Juggling* — 3:30 p.m., City of Fairfax Regional Library  
*Open House and Exhibits* — Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Legato School, noon to 4 p.m. • Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House, noon to 4 p.m.

*Schedule is subject to change. Some events require a fee, and other events are free to all visitors. Visit [www.chocolatefestival.net](http://www.chocolatefestival.net) for an event map and information on parking, costs and more.*

**Information: [www.chocolatefestival.net](http://www.chocolatefestival.net) • 703-385-7858**

## Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

Application deadline for the following vacancies is February 28:

- Board of Architectural Review (two vacancies for city residents)
- Board of Equalization (two vacancies for city residents)
- Board of Zoning Appeals (two vacancies for city residents)
- Commission for Women (one vacancy for city resident)
- Commission on the Arts (three vacancies for city residents)
- Community Appearance Committee (two vacancies for city residents)
- Fairfax Alcohol Safety Action Program Policy Board (one vacancy for city resident)

*Applicant interviews are schedule with the City Council once a month on a Tuesday evening. Unless otherwise noted, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year and be a registered voter at their current address. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Apply online: from the city home page, click on "Volunteer Opportunities," or click on "City Clerk" in the "Government" section. Vacancies are subject to change. Information 703-385-7935.*



# CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

## Where to Find Cityscreen-12

- Verizon FiOS: Channel 12
- Cox Communications: Channel 12
- City website (live from homepage)

## The Fairfax Scene



Through February 14, get winter weather tips and learn about the city's snow removal process.

Beginning February 15, enjoy highlights of from this year's Chocolate Lovers Festival and the 10th anniversary of the City of Fairfax Regional Library.

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm

Archived online: "special programming"  
Available on city's YouTube channel

## Emergency Preparedness



This series presented by the Office of Emergency Management, focuses on many aspects of emergency preparedness.

10 am, 7 pm on days when meetings/replays are not scheduled

Archived online: "special programming"  
Available on city's YouTube channel

## Encore!



Encore music performances.

Daily: 4 pm

Available on city's YouTube channel

## School Board



Monday, February 5, 7:30 pm, LIVE  
replays:

Tuesday, February 6, 10 am

Thursday, February 8, 10 am, 7 pm

Monday, February 19, 10 am, 7 pm

Tuesday, February 20, 10 am, 7 pm

Thursday, February 22, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived February 6



## City Council

Tuesday, February 6, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays:

Wednesday, February 7, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, February 9, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, February 10, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, February 11, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online February 7



Tuesday, February 13, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays:

Wednesday, February 14, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, February 16, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, February 17, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, February 18, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online February 14



Tuesday, February 27, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays:

Wednesday, February 28, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, March 2, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, March 3, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, March 4, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online February 28

## Planning Commission



Monday, February 12, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays:

Tuesday, February 13, 10 am

Thursday, February 15, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online February 13



Monday, February 26, 7 pm, LIVE  
replays:

Tuesday, February 27, 10 am

Thursday, March 1, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online February 27

## Cityscreen-12 on DVD, Blu-ray

Cityscreen-12 programs are available for loan on Blu-ray and DVD. Information: 703-385-7850, [WeCare@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:WeCare@fairfaxva.gov).

Copies of some programs may be purchased (DVD, \$15; Blu-ray, \$20).

Excerpts from city programs are made upon request (DVD, \$30; Blu-ray, \$35). Information: [Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-7803.

## Subscribe to City's YouTube Channel

Find out right away when a new video is uploaded on the City of Fairfax YouTube channel: subscribe to the channel at [www.youtube.com/CityOfFairfaxVA](http://www.youtube.com/CityOfFairfaxVA).

MEETING INFORMATION AND AGENDAS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CONFIRM PRIOR TO MEETING. CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.



# PROPOSED AGENDAS

## School Board

(Information: 703-385-7910)

### February 5 regular meeting

- Presentation of Virginia School Board Association Certificates of Appreciation to School Board members.
- Student Representative Report
- State of the School report: Providence Elementary School.

### February 26 work session

- Update of future development data.
- Review of the School Board's presentation to the City Council regarding the proposed fiscal year 2019 budget.

## City Council

(Information: 703-385-7935)

### February 6 work session — CANCELLED

### February 13 regular meeting

- No agenda items have been set.

### February 27 regular meeting

- Presentation of the city manager's proposed budget and CIP for fiscal year 2018-19.
- Consideration of approval of the Van Dyck Park Master Plan.

## Planning Commission

(Information: 703-385-7930)

### February 12 regular meeting and work session

- Discussion of the 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

### February 26 regular meeting and work session

- Discussion of the 2035 Comprehensive Plan.



# City Council Reporter

## December 19, 2017

### Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of agreements between the City and the City Constitutional Officers (the City Treasurer and the City Commissioner of the Revenue); Consideration of an award of contract to Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects to prepare a conceptual streetscape plan and streetscape standards for the historic downtown area of the City of Fairfax, and to prepare a 30% design for streetscape improvements in the right-of-way for a three-block area, henceforth referred to as the “Main Street Streetscape Design;” and Consideration of a resolution to participate in Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL) Cities Program through the Virginia Municipal League (VML). *(Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)*

### Public hearing

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 110 (Zoning) to amend portions of articles and sections contained therein, including introductory provisions, zoning map, zoning districts and regulations, site development stan-

dards, development review procedures, enforcement and penalties, and definitions. *(Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)*

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 86 (Subdivisions) to amend portions of articles and sections contained therein, including design and improvements and administration. *(Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)*

### Items not requiring a public hearing

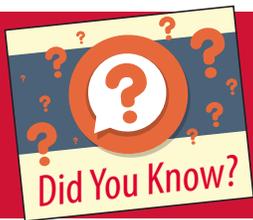
- Presentation by a representative from Cherry Bekaert of the fiscal year 2016-17 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the auditor’s communication with those charged with governance letter. *(Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)*

### Actions Out of Closed Meeting/Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Appointed: Ferdinand Hogroian to the Board of Equalization; and Clayton Austin to the Commission on the Arts.
- Reappointed: Jason Scadron to the Commission on the Arts; Adam Basinger to the Environmental Sustainability Com-

mittee; Timothy Killian to the Environmental Sustainability Committee; and Michael Lee to the Environmental Sustainability Committee. *(Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)*

- Reaffirmed the following Council appointments to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Subcommittees: Mayor Meyer, and Councilmember Greenfield (alternate), COG Board of Directors: Mayor Meyer, and Councilmember Greenfield (alternate), National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board; Councilmember DeMarco, and Councilmember Passey (alternate), Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee; Councilmember Greenfield, Region Forward Coalition; Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Schmidt (alternate), Human Services Policy Committee; Councilmember Passey, Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee; Councilmember Stehle, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee. *(Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)*



## News You Can Use

### Interest-Free Loans Available for Home Improvements

After many years of use, homes that once were modern and efficient may no longer meet the needs of their owners.

However, qualified homeowners may have an option, thanks to the non-profit City of Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation (FRHC).

FRHC, in conjunction with a local partnering bank, makes available to qualified homeowners two-year home improvement loans of as much as \$250,000 with no interest

paid by the borrower for the term of the loan.

Homeowners who are thinking about home improvements, including upgrading the residence, make it more energy efficient and “green” or modify it to age-in-place, may consider this program that can make home improvements more affordable.

Loans, which are not income-sensitive, are available for modernizing or repairing an owner-occupied single family detached home, townhome, duplex or condominium.

Homes must be at least 10 years old and display a need, such as exterior or interior deterioration, functional obsolescence or lack of amenities found in today’s new homes. The homeowner must reside at the property being renovated and must remain in the home for at least three years from the loan closing date.

As much as one quarter of the loan may be required to fund exterior improvements. Information: 703-385-2494.

# Community Calendar

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p><b>HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS</b></p> <p>City Government Information ..... 703-585-7855                  City News and Events ..... 703-273-1776                  Arts and Cultural Events ..... 703-352-ARTS                  City of Fairfax Regional Library ..... 703-293-6227                  Civil War Interpretive Center ..... 703-591-0560                  Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center ..... 703-385-8414                  George Mason University Events ..... 703-993-1000                  Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.</p>		 <p>Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in and around the city. Information: 703-993-1000, today.gmu.edu.</p>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>  <p>Chocolate Lovers Festival — see page 4                  Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>  <p>Chocolate Lovers Festival — see page 4</p>
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<p> <b>George Mason University Homecoming Week is February 4-10 — information at <a href="http://homecoming.gmu.edu">homecoming.gmu.edu</a></b></p>						
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Second Sunday: Soil Tilled by Free Men: The Formation of a Free Black Community in Fairfax County, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>  <p>Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall</p>  <p>Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>  <p>City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, City Hall Annex                  Historic Fairfax City, Inc., board meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>  <p>Friday Morning Music Club, noon, Old Town Hall</p> <p>League of Women Voters board meeting, 7:15 pm, Green Acres Center                  City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, Old Firestation #3</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>  <p>Animal Adoption Event, 11 am to 2 pm, Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Highway</p>
<p><b>18</b></p>  <p>Northern Virginia Youth Winds: Winter Concert, 3 pm, Fairfax High School</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Refuse and recyclables are not collected  <b>George Washington's Day:</b> city government offices closed; Recycling Center closed; General District Court closed; Fairfax Museum is open; CUE Bus on modified weekday schedule</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Monday and Tuesday refuse and recycling routes collected                  Commission for Women meeting, 7 pm, City Hall                  Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>  <p>Fall for the Book: Pop-Up Lit Night, 5:30 pm, 10427 North Street                  Community Appearance Committee, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Sherwood Family Movie Night: Captain Underpants, 7 pm, Sherwood Center (food donations accepted)                  Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)</p>  <p>Seth Kibel &amp; Tom Teaseley: Tiny Planet, 8 pm, Old Town Hall</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>  <p>Fairfax Art League: Art &amp; Lunch, noon, Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive                  Music in the Time of Lincoln, 2 pm, Historic Blenheim</p>
<p><b>25</b></p>  <p>Main Street Community Band: I Remember When..., 4 pm, Lanier Middle School</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>  <p>Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall</p>  <p>Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex                  School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>  <p>City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Applications due for boards and commissions — see page 4</p>			

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# City Happenings

### Washington Exhibit at Fairfax Museum Through February 19

Learn more about *Washington: The Myths and the Man* at a temporary exhibit at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. Information: 703-385-8414.

On loan from the Virginia Historical Society through February 19, the touring exhibition features original paintings and historical documents about Washington's life.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (except some holidays).

### Bonita Lestina Series Continues February 9, 23

The Bonita Lestina Performance Series continues with *The Nearness of You* featuring *Darden Purcell* February 9.

On February 23, enjoy *Seth Kibel & Tom Teaseley: Tiny Planet*.

The free concerts begin at 8 p.m. in Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. before the concert.

Information: 703-352-ARTS.

### Enjoy American History Talks February 11, 24

Find out from historians Susan Hellman and Maddy McCoy about *Soil Tilled by Free Men: The Formation of a Free Black Community in Fairfax County* at 2 p.m. February 11 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. Information: 703-385-8414.

Enjoy a film and panel discussion with historian and WETA personality Robert Aubry Davis about *Music in the Time of Lincoln* at 2 p.m. February 24 at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-591-0560.

### Pop-Up Lit Night February 22 Supports Literature, Storytelling

Enjoy a happy hour full of food, fun, literature, and storytelling with *Transformations: Pop-Up Lit Night*, a new literature and reading series beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month through April.

The next event will be held at 5:30 p.m. February 22 at 10427 North Street (across from Old Town Square). Events also will be held March 22 and April 26.

The event is sponsored by Fall for the Book, in association with the Fairfax Commission on the Arts. Information: [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org), [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov), 703-352-ARTS,

### Sherwood Family Movie Night Continues February 23

Watch *Captain Underpants* for free on February 23 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Lights go down at 7 p.m. and participants may bring their own snacks.

Additionally, the Fairfax-based nonprofit organization Britepaths will accept donations of non-perishable food from 7-9 p.m. at the Sherwood Center. A list of accepted items is available. Information: 703-385-7858.

Mark your calendar to visit the Sherwood Center to watch *Despicable Me 3* on March 23 and *Leap* on April 20.