



# Cityscene

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What's Happening in the City of Fairfax



## Business NEWS

### Woman-Owned Business is the Focus of Luncheon, Speakers March 7

Women entrepreneurs are invited to a luncheon with a speaker and discussion panel, exhibits, and a special donation center, from noon to 2 p.m. March 7 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

*Growing Your Women-Owned Business: Best Practices for Marketing and Self-Promotion* is sponsored by the Fairfax City Economic Development Authority and City of Fairfax Commission for Women, with SONA Bank, and the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. Cost is \$15 (pre-paid at <http://tinyurl.com/y7ulf4ce>) or \$20 at the door. Information: <http://tinyurl.com/y7ulf4ce>, 703-385-7851.

Amy Brandwein, award-winning chef and owner of Centrolina, will be the featured speaker. The panel will feature Kelly McLaughlan, CEO, KME.digital; Rachel Adler, business development manager, Fairfax County EDA; and Gisele Stolz, director, George Mason Enterprise Center.

A limited number of exhibitor tables are available for Fairfax City woman-owned businesses; register at <http://tinyurl.com/y7ulf4ce>. Also at the event, the non-profit organization BRAWS will accept donations of new, unopened packages of women's undergarments and menstrual supplies to be distributed to individuals in need.

If you're new to the city, welcome!

Call 703-385-7800

for new resident information.



## Take a bite of Fairfax City.

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## Budget Discussion Continues With Public Outreach March 6

### Check Out the CCR Annual Report Inside

All members of the Fairfax community are encouraged to participate in the process to review and adopt the city budget for the next fiscal year. The City Council will hold a community outreach event during its March 6 work session, and participation is encouraged throughout the process (*see schedule, right*).

Let the CCR, or *Citizen Centric Report*, help stimulate your conversation about the city budget. The four-page CCR (*included inside*) offers a graphic glimpse of city achievements during the previous fiscal year.

Copies of the proposed budget are available on the city website. A limited number of print copies are available upon request. Information: 703-385-7870.

### Budget Review Schedule

- March 6: Staff presentations to City Council and community outreach
- March 13: Public hearing; consideration of the maximum real estate tax rate to be advertised
- 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 the City Council agendas and Cityscreen-12 program schedule on page 5. Please note: this schedule subject to change. Information: [WeCare@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:WeCare@fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-7870.*

## CCR Included Inside Provides Graphic-Rich Annual Report

Turn to the center of this newsletter for the *Citizen Centric Report* (CCR), a new annual report from the City of Fairfax. This document, which will now be included in the *Cityscene* annually, provides a graphic glimpse of the city's accomplishments during the previous fiscal year. It also is available on the city website.

The CCR is intended to contribute to the city's transparency, communicating fiscal and performance details to city stakeholders in an easily digestible format. Information: 703-385-7870.



## Fairfax City Restaurant Week Set for March 4-10

Take a Bite of Fairfax during 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, and 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.

Join the conversation: on social media, use #TakeABiteOfFairfaxCity and, on Facebook, check out "Fairfax City Restaurant Week." Information: [www.fairfaxcityrestaurantweek.com](http://www.fairfaxcityrestaurantweek.com), [fairfaxcityrestaurantweek@gmail.com](mailto:fairfaxcityrestaurantweek@gmail.com), 703-385-7851.



## Tuesday Farmers Market Returns in May; Vendors Sought

*Farm to Fairfax*, a new HEAL initiative,

brings the Tuesday morning Farmers Market back to the city. The market is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays from May through September in Old Town Square, 10415 North Street.

*Farm to Fairfax* is for farmers and producers who sell only what they raise on their farms, or make from scratch. Vendors will be encouraged to use local ingredients in the creation of their products. Vendor applications are available from the Parks and Recreation Department ([ParksRec@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:ParksRec@fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-7858).

By having a producers-only market, the city hopes to increase access to locally grown foods — which, in turn, will improve the health of Fairfax's citizens while supporting local food producers and the environment.

HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign helps municipal leaders create local government policies and practices that improve access to healthy foods and physical activity. Follow *HEAL Health* for health and fitness tips and ideas. Information: 703-385-7858.

## McCarthy Named Communications Director

Michael McCarthy has been selected as the city's communications director, who will reorganize the city's marketing and communications programs. Among his responsibilities is oversight of Cityscreen-12, the *Cityscene*, social media, city website content, Fairfax City Alert, media relations, branding, and other communications services.

McCarthy has two decades of experience working in traditional and innovative communications media, including tenure at Cumulus/Modern Luxury Media, one of the largest media companies in the nation, and Manifest Digital (previously McMurry/TMG Media), one of the largest content-marketing and custom-content firms in the nation.

The city resident earned a bachelor's degree from George Mason University and a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University. Information: 703-293-7120.



## Women Back to the Future — Nevertheless She Persisted!

2 pm • March 11  
City Hall Annex



Experience a historical performance by Kate Campbell Stevenson portraying iconic women of American history: Bessie Coleman, African American aviator; Louise Arner Boyd, Arctic explorer; and Rachel Carson, scientist and conservationist. Stevenson will conclude the performance by highlighting contemporary women role models in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

*Women Back to the Future — Nevertheless She Persisted!* will be held at 2 p.m. March 11 in the City Hall Annex. The program is free and is appropriate for all ages.

This Women's History Month Program is sponsored by the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center and the Commission for Women, and the title embraces the theme of 2018 National Women's History Month. Information: 703-385-8414.

# City's Real Property Tax Base to Increase 1.92 Percent in 2018

The city's real property tax base is projected to increase by about 1.92 percent in 2018.

Equalization makes up 0.14 percent of this increase, reflecting only slightly improved market conditions in the residential sector, but also a very slight decline in the commercial sector. The remaining 1.78 percent is attributable to growth and new construction.

New residential developments, which made up the bulk of the new construction during the past year, were Mount Vineyard, The Enclave, and Mayfair.

Real estate assessment notices, which will be mailed in early March, will reflect an overall projected increase of about \$114 million in assessed value.

Residential assessments, which constitute roughly 65 percent of all assessments, will increase by about 0.45 percent overall this year, not including growth and new construction.

Existing single-family property assessments are expected to increase 0.78 percent on average, ranging from -7 percent in certain neighborhoods to as much as +6 percent in others. Residential condominiums are expected to increase 1 percent on average. Townhomes are expected to remain level with 2017 on average.

Commercial real estate assessments,

which constitute roughly 35 percent of all assessments, are expected to decrease slightly (-.42 percent).

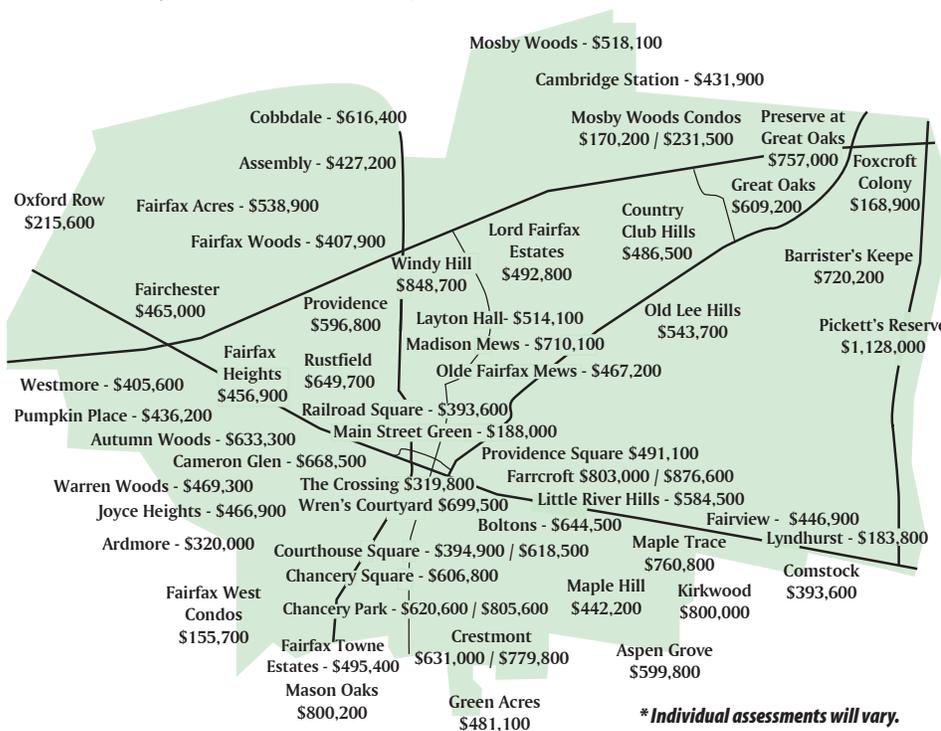
Average assessments will decline slightly for free-standing office buildings (-1.4 percent), and for commercial condominiums (-0.7 percent). Other property types are expected to remain level with 2017 on average, including retail, industrial flex/warehouse, multi-family, and vacant commercial land.

Residential development, newly constructed homes, and residential renovations have added an estimated \$106 million to the property tax base for 2018.

Revenues projected from real estate assessments are central to the city's annual budget. The City Council will set the 2018 tax rate during the budget process. The tax rate determines the amount of real estate taxes paid for the calendar year.

Real estate assessments, made each year, are effective January 1. Virginia law requires assessed value of real property reasonably reflect fair market value as indicated by recent sales, and that it be equitable with the assessments placed on comparable properties. Real estate assessment and sales information, appeal forms, instructions, and more are available on the city website. Information: 703-385-7840.

## 2018 Projected Average Residential Assessments\*



## Spring Cleanup Month Includes Leaf Collection, Street Sweeping in April

The city spruces up, and provides special services, in April for Spring Cleanup Month. Information: 703-385-7995.

**Spring Cleanup Day** — Volunteer to help the city clean up neighborhoods (or any city public area) on Spring Cleanup Day April 28. The city provides trash bags and collects the used trash bags on Spring Cleanup Day.

**Curbside Leaf Collection** — On Tuesdays in April, vacuum trucks will collect loose leaves raked to the curb in residential neighborhoods that receive curbside refuse/recycling collection. *Bagged leaves are not collected in April.* Please rake leaves to the curb by 7 a.m. on collection days: April 3, 10, 17 and 24.

**Street Sweeping** — The city sweeps residential streets on weekdays, and posts signs in neighborhoods announcing the date of the service. Please refrain from parking on-street from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on those days.

## Solid Waste Services Guide Available

Find refuse and recycling information in the *Solid Waste Services Guide*, available online and by request: 703-385-7837, [RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov).

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

FAQ

## Blue Bin?

### Glass Bottles ✓

Yes! It takes less energy to melt recycled glass than to melt more raw materials.

Recycling one bottle saves enough energy to power a television set for 1.5 hours.

Information: [www.fairfaxva.gov/recycling](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/recycling)

## Political, Other Signs: What are the Rules?

May 1 is Election Day for the City of Fairfax Mayor, City Council, and School Board, and some property owners may want to place signs on their property on behalf of candidates. Here is some helpful information about sign placement and regulations.

The City Zoning Ordinance permits political signs as temporary signs. In residential districts (including residential areas in planned development districts), signs may be no larger than 10 square feet, and up to 32 square feet in nonresidential districts. They may be placed 10 feet from property lines, or on a fence or wall.

Signs may be on display for a total of 90 days, and are typically removed shortly after Election Day.

Property owners who display signs are not required to have permits for this practice; typically, the candidate running for office or an organization distributing the signs obtain permits on behalf of those property owners. Temporary sign permit applications (and related fees) are accepted in Room 207 of City Hall Annex. Information: 703-385-7820.

## Participate in Transit Driver Appreciation Day March 18

CUE Bus riders, have you had a great experience on the CUE Bus? Is your daily commute improved by a favorite driver?

Tell the city all about it: email us at [WeCare@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:WeCare@fairfaxva.gov), tweet at us at [@CityofFFXCUE](https://twitter.com/CityofFFXCUE), post a comment on Facebook at [@CityofFairfaxVA](https://www.facebook.com/CityofFairfaxVA), or drop a note by the Transportation Office, Room 200 in the City Hall Annex.

Or simply give your driver a smile or a "thanks!" when you ride.

Share your compliments before March 18 so your drivers receive that special appreciation on Transit Driver Appreciation

Day. However, you don't have to wait: every day is the right day to share your praise or comments about your transit drivers. Information: 703-385-7859.



## Election Information

# Deadlines Approach for City Election

City of Fairfax registered voters will elect the City of Fairfax Mayor, City Council, and School Board in the May 1 Election. Here are some important deadlines related to the May 1 Election.

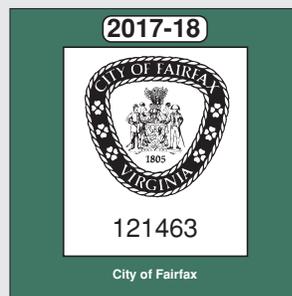
- **March 6, 7 p.m.:** Deadline for candidates to file to be on the ballot for the May 1 Election for Mayor, City Council, and School Board.
- **March 16:** Absentee voting begins for the

May 1 Election.

- **April 9:** The final day to register to vote, or update voter registration records, before the May 1 Election. Information: [www.vote.virginia.gov](http://www.vote.virginia.gov).

The Office of the Registrar is located in the Sisson House adjacent to City Hall. Full-accessibility parking is available in the upper-level parking lot closest to the building. Information: 703-385-7890.

## Don't Reposition Your Green Decal!



Virginia vehicle safety inspection stickers now are placed on the driver's side of windshields. This does not immediately affect city vehicle decals.

Do not remove or reposition current GREEN decals.

Information: 703-385-7900

## Enroll Now for the Fairfax Citizens Academy in April

Learn about city government functions and how city services are provided at the spring session of the City of Fairfax Citizens Academy.

The program consists of three Thursday evening classes and one Saturday morning tour of city facilities. Upon completion of the program, graduates are invited to receive their diploma at a City Council meeting.

Classes will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. April 12, 19, and 26 (classroom location to be announced), and the facilities tour will be

conducted from 9 a.m. to noon April 14.

Graduation will be held at the May 8 City Council meeting, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Annex.

Enrollment for the academy, which is free, is open to adults age 18 and older who work or live in the city.

Students must agree to attend all components of the academy. Attendance is limited to 30 students.

Enrollment and information: [WeCare@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:WeCare@fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-7850.

## Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

Application deadline for the following vacancies is March 28:

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

Applicant interviews are scheduled 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 March 14, enjoy highlights of from this year's Chocolate Lovers Festival.

Beginning March 15, learn more about the *Citizen-Centric Report (CCR)*.

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, March 5, 7:30 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, March 6, 10 am

Thursday, March 8, 10 am, 7 pm

Monday, March 19, 10 am, 7 pm

Tuesday, March 20, 10 am, 7 pm

Thursday, March 22, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived March 6

## City Council



Tuesday, March 6, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, March 7, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, March 9, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, March 10, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, March 11, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 7



Tuesday, March 13, 7 pm, LIVE  replays:

Wednesday, March 14, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, March 16, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, March 17, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, March 18, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 14



Tuesday, March 27, 7 pm, LIVE  replays:

Wednesday, March 28, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, March 30, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, March 31 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, April 1, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 28

## Planning Commission



Monday, March 12, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, March 13, 10 am

Thursday, March 15, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 13



Monday, March 26, 7 pm, LIVE replays:

Tuesday, March 27, 10 am

Thursday, March 29, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 27

## Closed Captioning Now Available For City Council Meetings

Cityscreen-12 now offers closed captioning for City Council meetings, which provides transcription of the audio portion of the program as it occurs. To use this function, please enable closed captioning on televisions and computers. When watching online on the city website, please click on the closed captioning icon in the viewer window.

## 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). Information: [Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:Rachael.Roth@fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-7803.

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



# PROPOSED AGENDAS

## School Board

(Information: 703-385-7910)

### March 5 regular meeting

- Student representative report.
- State of the School report: Lanier Middle School.

### March 19 work session

- Update future development data.
- Review student panel questions.
- Strategic priority review.

## City Council

(Information: 703-385-7935)

### March 6 work session

- Public outreach on the proposed budget and CIP for fiscal year 2018-19.
- City department presentations on the

proposed budget and CIP for fiscal year 2018-19: Economic Development Office, Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works Department and CUE Bus, Police Department, Fire Department, School Superintendent's Office, Human Services Office, Commissioner of the Revenue's Office, Treasurer's Office.

### March 13 regular meeting

- Public hearing on the proposed budget and CIP for fiscal year 2018-19.
- Consideration of the maximum real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2018-19 to be advertised. (This action sets the maximum real estate tax rate that can be adopted as part of the fiscal year 2018-19 budget. This action does not set the actual real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2018-19.)

### March 27 regular meeting and work session

- Consideration to receive the list of delinquent taxes from the City Treasurer in compliance with State Code, write off taxes in compliance with State Code, and consideration to publish the list of delinquent taxes.
- Public hearing on the proposed budget and CIP for fiscal year 2018-19.
- Discussion on the proposed budget and CIP for fiscal year 2018-19.

## Planning Commission

(Information: 703-385-7930)

### March 12 regular meeting and work session

- Discussion of the draft 2035 Comprehensive Plan.



Summary of City Council meeting actions. For a complete copy, or for the minutes of meetings, call 703-385-7935.

# City Council Reporter

## January 9, 2018

### Consent agenda

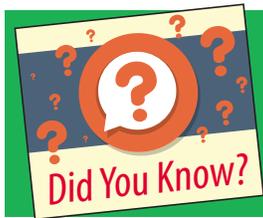
- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of an award of contract to Burgess & Niple, Inc. for on-call transportation planning and engineering services; Consideration of an award of contract to Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. for on-call transportation planning and engineering services; Consideration of an award of contract to Volkert, Inc. for on-call transportation planning and engineering services; Consideration

of an award of contract to Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP for on-call transportation planning and engineering services; Consideration of an award of contract to Bliss Products DBA Play & Park Structures in the amount of \$139,972.41 for Ratcliffe Park playground replacement project; Consideration of an award to contract A. Morton Thomas and Associates, Inc. for on-call transportation planning and engineering services; Consideration of an award to Johnson,

Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. for on-call transportation planning and engineering services.

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

- Appointed Mark Angres to the Planning Commission.



## News You Can Use

### 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.

### Improvements Slated for Front Landscaping at City Hall

Plans have been approved for a significant change to the existing landscaping on the front of City Hall.

The city will install vegetation in March and April that is more appropriate and complimentary to the original building design. This will entail the removal of most of the existing, now-overgrown, shrubs and trees. These trees cannot be successfully trimmed to appropriate size, sadly necessitating removal. Replacements will be largely native species and smaller-scaled. Information: 703-385-7850.

### City Holds Monthly Animal Adoption Events; Next is March 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 March 17. 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*.

Can't wait? Don't wait! Call 703-385-7919 to make an appointment to meet adoptable animals from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays at Town & Country Animal Hospital.

### City Among Best U.S. Cities for Quality of Life

The City of Fairfax ranks as the 10th best U.S. "county" in the nation, according to the financial news and opinion company 24/7 Wall Street. It was one of only a few independent cities in Virginia included in the list.

The ranking was created implementing the same factors as the United Nations' Human Development Index used to rank nations: educational attainment, poverty rate, and life expectancy. The city also was recognized for its median household income, ranked one of the highest in the nation. Information: 703-385-7850.

# Community Calendar

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p><b>HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS</b></p> <p>City Government Information ..... 703-385-7855                  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>2017 Business Recycling Reports due                  City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Fairfax City Restaurant Week</p> 	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Fairfax City Restaurant Week</p>  <p>Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall                  School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex</p> 	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Fairfax City Restaurant Week</p>  <p>Final day to submit candidate paperwork for the May 1 Election for Mayor, City Council, and School Board                  City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p> 	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Fairfax City Restaurant Week</p>  <p>Growing Your Women-Owned Business: Best Practices for Marketing and Self-Promotion, noon, Sherwood Center                  Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex                  Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Fairfax City Restaurant Week</p>  <p>Fairfax Art League Art &amp; Lunch, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall</p> 	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Fairfax City Restaurant Week</p>  <p>Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)                  Linn Barnes &amp; Allison Hampton, 8 pm, Old Town Hall</p> 	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Fairfax City Restaurant Week</p>  <p>Northern Virginia Ceili, 6:30 pm, Green Acres Center                  Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Mozart Requiem, 8 pm, Center for the Arts</p> 
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Second Sunday: Women Back to the Future — Nevertheless She Persisted!, 2 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall                  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                  League of Women Voters meeting, 7:15 pm, Green Acres Center</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Friday Morning Music Club, noon, Old Town Hall                  City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, Old Firestation #3</p> 	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Absentee voting begins for the May 1 Election                   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>Transit Driver Appreciation Day </p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall                  School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School</p> 	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Commission for Women meeting, 7 pm, City Hall                  Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Old Town Hall</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Community Appearance Committee, 7 pm, City Hall</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Sherwood Family Movie Night: Despicable Me 3, 7 pm, Sherwood Center (food donations accepted)                  Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)                  Marcolivia: Music of the Folk, 8 pm, Old Town Hall </p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Appraisal Event, 10 am to 12:30 pm, Sherwood Center                  Patrick &amp; Me: A Family Saga of The Underground Railroad, 2 pm, Historic Blenheim                  Polkas, Fugues and Foxtrots, 7:30 pm, Ernst Community Cultural Center, Annandale </p>
<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall                  Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex                  Evening Under the Stars, 7 pm, GMU Observatory </p> 	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>City Council meeting and work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex </p> 	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Applications due for boards and commissions — see page 4</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Fall for the Book: Pop-Up Lit Night, 5:30 pm, 10427 North Street                  Egg-streme Teen Egg Hunt (age 10-14), 8 pm, Historic Blenheim </p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Egg Hunt (all ages), 10 am, Van Dyck Park                  Fairfax Art League: Art &amp; Lunch, noon, Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive </p>

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## Bonita Lestina Series Continues March 9, 23

The Bonita Lestina Performance Series continues with *Linn Barnes & Allison Hampton* March 9. On March 23, enjoy *Marcolivia*.

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.

## Sherwood Family Movie Night Continues March 23

Watch *Despicable Me 3* for free on March 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 *Leap* on April 20.

## Senior Center Holds Appraisal Event March 24

Receive verbal appraisals from a certified appraiser on items such as jewelry, clocks, coins and more at the Young at Heart Appraisal Event from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 24 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

Cost is \$5 for admission and \$5 per appraisal (limit four). Proceeds benefit the Young at Heart Senior Center.

Information: 703-273-6090.

## Learn About America's Underground Railroad March 24

*Patrick & Me: A Family Saga of The Underground Railroad* chronicles the journey of Anthony Cohen, a fourth generation descendant of a runaway slave, as he follows his ancestor's route to freedom.

Drawing from an 1856 interview with his forbearer, Cohen carefully reconstructs the amazing life story of Patrick Sneed—a

slave of African, Jewish, Irish and Cherokee heritage—who fled from bondage in 1849 and later went on to fight in the American Civil War.

The event will be held at 2 p.m. March 24 in the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Information: 703-591-0560.

## Pop-Up Lit Night March 29 Supports Literature, Storytelling

Enjoy a happy hour full of food, fun, literature, and storytelling with *Pop-Up Lit Night*, a new literature and reading series.

Events will take place at 5:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month, and will continue through April.

The next events will be held at 5:30 p.m. March 29 and April 26 at 10427 North Street (across from Old Town Square).

*Pop-Up Lit Night* 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,