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What's happening in the City of Fairfax

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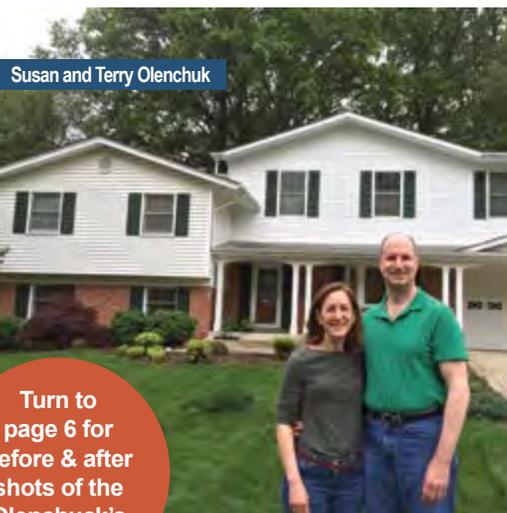
OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Home Makeover: Fairfax City Edition

Mosby Woods homeowners Terry and Susan Olenchuk loved their house, but there was one problem: It no longer fit their lifestyle. Terry explains they had a narrow 19-foot driveway that only fit one and a half cars. They also didn't have the interior and exterior space they needed.

"We didn't want to leave Fairfax City," says Susan. "We love it here. We have wonderful neighbors. The city services are awesome, and we love the Old Town area and all of the restaurants." Plus, they appreciate the city's accessibility to I-66 and Metro.

They soon learned about the City of Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation, which is a partnership between the city and Main Street Bank. The program is simple: owner-occupants of single-family homes, townhomes, condos or duplexes in the city can apply for home-improvement loans from \$10,000 to \$250,000 and pay no interest for two years. The city invests in the



Turn to page 6 for before & after shots of the Olenchuk's house

program to defray the cost of interest.

The Olenchuks transformed the exterior of their home by widening and elongating their driveway, adding a garage, building a front porch and creating a covered back patio for entertaining. The interior change was just as dramatic, as the couple added a second floor to their split-level. "Our four existing bedrooms were pretty small," says Terry. "So, we added a master-bedroom

suite with a walk-in closet and a bigger bathroom with separate vanities. We converted two bedrooms into an office for Susan and a music room for me."

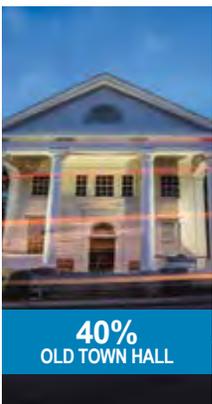
Susan is quick to note that the program application process was easy. "Everyone

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City Survey

FAVORITE FAIRFAX CITY BUILDING OR PROPERTY?

We're lucky to have so many gorgeous city-owned properties in the city. So, for this month's online survey we asked residents to name one they love the most.



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CITY NEWS

Residential Rentals: What You Need to Know

In Fairfax City, property owners may rent out their single-family home, townhouse or apartment — in part or in full — for 30 consecutive days or more. (No short-term rental is permitted in the city.) Single-family homes may have one family and up to three unrelated persons sharing the home. In owner-occupied rentals, the owner and renters must all share the common kitchen and living areas.

To establish a rental, homeowners must obtain a business license. Additionally, homeowners must obtain a Rental Occupancy Permit if the home is not owner-occupied. Apartment tenants who want to sublease their apartment should first confirm with the management company that they may do so. *More info: fairfaxva.gov, search "Rental Properties," 703.385.7820*

Graduation Celebrations

The city congratulates the Fairfax High School Class of 2019, whose commencement ceremony is at noon June 3 (3410 Rebel Run). George Mason's Fairfax campus hosts numerous commencement ceremonies in June for schools around the region. These events may affect traffic in and around the city. *Mason info: gmue.edu*



City's Annual Budget Adopted, Published July 1

The City Council has adopted the operating budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for fiscal year 2019-20. The budget will be published online July 1 at fairfaxva.gov/budget, and a limited number of printed copies will be available. *703.385.7870*

Massey Complex Community Work Session, June 6

Fairfax City community and staff are invited Fairfax County's open house regarding the design of the Massey Complex Master Plan. Fairfax County staff will present information on what's happening at the Massey Complex and encourage community input to the Master Plan options. *7-9 pm, City Hall Annex, 10455 Armstrong St.; plan info, fairfaxcounty.gov, 703.324.2331*

Democratic Primary Election, June 11

Voters may cast their ballots in the June 11 Democratic Primary Election. Polls are open from 6 am to 7 pm. Sample ballots are available at fairfaxva.gov/vote. In-person absentee voting is available from 8:30 am to 5 pm weekdays through June 7 (excluding holidays), and from 8:30 am to 5 pm Saturday, June 8. June 4 is the last day to request an absentee ballot be mailed. *Check the city website and Cityscreen-12 for local results, as available after polls close. 703.385.7890*

Animal Adoptions, June 15

Find a new animal friend with the help of the City of Fairfax Animal Control and Animal Shelter. The office holds animal adoption events on the third Saturday of the month. To see who's available for adoption at any time, visit the city home page, click How Do I, and choose "Adopt a Pet." *11 am-2 pm, Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Hwy.*

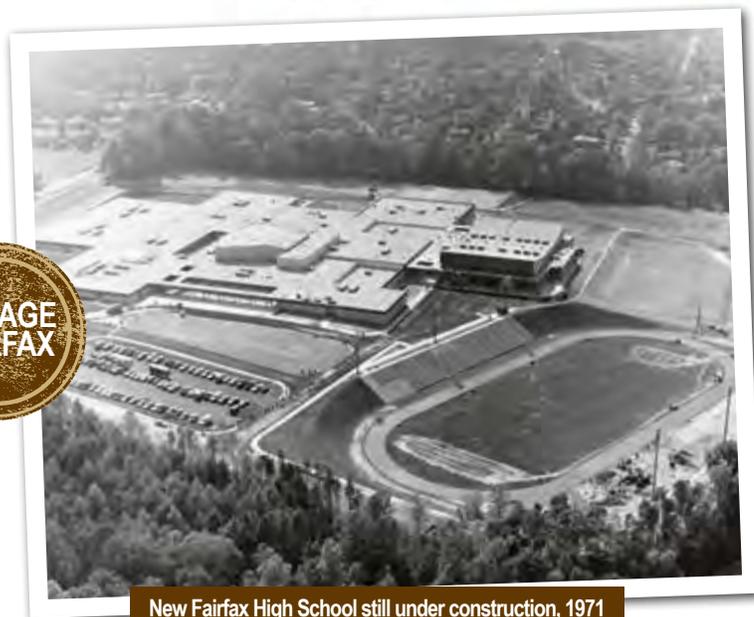


Dog Park Ribbon-Cutting at FidoFest, June 15

Join the Mayor and Council for the dedication of the new Fairfax City Dog Park. This will launch the ever-popular FidoFest, the ultimate mutt day out and free fun for the entire family (two- and four-legged). Enjoy doggy activities, demonstrations, contests, vendors and more. *11 am-2 pm, 11000 Berry St. (former Westmore School site), 703.385.7858*

Real Estate Taxes Due, June 21

Payments postmarked later are subject to a penalty and interest charge. Those who directly pay real estate taxes but have not received a bill should call *703.385.7900*. Those who receive a bill, even though their mortgage company escrows for the payment, should forward it to the mortgage company.



New Fairfax High School still under construction, 1971

Those who attended Fairfax High School after its \$54 million renovation in 2007 will likely see this image and think, "Wow." (Yes, incredibly, the school boasted a smoking lounge; see upper left-hand side of the photo.) The shiny new school, opened in 1972, was an architectural departure from the classic brick Fairfax High, which currently serves as Paul VI on Fairfax Boulevard. First, it was one floor with a post-modern design. Second, the acreage was a significant step up and featured a campus complete with stadium seats built into a sloping hill. And despite what seniors told freshman, there was never a swimming pool on the roof. Thanks to our friends at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center for scouring their archives and finding this gem. Explore more local history, including incredible photography, at the Fairfax Museum (10209 Main St.) and the Virginia Room at the City of Fairfax Regional Library (10360 North St.).

New Approach to Saving Lives

MASTER FIREFIGHTER JOSH MCCUIN doesn't mince words about hands-only CPR: learn it now, and you'll have a chance to save a life later. McCuin, who has been with City of Fairfax Fire Department since 2007, recently led an effort to train city employees hands-only CPR. To recognize National CPR Week (June 1-7), we sat down with McCuin to learn the ins and outs of saving lives — one steady hand pump at a time.

Why hands-only CPR? First, the most recent evidence has demonstrated that compressions are the most important component of CPR. There's residual oxygen present in the body in the initial minutes after cardiac arrest, and efforts to circulate this blood as soon as possible is extremely beneficial in successfully resuscitating a patient. Second, many individuals are hesitant to perform mouth-to-mouth ventilations, which may deter someone from

performing any resuscitative efforts. Hands-only CPR addresses this concern to ensure that at least compressions are provided to the patient.

What are the results? Research has also demonstrated that bystander CPR can double or triple the potential of a positive outcome involving sudden cardiac arrest. This is why one of our department's long-term goals is to increase the number of employees and citizens who are equipped with bystander CPR to help save lives. *Take a free hands-only CPR class on June 29; visit fairfaxva.gov and search "CPR Class" for details*



Josh McCuin

Hands-only CPR has been shown to be effective cardiac arrest. It can double and even triple a victim's chance of survival.



5 MINUTES WITH ... **WENDY SANFORD** TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR



How long have you been with the city? I just celebrated my sixth year with Fairfax City in May. I worked as the transportation program manager for the City of Falls Church for 10 years before coming here.

What's the big picture of your role? I see my role as expanding the menu of safe, accessible and reliable transportation options — from roads to new trails to public transportation — for our residents.

What do you love about working for the city/with the community? I absolutely love local government, because we are on the ground making things happen to improve peoples' quality of life. I specifically love Fairfax City because the residents really value the qualities that make this place special and are passionate about maintaining or improving them. It's so enjoyable to work in a community of such engaged, enthusiastic people.

What upcoming projects are you most excited about? Old Lee Highway and its enhancement of bike and pedestrian facilities! I'm also looking forward to the completion of the Chain Bridge Road sidewalk at Rust Curve and the Snyder Trail. Notice a theme? I really think non-roadway projects will ultimately have the most impact on our overall quality of life and, relatively speaking, they are less expensive to construct than roadway projects. Currently, one-third of daily trips in the DC region are less than one mile in distance. Half of those short-distance trips are driven. If we can improve our infrastructure so people feel safe walking or biking to their destinations, that's a huge win.

DID YOU KNOW?

Transportation Director Wendy Sanford says there's a mix of new and existing programs residents might not know about, including:

GEORGE SNYDER TRAIL Snyder Trail, when complete, will provide a 1.4-mile trail parallel to Route 50. To the east, the trail connects to the Wilcoxon Trail and then on to the Cross-County Trail. To the west, the city trail will connect to the new VDOT trail that will run parallel to I-66 — allowing cyclists to travel east approximately 33 miles to DC or west approximately 20 miles to Haymarket.

CITY WHEELS This is an affordable service for residents who are disabled and cannot use fixed-route transit. It's a complement to MetroAccess paratransit service. City Wheels is a curb-to-curb (not a door-to-door) service provided through private taxicabs. The fare for this service is \$3.20.

FREE CUE RIDES To move across the city quickly, students and faculty can take their CUE — for free. The public-transit service is available at no cost to anyone with a current Mason ID (student, faculty, staff) and all middle and high school students with parent approval.

Questions? Email: PW-Transportation@fairfaxva.gov

BY THE NUMBERS

How We Roll

Good news: There will be countless new transportation options by 2045 for getting around Fairfax City and the region. (Not so great news: many more people will be commuting.) Which is why, with your help, the folks in our transportation department need to figure out how we should invest city transportation funds and what our needs will be 10 to 20 years from now. For example, should we invest in roadway operation, intersection upgrades or our trail system — or perhaps a combination of all three? Upshot: We want to hear from you. Please visit fairfaxva.gov/transportationprogram to take a quick survey. In the meantime, here are some city and regional numbers that might surprise you.

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Percentage of daily trips in our region that involve commuting to and from work

72

Percentage of Fairfax City residents who commute alone to work

68,000

Number of commuters whose trips neither begin or end in Fairfax City (whereas 19,000 begin and end in Fairfax City, and 65,000 begin in Fairfax City and end elsewhere)

ONE MILLION

Increase in the number of people and jobs in our region by 2045

49

Percentage increase between 2019 and 2045 of people biking and walking as part of their daily commute — more people will live and work closer to high-capacity transit

SUSTAINABLE FAIRFAX CITY



When Douglas Stewart and Tamara Harvey assessed their net usage of power for the month of April, it came to zero. The couple had installed 20 solar panels (a 6.2-kilowatt system) on their roof in the city's Warren Woods neighborhood in late October and were already seeing the benefits.

"Prices on panels have come down, and the federal tax incentive of 30 percent made it financially possible" to go solar, says Harvey, who, along with her husband, has lived in the city for 15 years. "We also have a south-facing house and got an estimate during the spring when all the trees had their leaves. So, we were confident that we got enough sun to make it worthwhile."

Their initial investment was \$15,810, but they received \$4,743 back as a credit on their federal taxes — making the overall investment \$11,067. And now with the new system installed, Harvey says they'll save roughly

\$925 per year on energy costs, and the system will pay for itself within 12 years.

Harvey and Stewart took advantage of the city's Solarize NOVA campaign. "Getting an evaluation and proposal from someone trained to judge the potential productivity of a system installed on your roof is important," says Harvey. "If you have enough sun, the system pays for itself quickly and adds value to your home."



SOLARIZENOVA
FAIRFAX CITY

IS GOING SOLAR RIGHT FOR YOU?

Fairfax City, via the Solarize NOVA campaign (through June 14), offers residents a range of services, including:

- Free solar satellite assessments
- Bulk discounted solar-system pricing
- Fixed EV charger pricing
- Qualified local solar installers

For more information, visit FairfaxVa.gov, search Environment & Sustainability, and navigate to Solarize NOVA.



Douglas Stewart and Tamara Harvey



How Will Fairfax City Look ...

in 20 Years?

Brooke Hardin sometimes wishes he had a crystal ball. It would make his job as community development and planning director for the city so much easier. Still, he and his team have some tools in their arsenal to guide the city's residential and commercial growth, including the recently approved Comprehensive Plan and, soon, small area plans. We asked Hardin to explain what small area plans are and how residents can help shape them.

TELL US WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE

There will be several open houses, stakeholder workshops and online opportunities to provide input about the plans as they take shape. Check the city's website for announcements, follow the city on Facebook and Twitter for news (@CityofFairfaxVa), and look for updates in *Cityscene*. Hardin's team will also start an email list serve to keep residents aware of all events and updates.

1. FOCUSED

A small area plan is like a comprehensive plan, but focused on a specific area in the city. They allow more direct engagement with commercial property owners, who might be interested in redeveloping their properties, and residents, who would be most affected by redevelopment of those properties. They also allow the creation of much more specific plans, sometimes looking at each individual parcel. When completed, the plans will be considered for adoption by the City Council, which would make them official city policy — rather than just another study.

2. TASKS

Small area plans establish guidance like development density, building massing, transportation improvements, open space and utility infrastructure.

3. WHAT'S UP FIRST?

The initial effort will focus on Northfax and Old Town. Both are critical areas of the city and have received lots of development interest. The Comprehensive Plan recommends small area plans for these two areas, as well as for Kamp Washington, Fairfax Circle and Pickett Road/Main Street.

4. TIMELINE

The first two small area plans will take about a year to complete, wrapping up in early summer 2020. The process: info-gathering from previous plans and reports and discussions with stakeholders, such as commercial property owners, surrounding residents and city representatives. A series of concepts will be created, with the goal of working toward a consensus plan.



AN OLD TOWN VISIONING COMMITTEE was recently created to help inform the small area plan for Old Town. Its 15 members, representing city boards and commissions, downtown businesses and community groups, will meet once a month for the next six months. "This committee will be a great first step in creating a vision for Old Town, but the real effort begins with the small area plan," says Hardin. The stakes are big: After all, there's more than \$3 billion of consumer demand within 3 miles of downtown.

Sport for the Ages



Pickleballers at the city's senior center include (left to right) City Council member Janice Miller, Ron Tugwell, Steve Schy, Cody Borden and Ramesh Chadha.

WHEN RON TUGWELL TALKS ABOUT PICKLEBALL, he's nothing short of an evangelist. "It's the fastest growing sport in America, inexpensive to play, easy to learn, social and fun for all age levels," says Tugwell, who, along with his wife Peggy, is an official ambassador for the sport in Northern Virginia. More than 3.2 million people currently play this curiously named sport (it was named after the dog of the sport's creator 50 years ago), and more than 12,000 play it in the D.C. area.

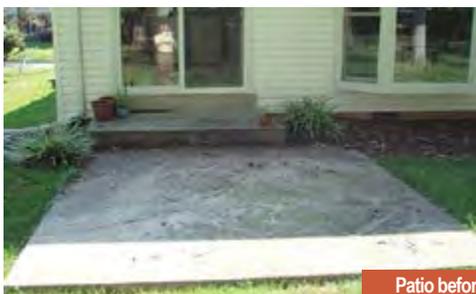
Seniors have been the sport's early disciples, since its smaller courts — roughly half the size of a tennis court — are easier to navigate for four people (two on each team). The time it takes to play a single game also is wildly appealing: 10 to 15 minutes, which

means wait times for courts turn into a social scene, especially at Fairfax City's senior center at Green Acres.

Tugwell, who teaches pickleball classes at the senior center a few days a week, is a retired teacher and baseball coach — the skipper of two state championship baseball teams at West Springfield High School. "Many more young people are playing pickleball" than ever before, he says. "We've put on clinics throughout the area for elementary, middle and high school students. Leagues are starting to develop in our area for all age groups." Sounds like the former baseball coach is now shooting for a new national pastime. *For class schedules, visit fairfaxva.com, search "Parks & Rec Connected;" for more about pickleball, visit usapa.org.*



Street View before (left) and after (right)



Patio before (left) and after (right)



Porch before (left) and after (right)



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with the city and Main Street Bank was so helpful," she says. For those who aren't certain if they're ready to take the plunge, Susan adds, "Call the people coordinating the program with the city; they're very knowledgeable and will walk you through the process." *For more info, call Tina Gilian at 703.385.2494, or visit fairfaxva.gov and search "Renaissance Housing."*

community
Calendar
JUNE 2019

Visit fairfaxva.gov for late-breaking news and event information.
Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Government Information 703.385.7850
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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Watch live and taped proceedings of City Council meetings or read reports of meetings by visiting fairfaxva.gov and clicking this icon on the home page.	Solarize NOVA: through June 14 Absentee voting continues through June 8 for the June 11 Democratic Primary Election WWII Quilts Exhibition: Through Oct. 20 Through June 8: We Didn't Know How to Write, but We Knew How to Live, Sherwood Center, Rotary Gallery	 For a full Cityscreen-12 schedule, visit fairfaxva.gov and click on "Services"	 The Community Farmers' Market, is held every Saturday & Sunday in June at 10500 Page Avenue. See specific days for hours.	1 Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2 pm Kidz Korner, 10:30 am, Old Town Square Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House tours, 11 am-2 pm, 10386 Main Street Beer in the 'Burbs, Noon-5 pm, Old Town Square		
2 Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue	3 Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	4 Final day to request an absentee ballot be mailed (by 5 pm) City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	5 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting, 7 pm, Green Acres Center	6 Hometown Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Old Town Square Massey Complex Master Plan Community Work Session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	7 BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3*	8 Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2pm Absentee voting, 8:30 am-5 pm, Sisson House <small>(adjacent to City Hall)</small> Historic Walking Tour, 11 am, Fairfax <small>(pre-registration recommended)</small> Courthouse Kidz Korner, 10:30 am, Old Town Square
9 Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue Second Sunday, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center	10 Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex School Board special meeting, 7:30 pm, Lanier Middle School	11 Democratic Primary Election: polls open from 6 am-7 pm City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex [CC] General District Court closed	12 Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim League of Women Voters meeting, 7:15 pm, Green Acres Center EDA meeting, 6-9 pm, First Command Financial Service	13 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall	14 Movies Under the Moon, 8 pm, Van Dyck Park BINGO, 7pm, Fire Station 3*	15 Kidz Korner, 10:30 am, Old Town Square Furfax FidoFest, 11 am-2pm, Fairfax City Dog Park Old Town Fairfax City Crawl, 1:30-6pm Father-Daughter Dance, 5 pm, Sherwood Center
16 Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue	17 Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall	18 Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Commission for Women, 7 pm, City Hall	19 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Fairfax City Citizens for Smarter Growth meeting, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	20 Hometown Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Old Town Square City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, Old Firehouse #3	21 Sherwood Family Movie Night, 7 pm, Sherwood Center** BINGO, 7pm, Fire Station 3*	22 Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm Kidz Korner, 10:30 am, Old Town Square Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House tours <small>See June 1 for time and location.</small> Frank Stringfellow: 'Severely Tried and Never Found Wanting,' 2 pm, Historic Blenheim
23 Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2 pm 30 Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2 pm A Hometown Celebration with the City of Fairfax Band, 5-8 pm, Veterans Amphitheater	24 Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	25 City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex [CC]	26	27 Community Appearance Committee, 7 pm, City Hall	28 Rock the Block, 6:30-9:30 pm; road closures in effect (see city website) BINGO, 7pm, Fire Station 3*	29 Document Shredding Event, 7 am, Kilmer Middle school, Vienna Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm Kidz Korner, 10:30 am, Old Town Square Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House tours <small>See June 1 for time and location.</small>

*Bingo benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department
***Non-perishable food donations accepted for Britepaths; call 703.385.7858

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WHY I VOLUNTEER

JOHN SABO
 CHAIR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Years in Fairfax City: 17; commercial real estate broker.

Why he volunteers: It provides me the opportunity to be invested in my community, and I enjoy helping small business owners.

What he's most excited about when it comes to economic development in the city: We led and sponsored the last two Restaurant Weeks and the commercial façade improvement program, which were both very successful. We support Old Town merchants; work to retain existing businesses, and we are working to provide support to companies leaving the Mason Enterprise Center to locate within the city.

Why he loves Fairfax City: That's an easy one: our community, events and people.

Want to volunteer for a board or commission?

There are currently positions open for the following boards and commissions: Board of Building Code Appeals (two vacancies; one for an architect and one for an engineer); Board of Equalization (one vacancy for a real estate, financial or legal professional); Commission for Women (one vacancy); Commission on the Arts (two vacancies); Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (one vacancy). Unless otherwise noted, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year; they must also be a registered voter at their current address. To apply, visit fairfaxva.gov, click on "Residents" and navigate to "Volunteer Opportunities," or call 703.385.7935. Deadline: June 12

June

CULTURAL CALENDAR

Tour the Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House

Walk through Fairfax history with a free guided tour of the oldest residence in the city. *Free, 10386 Main St., most Saturdays 11 am-2 pm (call to confirm hours), 703.385.8414*

Community Farmers' Markets, Saturdays and Sundays

Fresh fruits and vegetables are only one of the many attractions for our market, held twice a week and sponsored by the Downtown Fairfax Coalition. *10500 Page Ave. (across from Truro Church), 8 am-1 pm Saturdays (fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com); 10 am-2 pm Sundays (fairfaxsundaymarket.com).*

We Didn't Know How to Write, but We Knew How to Live, Through June 8

This Korean grandmothers' autobiographical painting exhibition will be displayed in the Rotary Gallery at the Sherwood Center. *Free, 703.385.7858*

Guided Historic Walking Tours

Let Historic Fairfax City, Inc. take you on a walking tour of Old Town Fairfax. Step off at 10 am on June 8, August 10 and September 14 from the Historic Fairfax Courthouse. *Reservations recommended, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, 703.385.8414*

Movies Under the Moon, June 14

Take in a great film under the stars — we're screening *Mary Poppins Returns*. Bring a blanket, low chairs and a picnic. *Free, 703.385.7858*

Father-Daughter Dance, June 15

Young ladies ages 3-11 can get swept off their feet by their fathers, grandfathers, uncles, godfathers, brothers or other family members at the annual Father-Daughter Dance. *\$30 per person, reservations required, Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy., 703.385.8414*

Frank Stringfellow Severely Tried and Never Found Wanting, June 22

Find out how Frank Stringfellow's life took many unexpected twists and turns, from "too small for the military" to "the most dangerous man in the Confederacy." *Free, Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Hwy., 2 pm, 703.591.0560*