

# cityscene

What's happening in the City of Fairfax

SEPTEMBER 2019

**GOING GREEN**

## Diary of a City Commuter

**K**athleen Paley knew her commuting routine fairly well, and it's probably familiar to thousands of other Fairfax City residents on their treks to downtown D.C. or other spots close to the District. "Drive 40 miles a day. Just me, the car and an audiobook," says Paley, who has lived in the city for more than a decade with her husband and kids (Instagram handle: @minimalish\_mom).

The litigator at a big law firm says, more often than not, her commute was 90 minutes each way. "When I arrived at the office, I would ache from sitting so much. And commuting 10,000 car-bound miles a year was slowly driving me a bit batty."

Paley says she also couldn't ignore the environmental implications. "As a mother who wants a clean, healthy world for her growing kids, I thought 'What am I doing? What kind of a world am I making for them?'"

So, she made the change happen this summer. She first considered driving to the Metro, which would erase 75 percent of her car miles. But she decided to buy a scooter and ride from her home to

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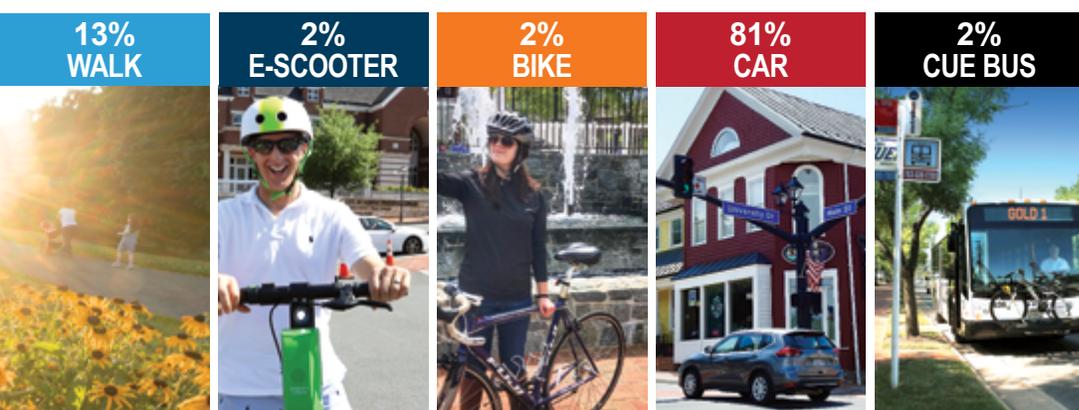


Kathleen Paley

### City Survey

#### HOW DO YOU GET AROUND FOR SHORT TRIPS WITHIN FAIRFAX CITY?

Getting from point A to point B in Fairfax City isn't always a perfect science, and much depends on the distance. But for short trips, city residents were pretty clear how they roll.



#### THIS MONTH IN FAIRFAX CITY

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# CITY NEWS

## Labor Day Closures, September 2

City government offices: closed  
Recycling Center: closed  
General District Court: closed  
Historic Blenheim: closed  
Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center: open  
CUE Bus: Saturday schedule

## Holiday Refuse/Recycling Collection Schedule

**Mon., Sept. 2:** no service

**Tues., Sept. 3:** Monday and Tuesday refuse and recycling routes collected

**Sept. 2-6:** all city neighborhoods may experience yard-debris collection service delays

## University Drive Closure Scheduled Sept. 2 for Labor Day Car Show

University Drive will close from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. between Armstrong St. and Sager Ave. (local traffic only to Breckinridge Lane) for the Labor Day Car Show. CUE Bus routes will be affected; see details on the city website.

## Animal Adoptions, September 21

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." *Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Hwy., 11 am-2 pm*

## Personal Property Tax Payments, October 7

The bills are out, and personal property and motor vehicle license tax payments are due by Oct. 7. Late payments will incur a 10 percent penalty plus interest. For online payments, click on How Do I... on the city home page, and choose "Pay Tax & Bills." When paying in person, please bring the entire bill. Reporting personal property tax bill changes? Call 703.385.7880. Didn't get a bill? Call 703.385.7900.

## November 5: Election News and Important Dates

The General Election is Nov. 5 for Virginia Senate (34th District) and House of Delegates (37th District), Commonwealth's Attorney and Sheriff. Sample ballots are available online and at the Registrar's Office *Information: fairfaxva.gov/vote*.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Sept. 20:** absentee voting begins

**Oct. 15:** the last day to register to vote, or change voter registration information, before the General Election

**Oct. 29:** final day to request an absentee ballot be mailed

**Nov. 2:** final day to vote absentee in-person



## Political Signs: What's Permitted

Want to post signs on your property for candidates in the Nov. 5 General Election? Know this:

- Political signs are "temporary signs" that may be posted for up to 90 days and removed shortly after the election.
- Political signs may be no larger than 10 square feet (residential) or 32 square feet (nonresidential).
- Signs may be placed 10 feet from property lines or on a fence or wall.
- Property owners who display signs are not required to have permits.
- Candidates — or candidate organizations that distribute the signs — need permits from the Zoning Office on behalf of property owners displaying signs. *More info: fairfaxva.gov, search "signage regulations" for temporary sign regulations, or call 703.385.7820*

## Library Book Sales, September 21-22 and 27-29

Support the City of Fairfax Regional Library and buy previously loved books at the upcoming book sales: September 21-22 (children's books), September 27-29 (all categories). *10360 North Street, fairfaxcounty.gov/library*

## Work for Fairfax City Government

Looking for a rewarding, well-paying job, possibly near home? Consider working for the City of Fairfax government. The city regularly advertises permanent and temporary jobs on the city website (click on Jobs at the top of any city web page). A current opportunity will allow you to make a difference in the life of city students and their families: crossing guard, with the City of Fairfax Police Department. *Information: fairfaxva.gov/job*

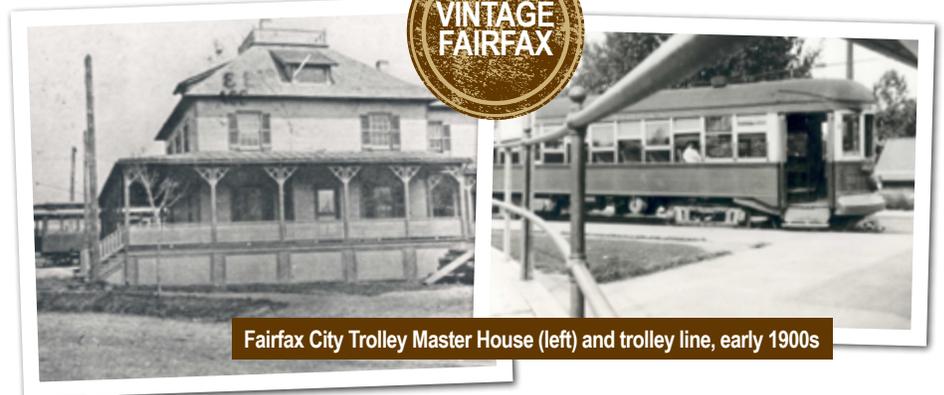


## Lifetime Dog Licenses Now on Sale

Fairfax City pups now get "forever" tags: The Treasurer's Office will begin issuing lifetime dog licenses for all dogs in Sept. Cost is \$10. Current dog licenses will transition to lifetime tags when they're up for renewal — but take advantage of the early bird-dog special and purchase yours now. (The price will increase to \$20 on January 1, 2022.) Dogs age 4 months and older who live in Fairfax City must be licensed. *Information: fairfaxva.gov/treasurer*

## Free Smoke Alarm Inspection, Installation

Let the City of Fairfax Fire Department help keep you safe with free 10-year smoke alarms installed in your home at your convenience. *Info: fairfaxva.gov, search "smoke alarm," or call 703.273.6106*



Fairfax City Trolley Master House (left) and trolley line, early 1900s

We unearthed the image on the left at the Fairfax Museum, and it immediately had us scratching our heads. Local historian Lee Hubbard tells us the 1905 structure was the depot, or trolley master house, for the Arlington and Fairfax Electric Trolley, which reached Fairfax in 1900, terminating at the intersection of Main Street (Route 236) and Railroad Ave. The line was extended east to the courthouse in 1904, an extension at least partially funded by Joseph E. Willard.

Hubbard notes the station master's house was on the south side of Main Street. That building was last used as a t-shirt shop before being torn down to make way for the PNC Bank building and parking lot. The trolley rail line eventually went out of business around 1940 with the rise of car ownership. For more great local history and photos, visit the Fairfax Museum (10209 Main St.) and the Virginia Room of the City of Fairfax Regional Library (10360 North St.).

**GETTING AROUND**



# Try CUE Bus for Free, Sept. 16-23

Wendy Sanford, the city's transportation director, knows that lots of commuting habits are hard to break. Residents get into a groove and, despite a few obstacles, usually figure the road they're on — literally — is the one that will deliver them the most efficiently to work.

This month, however, Sanford has an offer. "Try the CUE Bus just one time as your commuting option. Just once. And I promise you'll love it." City residents will have the opportunity to ride for free from Sept. 16-23. The gold and green lines and the city's 12 buses roll seven days a week to spots all over the city and to the Metro and George Mason.

"The benefits of transit include saving money, being able to relax or get work done during the ride and, of course, helping the environment," says Sanford. Maybe the schedule is confusing? One of the easiest ways to figure out CUE routes is to view them online at [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) and search "CUE Bus." Another solution for perfecting your schedule is to download the NextBus app for your mobile phone. Riders can see when buses are arriving at stops near their current location, tag their "favorite" frequently used stops for quick reference or select specific routes and stops to view options.

## STUDENTS, TAKE A RIDE (YEAR-ROUND, FREE)



Middle school and high school students who live and attend school in Fairfax City and Fairfax County can ride year-round for free on CUE Bus and Fairfax Connector with a Student SmarTrip Card. The card provides free rides from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week. At other times, students must use cash or a (separate) SmarTrip card. Remember, CUE Bus offers reduced fares for students with a valid CUE Bus ID. Contact your school for information. Homeschoolers may contact [mphillips@fcp.edu](mailto:mphillips@fcp.edu) or 703.446.2000.

### Before Kathleen Paley changed her commute methods



### After Kathleen Paley changed her commute methods



## Diary of a City Commuter

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the Metro. She bought her own scooter because it folds down easily to tote on the train, and standing up on a scooter works perfectly with her wardrobe (not so much with bikes, she says).

Being a creature of logic and numbers, Paley began to break down her rationale for the move. While the scooter and Metro would take about the same amount of time on most days, it would save time during heavy-traffic days and weeks. She also could increase her productivity by 60 minutes per day by doing work on the train when necessary. She estimates she saves about \$1,000 a

year, assuming nine months a year will be scooter-friendly.

"I made sure to do the dollar calculations accounting for the fact that gas and scooter costs are paid for in post-tax dollars, while parking and transit are pre-tax dollars," Paley says.

It takes her roughly 25 minutes to scoot to Metro; once downtown, Paley rides four blocks to her office. The scooter recharges in the office, and she charges it again at night. "So far, I'm really enjoying it," she says. "It's amazing how quickly a practice can become the new normal. I love having a little time each day with a fresh breeze and a clear head. Being on the scooter is one of the only times during the day when I'm not at a screen."

What would she say to other city resi-

dents who are on the fence about changing their commute, whether it's riding a bike, taking the CUE bus or, yes, riding a scooter?

"Few decisions are permanent, so just give it a try and see how you like it," she says. "If it doesn't work for you at first, there are likely small tweaks you can make to improve your commute, and those tweaks may open your eyes to other changes you can make."

Paley's kids think her shiny new commuting prop is cool, and she says her husband is "green with envy" since he hates driving the Beltway each day. "Friends are mostly amused or supportive, except for one buddy who called my transport of choice an organ donor scooter," she says. "But it got his attention, and now he's considering biking to work!"



## 5 MINUTES WITH ...

### DANETTE NGUYEN

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/PROGRAMS  
DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



**How long have you been with the city?** I've been with the city for two and half years. Initially, I started in the City Manager's office working with Human Services and Economic Development then fully transitioned over to Economic Development a year ago.

**What's the big picture of your role?** I develop exciting and creative opportunities and programs that promote and directly connect Fairfax City businesses with residents and visitors.

**What do you love most about working for economic development and the city?** Working with the city businesses. It's great to be able to connect with them on our office programs and highlight our business community with events such as Restaurant Week, George Mason Homecoming and Small

Business Saturday. Each city business owner is passionate, and I can't help but be energized when working with them.

**What are some upcoming city projects you're excited about?** Park(ing) Day on Friday, September 20 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Fair City Mall and Main Street Marketplace. We're transforming parking spaces into pop-up parklets that will offer a place to connect, encourage creativity, and promote wellness. Additionally, businesses will be offering specials and promotions during the day. We had such a good turnout and fun during our Old Town Fairfax Crawl in July that we're going to have a Fall Crawl in October! The Old Town Fairfax Crawl is a timed self-guided tour of restaurants in Old Town Fairfax offering specialty priced small plates and beverages to anyone 21 and over.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Danette Nguyen says her department has lots of ways residents can connect with the city and city businesses, including:

**BRANDED PRODUCTS** The products include housewares, apparel, tech gear, and pet supplies with the Fairfax City logo. We have a pop-up shop at each Rock the Block concert and will also be active during the holidays at various locations around the city.

**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY** As a Neighborhood Champion, we rally our local business together for activities and specials the Saturday following Thanksgiving, which is on Saturday, Nov. 30. Past events have included a scavenger hunt, holiday shopping guides, discounts and specials at city business, giveaways and a cash prize.

**HOLIDAY WINDOW DECORATING** Last year, the first for this contest, businesses decorated their windows in holiday themes — Mara Hair and Model won the grand prize, and Smash'd Creamery won people's choice. Photos of all participating businesses are posted @fairfaxcityeda on Facebook and Instagram as well as our site [fairfaxcityconnected.com](http://fairfaxcityconnected.com).

## 2020 CENSUS

# The Big Count



Across the region and in jurisdictions throughout the United States, local governments are gearing up to help the United States Census Bureau with its mammoth head count, the first since 2010. Fairfax City is no different, as city staff are already mapping out plans to ensure the best possible results — that is, a robust and complete response from the folks who live here. It begins in April.

**We know the 2020 Census is coming up next spring. Why is it important to respond to the Census?** An accurate Census response is essential! First, it's mandated by the U.S. Constitution, and our nation gets just one chance each decade to count its population. The U.S. census counts every resident in the United States. Census results are used to map out state and congressional legislative districts, and to distribute federal funds and programs to local

areas like Fairfax City.

**What's different about the Census this year? How long will people have to reply?** A Census is conducted every 10 years, and some things have changed since 2010. The biggest change is that people can respond online (you may also respond by mail or phone). Fairfax households will receive an invitation to respond in March; if you don't respond in a few weeks, you will receive a few reminders. After that, a census taker will come to your door and ask questions in person.

**Will my Census response be confidential?** Absolutely. All Census responses are confidential and protected under Title 13 of the United States Code. The Census Bureau never shares personal information and never releases information that can personally identify people.

### Census Jobs: Help the Count Locally and Earn Money

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff and supervisory staff. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number and be a U.S. citizen.

Candidates must complete an online job application at [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs). The application process takes about 30 minutes. Candidates will need to provide a Social Security number, home address, email address, phone number and date and place of birth. Veterans who are claiming preference will also need to submit documentation of eligibility.

Jobs for the 2020 Census offer competitive wages that are paid weekly. Authorized expenses, such as mileage, are reimbursed for employees doing fieldwork.



## CITY RECOGNITION

# Planning Our Places & Spaces

This past summer, the Virginia chapter of the American Planning Association awarded the 2019 Commonwealth Plan of the Year to the City of Fairfax for its 2035 Comprehensive Plan — which is like winning the Pulitzer Prize for planning.

We asked city Director of Community Development & Planning, Brooke Hardin to outline the Comprehensive Plan and why it's important. He notes the document is the city's official policy guide for future development decisions.

"It's general and long-range in nature and provides a picture of how the community wishes to develop over the next 15 to 20 years," he says. "As a policy document, the plan provides a framework for residents and decision-makers to conceptualize how the city should look and function, as well as the best methods and strategies for achieving those goals.

We asked Hardin to take a deeper dive into explaining the Comprehensive Plan and how it shapes the city's future.

## WHAT MADE THE CITY'S PLAN

**STAND APART?** The judging panel looks at how the plan not only advances the state of planning for the jurisdiction, but also how it serves as a resource for other jurisdictions across the commonwealth. The standouts included:

- **Economic development through land use.** Commercial and industrial uses have been merged into a single type, which



Planning Commission members Paul Cunningham and Janet Jaworski, along with city's Director of Community Development & Planning, Brooke Hardin (center) accept the Plan of the Year Award.

allows more flexibility in a competitive market. This plan recommends small area plans for each of five identified activity centers in the city.

- **Transportation improvements that are attainable and impactful.** The transportation section recognizes new funding opportunities and provides recommendations for primarily smaller, lower-cost projects with big impacts.

- **Affordable housing through partnerships.** The plan prepares the city to use several tools to increase the supply of affordable housing, including establishing an affordable dwelling unit ordinance (a first for the city), partnering with nonprofit and faith-based organizations to build new units, uses publicly owned land for housing or co-locating affordable units with other public uses, and establishing an affordable housing trust fund.

- **Sustainability through regional cooperation.** In support of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Greater Washington Compact, this plan proposes significant reductions in energy use for city-owned facilities, as well as the city as a whole. This is accomplished by taking advantage of improving technologies, such as LED lighting, and partnering with other jurisdictions on sustainable investments, such as power purchase agreements.

**WHAT HAPPENS NOW?** A separate implementation — with all of the recommended actions in the Comprehensive Plan — is now being woven into the city's department work programs. Our Planning Commission will review the implementation plan annually to receive updates on progress and make adjustments. The Comprehensive Plan is also being used to prepare the Capital Improvement Program. The plan provides the baseline for two small area plans that were recommended for additional study: Old Town and Northfax; these areas receive a more detailed development plan over the next year — with community engagement.

## BY THE NUMBERS

The city's award-winning Comprehensive Plan is truly a study of looking wisely into the future. It was approved by the City Council in May. This is the city's sixth plan. It's a working document; the previous five have been amended seven times. To browse through the document, visit [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) and search "Comprehensive Plan."

**3** Number of years it took to work on the plan; there were also 88 meetings, including those open to the public, to map out the document

**64** Number of figures in the Plan, plus 158 images and photos

**194**  
Number of pages in the city's Comprehensive Plan

**138**  
Supplemental "Fact Book" page count, which has a table, chart and map on every page

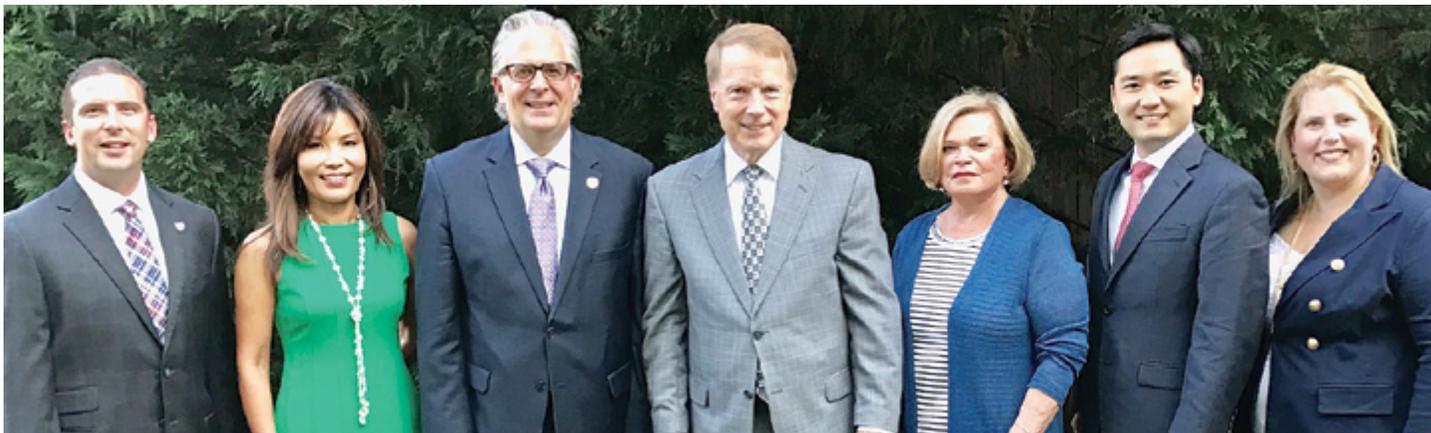
## Offer Input on the Future of Old Town and Northfax, September 11

What will these two important activities centers look like in the next 10 to 20 years? We need your input! (Northfax is the area around the intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Fairfax Boulevard.)

Small area plans are neighborhood-level plans intended to guide new development and public investment. We invite you to come to a community meeting on **Sept. 11 at 7 pm at the Sherwood Center (3740 Old Lee Highway)** to help kick off the small area plan process. At this meeting, you can share your thoughts about these two areas, learn more about small area plans and the proposed process of developing plans for Old Town and Northfax, and learn how to stay involved as the plans are developed. Information: 703.385.7930

# COUNCIL REPORTER

PLEASE NOTE: summaries have been edited. To read the full Council Reporter, visit [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) and click on "City Meetings."



LEFT TO RIGHT: Councilmembers Jon Stehle, So Lim, Michael DeMarco, Mayor David Meyer, Councilmembers Janice Miller, Sang Yi and Jennifer Passey

## JULY 9

*Councilmember Miller was absent.*

- Approved, unanimously: the sale of two cemetery sites to a non-city resident; Introduction of an ordinance amending and reenacting City Code Chapter 6 relating to the licensing of dogs; Introduction of a supplemental appropriation resolution for \$3.8 million to fully fund the Fire Station No. 33 replacement project.
- Approved, unanimously, a Special Use Permit to allow a family home daycare with 4-12 children in the RM, Residential Medium Zoning District at 3409 Park Hill Pl.
- Approved, 3-2, consideration of a Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning) from RH – Residential High to RT - Residential Townhouse; a Certificate of Appropriateness for architecture and landscaping; a Special Exception to increase the maximum building height and to reduce the required yards; a Special Exception to modify the requirement for sidewalks, street trees and 10-foot landscape strip along the private street; and to allow development of two single-family detached homes and two duplex buildings at 10642 West Dr. (*In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Stehle, and Yi. Opposed: Councilmembers Lim and Passey.*)
- Approved, unanimously, a resolution to adopt the Old Town Fairfax Historic Overlay District Streetscape Standards.

## JULY 23

*Councilmember Passey was absent.*

- Approved, unanimously, introduction of an appropriation resolution for \$502,425.33 to fund the replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 6, relating to the licensing of dogs.
- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation resolution for \$3.8 million to fully fund the Fire Station #33 replacement project.
- Approved, unanimously, award of contract to Whitener & Jackson, Inc for \$11.126 million for the construction of the Fire Station 33 replacement project; and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract.
- Approved, 4-1, to accept the final report of the Fairfax-Mason-Vienna Bikeshare Feasibility study, and endorse the recommendations of the study as guidance for potential future implementation. (*In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Lim, Miller and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmember Yi.*)

## Agendas Available on the City Website

Visit the website to stay abreast of board and commission meetings and actions: read the website Community Calendar to see when and where meetings are scheduled.

Want to see proposed agendas for meetings of the City Council, School Board, and Planning Commission? From the home page, click on "City Meetings;" agendas are posted the week before the meeting. Additionally, "future agenda items" tracks upcoming issues expected to come before the City Council in the near future.

Also on the "City Meetings" page is a link to the city boards and commissions list. This link directly connects citizens to the individual board and commission web pages.



## Connect2FairfaxCity

Stay abreast of City Council meeting agendas, and provide comment on the next City Council meeting, via Connect2FairfaxCity.com, an online interface available from the city website. Create a profile to access agendas and related documents — and more importantly, provide public comment as late as 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

All comments posted on Connect2 are public and "on the record." Comments are reviewed by the Mayor and City Councilmembers, so email is unnecessary.

This is a user-controlled resource: users create their own profiles and determine their own level of engagement.

Receive reminders for upcoming City Council meetings via email, text or app using Fairfax City Alert; click on "City Alerts" at the top of the city web page to subscribe, or to manage your subscription.

# community Calendar

## SEPTEMBER 2019

Visit [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) for late-breaking news and event information.  
Calendar information is subject to last-minute change.

**LABOR DAY, SEPT. 2**  
City government offices closed  
Recycling Center closed  
General District Court closed  
CUE Bus on a Saturday schedule  
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center open  
Refuse and recycling are not collected; Mon. and Tues. routes are collected on Tuesday, 9/3

**EXHIBIT: Sewing on the Homefront:**  
World War II Quilts, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (through October 20)

### 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
1 Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue	2  <b>ANNUAL LABOR DAY CAR SHOW</b> 8 am-3 pm University Dr. and SunTrust Parking Lot (road closures in effect; <a href="http://fairfaxva.gov">fairfaxva.gov</a> )	3 Autumn Open House at Green Acres Center (through Sept. 9) Story Times at Old Town Square, 10:30 am, Old Town Square City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	4 Environmental Sustainability Committee retreat, 9 am to noon, Historic Blenheim Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, location TBA Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	5 Hometown Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Old Town Square City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	6 BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3*	7 Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue Kidz Korner, 10:30 am, Old Town Square Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House tours, 11 am-2 pm, 10386 Main Street Silk Road: A Dance Showcase, 1 pm, Sherwood Center
8 Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue Second Sunday: From Camp Humphreys to Fort Belvoir, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center	9 Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	10 Story Times at Old Town Square, 10:30 am, Old Town Square City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	11 Small Area Plans Community meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Historic Fairfax City, Inc., meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim League of Women Voters meeting, 7:15 pm, Green Acres Center	12 Office of Elections closed for training Art & Lunch with Fairfax Art League, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Fairfax Art League New Show Reception, 7 pm, Old Town Hall	13 Commission on the Arts grant applications due BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3* Movies Under the Moon, Van Dyck Park	14 Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue Document Shredding Event, 7-11 am, Fairfax County Government Center Guided Walking Tour, 10 am, Fairfax Courthouse Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House tours <i>See Sept. 7 for time and location</i>
15 Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue	16 Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	17 Story Times at Old Town Square, 10:30 am, Old Town Square Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Commission for Women, 7 pm, City Hall	18 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Fairfax City Citizens for Smarter Growth meeting, 7 pm, City of Fairfax Regional Library	19 Hometown Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Old Town Square City of Fairfax Republican Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, Old Firehouse #3	20 ABSENTEE VOTING BEGINS FOR THE NOV. 5 GENERAL ELECTION Sherwood Family Movie Night, 7 pm, Sherwood Center BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3*	21 Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue National Dance Day event, 11 am-2:30 pm, Old Town Square Animal Adoption Event, 11 am-2 pm, Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Highway
22 Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue Children's Used Book Sale, City of Fairfax Regional Library	23 Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	24 Story Times at Old Town Square, 10:30 am, Old Town Square City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	25	26 Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall	27 Used Book Sale, City of Fairfax Regional Library  6:30-9:30 pm; road closures in effect (see <a href="http://fairfaxva.gov">fairfaxva.gov</a> )	28 Community Farmers' Market, 8 am-1 pm, 10500 Page Avenue Used Book Sale, City of Fairfax Regional Library Kidz Korner, 10:30 am, Old Town Square
29 Community Farmers' Market, 10 am-2 pm, 10500 Page Avenue Used Book Sale, City of Fairfax Regional Library	30 Funday Monday, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall	 Watch live and taped proceedings of City Council meetings or read reports of meetings by visiting <a href="http://fairfaxva.gov">fairfaxva.gov</a> and clicking this icon on the home page.	 For a full Cityscreen-12 schedule, visit <a href="http://fairfaxva.gov">fairfaxva.gov</a> and click on "Services"	Tickets are on sale for Taste of the Vine, Oct. 4. Visit <a href="http://historicfairfax.org">historicfairfax.org</a> for information	ArtScreen: Singin' in the Rain, 7 pm, Sherwood Center BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3*	Victorian-Era Photography: Cameras and the Magic Lantern Show, 2 pm, Historic Blenheim

\*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

### JESSICA RUSSO REVAND

COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

Years in Fairfax City: 3

**Why she volunteers:** I [wanted to] become involved with the growth of the arts community in Fairfax City. We have so many organizations that are looking for space to rehearse, create, perform and display. I'm focused on facilitating a greater presence for the performing and visual arts groups.

**Upcoming events she's excited about:** The Commission will host an event at the Fall Festival called Chalk it Up 2 Art — a sidewalk art contest with an award.

**Why she loves Fairfax City:** What a community! Many of us live far from our families or where we grew up. Shortly after we moved into our house, we realized and experienced what a supportive and engaged community surrounded us. We always see familiar faces and enjoy the feel of small-town living in such a busy region. My family and I have made great friendships in the past three years and are so thankful to call Fairfax City home.

**Want to volunteer?** There are currently positions open for the following boards and commissions: Board of Building Code Appeals (one vacancy for an engineer); Board of Equalization (one vacancy for a resident with real estate, financial or legal background); Commission on the Arts (one vacancy for a nonresident); Economic Development Authority (two vacancies); Environmental Sustainability Committee (one vacancy for a city resident); Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (one vacancy for a city resident). 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](http://fairfaxva.gov), click on "Residents" and navigate to "Volunteer Opportunities," or call 703.385.7935. Deadline: Sept. 12

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## CULTURAL CALENDAR

### From Camp Humphries to Fort Belvoir, September 8

Historian and archaeologist Patrick O'Neill will reveal how today's Fort Belvoir was transformed during World War II. *Free. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., 2 pm. 703.385.8414*

### Arts Grant Applications Due, September 13

The City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts offers grants to arts organizations that serve Fairfax City. Grants support the creation of art and contribute to the education of the public and artists alike. Applications are due by 5 p.m., Sept. 13. Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov), search "Arts Grant."

### Historic Fairfax Tour, September 14

Take a walk with Historic Fairfax City, Inc. for a tour of Old Town Fairfax. Step off at 10 am Sept. 14 from the Historic Fairfax Courthouse. Reservations recommended, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, 703.385.8414

### National Dance Day, September 21

Join fellow dance-lovers to celebrate National Dance Day in Old Town Square. Among the events planned is a live performance of a dance routine learned that day. *Free, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 10415 North St., 703.385.8414*



### Victorian-Era Photography, September 28

Local photographer Phillip Foss will share a selection of Victorian-era cameras and discuss their usage with his present-day photography of historic and local sites. *Free, Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Hwy., 2 pm, 703.591.0560*