

# cityscene

What's happening in the City of Fairfax

DECEMBER 2019

## Winter WEATHER

City crews maintain 149 miles of public roads — and here's some helpful information for dealing with snow and ice in your neighborhood this winter.

**ROADS** City crews pretreat roads as appropriate, when possible, and plowing begins with three or more inches of accumulation. Primary roads are cleared first, then secondary and residential roads are plowed.

**PARKING** Park off-street, in driveways and community parking lots, when snow is forecast, to give plow drivers quick and easy access to snowy roads.

**SHOVELING** Please clear and treat sidewalks promptly for safe pedestrian access. When clearing driveways, pile snow off the street, to the left of the driveway (facing the driveway), and consider waiting until after plows clear the road adjacent to your driveway. Need help? Check with your civic association or neighbors for resources and referrals.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Find city-related news and information on the city website, Cityscreen-12, Fairfax City Alerts, and social media (@CityofFairfaxVA on Twitter and Facebook).

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### City Survey

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CITY EVENT?

Fairfax City doesn't hibernate — there's too much to do! Tell us: What's your FAVORITE Fairfax City winter event?

**30%**  
HOLIDAY MARKET



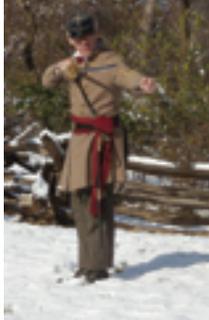
**55%**  
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND CAROLS



**8%**  
LUNCH WITH SANTA



**5%**  
CHRISTMAS IN CAMP



**2%**  
FAIRFAX CITY ELF HUNT



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#### THIS MONTH IN FAIRFAX CITY

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# CITY NEWS

## City Government Closure December 6

The following buildings/offices will be closed from 11:45 am to 2:15 pm for the Employee Recognition Luncheon:

- City Hall municipal government offices - including DMV Select services
- Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center
- Historic Blenheim

The following buildings/services will remain open:

- General District Court in the City Hall Annex
- Green Acres Center
- Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center
- Emergency services will not be affected.

Information: 703.385.7850,  
WeCare@fairfaxva.gov.

## Holiday Closure and Service Information

### Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24

- City government offices close at noon
- Recycling Center open regular hours
- General District Court closed
- Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center closes at noon
- Historic Blenheim closed
- CUE Bus service runs on a regular schedule until service ends at 7 pm

### Tuesday refuse and recycling route collected

### Christmas: Wednesday, December 25

- City government offices closed
- Recycling Center closed
- General District Court closed
- Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center closed
- Historic Blenheim closed
- No CUE Bus service

### No refuse and recycling collection

### New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1, 2020

- City government offices closed
- Recycling Center closed
- General District Court closed
- Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center closed
- Historic Blenheim closed
- No CUE Bus service

### No refuse and recycling collection

## Refuse and Recycling Service, December 24-January 2

**Tuesday, December 24:** Refuse and recycling collected

**Wednesday, December 25:** No refuse and recycling collection

**Thursday, December 26:** Wednesday and Thursday routes collected

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020:** No refuse and recycling collection

**Thursday, January 2, 2020:** Wednesday and Thursday routes collected

Please note: there may be a delay in yard debris collection citywide the week of December 23 and the week of December 30. Please leave items at the curb until they are collected. Information: 703-385-7837, RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov

## Legislative Program Public Hearing, December 3

Help the city establish its legislative program by attending the public hearing to be held during the December 3 City Council special meeting. The City Council special meeting and work session begins at 7 pm in the City Hall Annex. Information: on the city website home page, click on "city meetings."

## Small Area Plan Meetings Scheduled December 4, 5, 12

The community is invited to provide input on the future of Old Town Fairfax and Northfax at our upcoming Community Meetings. At these meetings, the City's Small Area Plans consultant will have several questions to help gather insights on the current conditions of these areas, as well as visions for the future. The meeting schedule as follows:

- **Old Town South** (south of Main Street): 6:30-8 pm December 4, Old Town Hall (3999 University Dr.)
- **Northfax:** 6:30-8 pm December 5, Fairfax Methodist Church (10300 Stratford Ave.)
- **Old Town North** (north of Main Street): 6:30-8 pm December 12, Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy.)

Information: on city website, search "Small Area Plan," 703.385.7930.

## Real Estate Taxes, December 5

**City real estate tax bills are due December 5.** If you receive a real estate tax bill and shouldn't (because your mortgage company

escrows the payment), please forward the bill to the mortgage company immediately. If you pay your real estate tax bill directly but haven't yet received a bill, call 703.385.7900. Want to pay your taxes online? Visit the city website and click on the Payment button on the home page. Seniors, property owners with disabilities, and veterans may be eligible for tax relief. Information: on the city website, search "tax relief"

## Animal Adoptions, December 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*

## Talking Trash (and Recycling)

A few tips to keep in mind for curbside refuse and recycling:

- Empty liquid from all containers, both refuse and recycling. This prevents liquid from spilling on workers and leaking onto the road from collection trucks.
- Latex paint cans are accepted curbside for disposal, but only if the paint is dried.
- Oil-based paint is not accepted curbside. Please take it to the Fairfax County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal site, 4618 West Ox Rd.

Information: on the city website, search "refuse"



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Fairfax City elementary school, circa 1960s

Two things you can count on seeing in the winter in Fairfax City: snow, and elementary school students making their way to class. This student crossing guard keeps his fellow students safe near a Fairfax City elementary school, most likely during the 1960s (check out the Get Smart lunch box). You'll find this and other blasts from the past in *Fairfax, Virginia: A City Traveling Through Time*, a book written and published by city historians in 1997. Purchase your own copy in the gift shops at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (10209 Main St.) and Historic Blenheim (3610 Old Lee Hwy.).



## FAIRFAX CITY ELF HUNT

**WHEN** Nov. 30 - Dec. 15

**WHERE** Old Town Fairfax

**LOWDOWN** Special elves will be hidden in small businesses located throughout the city. Here's how it works: pick up a Fairfax City Elf Hunt card from the Economic Development Office in Fairfax City Hall on Small Business Saturday November 30 or download it from the Fairfax City Economic Development Authority's Facebook page on or after November 30. Locate 10 elves in Fairfax City businesses, get a stamp from each business confirming that you found the elf, then share the Fairfax City Elf Hunt card via email to [economicdevelopment@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:economicdevelopment@fairfaxva.gov). Participants receive a Fairfax City car magnet and are entered into a drawing for a \$250 cash prize. Completed cards must be received by Monday, December 16 to be eligible.

**INFO** [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov), search "Elf Hunt"



## HOLIDAY MARKET

**WHEN** Dec. 6-8, Dec. 13-15, Dec. 20-22

**WHERE** Old Town Square

**LOWDOWN** Peruse the goods sold by a wide range of local vendors — jewelry, textiles, food, and more in heated tents. Sip hot chocolate and finish your holiday shopping

**INFO** [fairfaxva.gov/specialevents](http://fairfaxva.gov/specialevents)



## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND CAROLS

**WHEN** Dec. 7, noon-6 pm

**WHERE** Old Town Square

**LOWDOWN** The holiday season officially kicks off in Fairfax City in this day-long event in Old Town Square and Old Town Hall, with holiday music, crafts and choirs, hot cider and s'mores, and much more in Old Town Square. The day is capped by carols and a community tree-lighting ceremony.

**INFO** [fairfaxva.gov/specialevents](http://fairfaxva.gov/specialevents)

# Special Events in Fairfax City



## CHRISTMAS IN CAMP AND MAKING DO AT HOME

**WHEN** Dec. 8, noon to 4 pm

**WHERE** Historic Blenheim

**LOWDOWN** Travel back in time to learn how Civil War soldiers and the folks back home celebrated Christmas. Meet the soldiers in camp; drill with soldiers; join in with a cease-fire exchange of gifts; tour the house; make Handmade Victorian ornaments; write letter to soldiers; sew a "housewife"; pack a food crate for soldiers.

**INFO** [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov), search "Christmas in Camp"



## LUNCH WITH SANTA

**WHEN** Dec. 14, 11 am, noon, 1 pm

**WHERE** Old Town Hall

**LOWDOWN** Children up to age 10 can enjoy a lunch filled with crafts, music, special activities, and a visit by Santa himself. Bring your cameras to capture the holiday excitement.

**INFO** [fairfaxva.gov/specialevents](http://fairfaxva.gov/specialevents)



## CHOCOLATE LOVERS FESTIVAL

**WHEN** Jan. 31 – Feb. 2, 2020

**WHERE** Old Town Fairfax

**LOWDOWN** If it's chocolate, you'll find it in Old Town Fairfax on Chocolate Lovers Festival weekend. Events held by community organizations include a liquid chocolate and a cake walk, Taste of Chocolate, Chocolate Challenge, historic exhibits and historic building tours, and more.

**INFO** [chocolatefestival.net](http://chocolatefestival.net)

**BY THE NUMBERS**

# Curbside Leaf Collection

When you're Tree City USA, leaf collection is no small matter. Public Works crews circulate throughout the city on a regular basis to vacuum up your leaves from the curb. Please have all leaves raked to the curb by December 20; leaf collection ends December 27. *Information: on the city website, search "leaf," 703.385.LEAF.*



# 6,500

Households receive curbside leaf collection



# 59

Loads of leaves vacuumed in a single week

# 21

Thousand yards of leaves collected annually, on average



# 20

December 20 — the date all leaves need to be raked to the curb for vacuum collection



**COMMUNITY**

## Donate Blankets and Coats to Refugees

Donate new or clean, gently used coats and blankets of all sizes to refugees in Jordan. Please take items to the City Hall Atrium through **December 9** (8:30 am to 5 pm weekdays).

This program is in partnership with NOVA Relief Center and other regional government and non-profit organizations. Financial contributions are accepted online. Information: [novareliefcenter.org](http://novareliefcenter.org).

Watch the Cityscreen-12 program *Syrian Refugee Relief Discussion*. Information: on the city website, under Services, click on "Cityscreen-12."



Mayor David Meyer (in blue) traveled to Lebanon in March 2018 with the support of NOVA Relief Center, in conjunction with Helping Hand for Relief and Development. With him (in vests): Prince William County Supervisor Marty Noe, center; and Scott York, former chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.



### 5 MINUTES WITH ...

## WAYNE "RUSTY" THOMAS

RIGHT OF WAY SUPERVISOR



**How long have you worked for the city?** I've been with the Public Works Department for almost 32 years, since March 1988. I started as a laborer, then as utility worker, for eight years, then in 1996 I became the Right of Way Supervisor.

**What is the big picture of your role?** Maintaining municipal property in the city public accesses, which is called the "right of way."

**What are some examples of what this entails?** Right of Way crews plant and water flowers around Old Town Fairfax, trim trees and mow grass in medians on public streets, and maintain the grounds of the City Cemetery. We are out in the community year-round, and in all

weather, from vacuuming leaves from the curb in the spring and autumn, to trimming trees and bushes during their growing seasons, to plowing and shoveling municipal building sites and sidewalks when it snows.

**Why do you love your job and working for the city?** I enjoy getting to know city residents and making sure they receive the best, most efficient service I can give them. What I do affects their lives from the time they leave their homes to go to work or school to the time they return home at the end of the day. I enjoy fellowship with my fellow city workers: we are family. I enjoy the challenges of my job, and I take great pride in keeping the city beautiful and safe.

# ARE YOU READY?

FOR EMERGENCIES  
LIKE HURRICANES  
EARTHQUAKES,  
THUNDERSTORMS  
& SNOWSTORMS

THE TIME TO PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES IS BEFORE THEY HAPPEN. HERE ARE IDEAS ON HOW TO PREPARE AT HOME AND WORK.

## BE READY

### BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

Building an emergency kit is an excellent practice not only for emergency evacuation purposes, but for seasonal weather or other local emergencies as well. Find out what should be included in household and work emergency kits: Visit the Emergency Management Office Web page on the city website, or call 703-385-4856 during regular office hours. **Don't forget your companion animals** — be sure to include their special needs in your household emergency kit.



## SUBSCRIBE TO

### FAIRFAX CITY ALERT

**Find out first! Find out fast!**

Find out about city services, programs, closures and more via Fairfax City Alert, the city electronic-message alert system.

To subscribe, click on "Fairfax Alert" at the top of the city home page, or visit [fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert](http://fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert).



## PREPARE FOR POWER OUTAGES

Keep electronic communication devices fully charged during an emergency. Keep non-electric tools handy, including flashlights, manual can openers, and battery-powered radios. Those in buildings with elevators and electric doors should know the building management emergency phone numbers and be familiar with emergency exit routes. Those under doctors' care should check with their physicians for medical procedures and services that might be affected by a power outage.



## FIND SERVICE PROVIDERS NOW

Make provisions now for services you may need during a weather or emergency situation, such as snow removal, home repairs, tree limb removal, transportation, and more. Family, friends, homeowner associations, and neighbors may offer recommendations.



## CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBORS

### BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Check on those around you and give them a hand when you can. Pay special attention to neighbors who are elderly or those who have disabilities. Think also of folks new to the community who may be unfamiliar with neighborhood practices and local or regional resources.



### UTILITIES CONNECTION

#### FAIRFAX WATER

**Report water main breaks:**

[watermainbreak@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:watermainbreak@fairfaxwater.org)

[fairfaxwater.org](http://fairfaxwater.org)

703.698.5613

**Real-time repair information:**

[fwnotifications.org/public](http://fwnotifications.org/public)

#### DOMINION ENERGY

**Report and check outages:**

[dom.com](http://dom.com) (Outages Center)

888.DOM.HELP

### INFORMATION RESOURCES

#### CITY WEBSITE

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

24-hour access, updates

#### CITYSCREEN-12

Channel 12 on cable television and city website

24-hour access, updates

#### FAIRFAX CITY ALERT MESSAGE SYSTEM

messages sent to subscribers

via e-mail, app, text (and for some categories, phone)

24-hour access, updates

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

703.385.7800 (TTY: 711)

regular business hours

## USE MULTIPLE RESOURCES FOR COMMUNICATION

Identify multiple ways to reach friends and family in case one or more media is unavailable. Remember to include telephone, text, and social media. Write down contact information: keep a copy in every emergency kit, and make sure all household members have copies in case of separation.

## GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS SERVE AS COOLING/WARMING CENTERS

When power outages affect your home or neighborhood, public government facilities — such as the City of Fairfax Regional Library, Green Acres Center, Sherwood Center, and City Hall — may be used to warm up (or cool down) and to charge electronic devices during regular business hours. Plug into publicly-accessible outlets with your own charging cords and relax in public seating areas. However, remember the facility is open for business, so please be courteous and follow facility guidelines.

**Please note: these centers are not designated emergency shelters and do not provide lodging and meals.**



## OCTOBER 15

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, to waive the first reading and set the public hearing for October 29, 2019: Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 6 (Animals) to add thereto a new Article VI, pertaining to pet shops; and Introduction of an initial ordinance proposing to grant a non-exclusive franchise to occupy and use the public rights-of-way, streets, highways, parks and other public places of the city for the construction, maintenance and operation wherein of a system of pipes, mains, valves, manholes, connections, meters and other equipment and appliances necessary or convenient for the transmission, distribution and sale of natural gas within the corporate limits of the city, and authorizing the advertisement and receipt of bids for the franchise. (Councilmember Lim was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, to waive the first reading and set the public hearing for November 12, 2019: Introduction on an ordinance proposing to grant a non-exclusive franchise to occupy and use the public rights-of-way of the City for the term and on the terms and conditions stated therein, for the construction, maintenance and operation therein of a system of pipes, mains, valves, manholes, connections, meters and other equipment and appliances necessary or convenient for the transmission, distribution and sale of natural gas within the corporate limits of the city. (Councilmember Lim was absent.)

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously to move to approve an ordinance granting a charitable personal property tax exemption to the HCR Manor Care, for certain business personal property located at 3900 Jermantown Road, #400. (Councilmember Lim was absent.)

### ACTIONS OUT OF CLOSED MEETING/APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Approved to move to approve a First Amendment to Employment Agreement between the City Council, on behalf of the City, and Robert Allan Stalzer, as City Manager, on the terms and conditions discussed in closed meeting. Further move that the Mayor to be authorized, with the concurrence of the city attorney, to executed the First Amendment to Employment Agreement. (Councilmember Lim was absent.)
- Appointed: Peter Vigliotti as Engineer to Board of Building Code of Appeals; Joseph Saffer as Fire Protection to Board of Building Code of Appeals; Fred O. Cornett Jr. to Economic Development Authority; and Marian Carroll to Environmental Sustainability Committee. (Councilmember Lim was absent.)
- Reappointed: Judy Fraser to Environmental Sustainability Committee; and Penelope Rood to Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (Councilmember Lim was absent.)

## 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.

## OCTOBER 29

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the suggested motion in the staff report to authorize the City to sell two (2) cemetery sites to a non-city resident. (Councilmember Yi was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, to waive the first reading and set the public hearing for November 12, 2019: Introduction of an appropriation resolution in the maximum amount of \$12,000 to Fair Lakes Youth Association (\$7,500), Yellow Ribbons United (\$2,000) and The Josh Anderson Foundation (\$2,500); and Introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$99,910 to fund an Organizational and Staffing Analysis. (Councilmember Yi was absent.)

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, 4-1, to approve the request for a special use permit to drive-through windows/facilities as an accessory use to a restaurant in the CR Commercial Retail Zoning District and Architectural Control Overlay District at 10880 Fairfax Boulevard, subject to conditions. (In favor: Councilmembers DeMarco, Lim, Miller, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmember Passey.) (Councilmember Yi was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, to move to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 6 of the City Code to add thereto a new article VI pertaining to pet shops. (Councilmember Yi was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, to enact an initial ordinance proposing to grant a non-exclusive franchise to occupy and use the public right-of-way of the city for the purpose of construction, maintenance and operation of a system of pipes, mains, valves, manholes, connections, meters and other equipment and appliances necessary or convenient for the transmission, distribution and sale of natural gas within the corporate limits of the city as the same now exist or may hereafter be extended or altered, and establishing procedures for the advertisement and solicitation of bids for such franchise. (Councilmember Yi was absent.)

### ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, unanimously, that the City Council adopt a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of two series of general obligation refunding bonds of the City of Fairfax, Virginia, providing for the form, details and payment thereof, providing for the refunding of a portion of the City's outstanding general obligation refunding bonds, series 2012B, and authorizing the execution and delivery of certain documents in connection therewith. (Councilmember Yi was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, that the City Council adopt a resolution providing for the issuance and sale of a general obligation refunding bond of the City of Fairfax, Virginia, providing for the form, details and payment thereof, providing for the refunding of a portion of the City's outstanding general obligation refunding bonds, series 2010, and authorizing the execution and delivery of certain documents in connection therewith. (Councilmember Yi was absent.)

## Connect2FairfaxCity

Stay abreast of City Council meeting agendas, and provide comment on the next City Council meeting, via Connect2FairfaxCity, 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 pm on the day of the meeting.

All comments posted on Connect2 are public and "on the record," and reviewed by the Mayor and City Councilmembers.

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.

Info: [CityClerk@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:CityClerk@fairfaxva.gov), 703.385.7935

# community Calendar

## DECEMBER 2019



### 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

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p>  <p><b>CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION, CITY WIDE ON WEEKDAYS (EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS), 12/2-12/27</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>Funday Monday, 10:30am, Old Town Hall</b></p> <p>School Board Regular Meeting, 7:30pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>3</p> <p>City Council Special Meeting and Work Session, 7pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Economic Development Authority Meeting, 6pm, Location TBD</p> <p>Small Area Plans Community Meeting - Old Town South, 6:30-8pm, Old Town Hall</p> <p>Board of Architectural Review (BAR) Meeting, 7pm</p> <p>Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting, 7pm, Historic Blenheim</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Small Area Plans Community Meeting - Northfax, 6:30-8pm, Fairfax United Methodist Church</p> <p>Community Appearance Committee Meeting, 7pm, City Hall</p> <p>City of Fairfax Democratic Committee Meeting, 7:30pm, City Hall Annex</p> <p>City of Fairfax Theatre: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, 7:30pm, Truro Anglican Church</p>	<p>6</p> <p>City government closures for the Employee Recognition Luncheon (includes DMV Select services) 11:45am-2:15pm</p> <p><b>BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3*</b></p> <p>City of Fairfax Theatre: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, 7:30pm, Truro Anglican Church</p> <p>Virginia Opera at Sherwood Center: 'Tis the Season' - A Virginia Opera Music Connects Holiday Concert, 7:30pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House holiday tours, noon-3pm</p> <p><b>Festival of Lights and Carols, noon-6pm, Old Town Square</b></p> <p>City of Fairfax Theatre: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, 2pm and 7pm, Truro Anglican Church</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Christmas in Camp and Making Do at Home, noon-4pm, Historic Blenheim</p> <p>Prohibition in Washington, D.C: How Dry We Weren't, 2pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center</p> <p><b>New Show Reception and Holiday Party, 5pm, Old Town Hall</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Funday Monday, 10:30am, Old Town Hall</b></p> <p>Planning Commission Meeting, 7pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>10</p> <p>City Council meeting, 7pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>11</p> <p><b>Mason Arts at Old Town Hall: Beautiful String Ensemble, 7pm, Old Town Hall</b></p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>Art &amp; Lunch with Fairfax Art League, 10:30am, Old Town Hall</b></p>	<p>13</p> <p><b>BINGO, 7 pm, Fire Station 3*</b></p>	<p>14</p>  <p><b>Lunch With Santa, 11am, noon, 1pm (reservations required), Old Town Hall</b></p>
<p>15</p> <p>Main Street Community Band: Home for the Holidays, 4pm Lanier Middle School</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>Funday Monday, 10:30am, Old Town Hall</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p>Commission on the Arts Monthly Meeting, 7pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center</p> <p>Commission for Women meeting, 7pm, City Hall</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Board of Architectural Review (BAR) Meeting, 7pm, City Hall Annex</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Small Area Plans Community Meeting - Old Town North, 6:30-8pm, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) Meeting, 7pm, City Hall</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>BINGO, 7pm, Fire Station 3*</b></p>	<p>21</p> <p>Animal Adoption Event, 11 am-2 pm, Pet Supplies Plus, 11054 Lee Hwy.</p> <p>City of Fairfax Band and Fairfax Choral Society: Christmas in Fairfax, 7pm, Fairfax High School</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 CHRISTMAS EVE</p> <p>Government offices close at noon              Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center closes at noon              General District Court closed              Recycling Center open              CUE Bus service runs on a regular schedule until service ends at 7pm              Refuse and recycling are collected</p>	<p>25 CHRISTMAS</p>  <p>Government Offices are Closed              Recycling Center Closed              General District Court Closed              Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center Closed              Historic Blenheim Closed              CUE Bus — No Service              Refuse and recycling are not collected —              Wednesday and Thursday refuse and recycling routes are collected on Thursday, 12/26</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Wednesday and Thursday refuse and recycling routes are collected</p> <p><b>JANUARY 1, 2020</b></p> <p><b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>              Government Offices are Closed              Recycling Center Closed              General District Court Closed              Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center Closed              CUE Bus — No Service              Refuse and recycling are not collected</p>	<p>27</p> <p><b>BINGO, 7pm, Fire Station 3*</b></p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>  <p>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.</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>For a full CityScreen-12 schedule, visit <a href="http://fairfaxva.gov">fairfaxva.gov</a> and click on "Services"</p>	<p>31</p>			<p>Exhibit: "Teetotalers and Moonshiners: Prohibition in Virginia, Distilled," 9am-5pm, through 12/7, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center</p> <p><b>2019 NOVA Relief Center Coat and Blanket Drive, weekdays through December 9</b></p>  <p>Holiday Market, Old Town Square, 12/6-12/8; 12/13-12/15; 12/20-12/22 (Fridays 5-8pm, Saturdays noon-6pm; Sundays noon-4pm)</p>	

BLANKETS: LONGHUI BEDDING

\*Bingo benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department

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## WHY I VOLUNTEER

### VAL MORGAN

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMITTEE (CAC)

Years in Fairfax City: 30

**What drew her to CAC:** CAC was the tree committee for Tree City USA, and she loves native flora and fauna. She's been a member of the Audubon Society and Virginia Native Plant Society, and took college-level courses from the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia and the USDA Graduate School. As a Fairfax County Tree Steward, she learned about native plants, and invasive plants that disrupt ecosystems.

**Why she volunteers for CAC:** It's all about the native Virginia ecosystem, and how CAC can help protect it. She provides CAC with an invasive plant expert, and removes invasive plants citywide. What's most rewarding? Working in pollinator beds around the city (a treasure trove of photo opportunities).

**Why she loves Fairfax City:** She makes a difference every day in her community: there is ample opportunity to remove invasive plants and tend pollinator beds, which makes an important difference for inhabitants of our local ecosystem.

**Want to volunteer?** There are positions open on these boards and commissions: Board of Zoning Appeals (two vacancies for city residents); Commission for Women (one vacancy for a city resident); Commission on the Arts (two vacancies for city residents); Environmental Sustainability Committee (one vacancy for a city resident); Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (one vacancy for a city resident); Human Services Committee (one vacancy for a city representative); Personnel Advisory Board (one vacancy for a city resident and one vacancy for an alternate member); Planning Commission (two vacancies for city residents). Unless otherwise noted, applicants must have lived in the city for at least one year and be a registered voter at their current address. To apply, visit [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) and search "board vacancies," or call 703.385.7935. Deadline: Dec. 14

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# december

## CULTURAL CALENDAR

### Prohibition in Washington D.C., December 8

Author and tour guide Garrett Peck, author of *Washington D.C.: How Dry We Weren't*, explores how Prohibition impacted our capital. Book sale and signing will follow the talk. Free, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 8414 Main Street, 703.385.8414

### U.S. Navy Brass Band Quintet, December 13

The Old Town Hall Performance Series continues through the holidays with the engaging and delightful U.S. Navy Brass Band Quintet. 8 pm (doors open at 7:30 pm), Free, Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, 703.352.ARTS

### Sherwood Family Movie, December 13

Watch *Toy Story 4* at the Sherwood Center December 13. Lights go down at 7 pm. Britepath accepts food donations (list of acceptable items available). Free, 3740 Old Lee Highway, 703.385.7858

### Main Street Community Band, December 15

Get the holiday spirit with seasonal and holiday family favorites — and a visit from Santa! Enjoy pre-concert music by the Main Street Brass Quintet and the Main Street Clarinet Quartet. Free, tickets required (limit 4), Lanier Middle School, 4:00 pm (doors open at 3:30 pm). Info: [fairfaxband.org](http://fairfaxband.org)

### Christmas in Fairfax, December 21

Enjoy the City of Fairfax Band's holiday concert, with members of the Fairfax Choral Society and guest host John Lyon — and, of course, Santa! Free, tickets required (limit 4), Fairfax High School, 7 pm. Info: [fairfaxband.org](http://fairfaxband.org)

