



Parks & Recreation

Live Life Connected

Important Dates

January 9

Art & Lunch with Fairfax Art League, 10:30am, @ Old Town Hall

January 10

The Hot Lanes Big Band with Bobby Jasinski, 8pm, @ Old Town Hall

January 12

Discover the "New Virginians" of Fairfax, 2pm, @ Fairfax Museum

January 13 & 27

Funday Monday, 10:30am, @ Old Town Hall

January 16

Friday Morning Music Club, 12Noon, @ Old Town Hall

January 17

Artscreen: Loving Vincent, 7:30pm, @ Sherwood

January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
City government closed

January 24

Sherwood Family Movie Night "Detective Pikachu", 7pm, @ Sherwood Center

Zachary Smith & the Dixie Power Trio, 8pm, @ Old Town Hall

January 25

The Consummate Citizens-Soldier; Charles Russell, 2pm, @ Historic Blenheim

January 31

Polaris Piano Trio: Chocolate Box Concert, 8pm, @ Sherwood

January 31 - February 2

Chocolate Lovers Festival

Parks and Recreation January 2020 PRAB Report

A Quick Overview of 2020

Hired an Arborist for the Parks Crew. Arborist overhauled the landscaping at Sherwood Community Center and Old Town Square.

Completed the City's first Dog Park.

Replaced the playground at Cobbdale Park

Revamped the Commission on the Arts grant funding program for more structure and accountability.

Broke revenue record with \$2,340,752 recorded in FY19. Projected to exceed that record by \$100,000 in FY20.

Summer Camp revenue broke record with nearly \$750,000 for the summer of 2019.

Held the first annual Beer in the Burbs Festival . It was a huge success with over 20 craft breweries.

Served over 65 families during the Sherwood Giving Tree program adding Main Street Child Care Center to list of schools receiving support,

Completed an additional public art installation and had two temporary public art exhibits at Old Town Square.

Completed a full year with the Lamb Center City Work program. Two Lamb Center crew members were hired by the city.

Formed the George Snyder Trail Advisory Group to help oversee the planning and design of the trail. Held three meetings in 2019.

Received \$5.3 million in state funding for the Pickett Road connector trail. Full design will be underway in 2020.

Received funding for Comstock Trail preliminary design.

Finished final design on the Judicial Trail missing link behind Fairfax Nursing Center.

Converted the Senior Trips to cover the cost of CUE bus and private bus service without a hitch.

Completed renovation of two tennis courts at Van Dyck Park that now include pickleball courts.

Held a Hometown Celebration the Sunday before July 4th .

Coordinated with the Old Town Fairfax Business Association and the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce to participate in the Fall Festival.

Worked with George Mason at all the Rock the Blocks and to host the Witch Watch at Old Town Square instead of on campus.

Renovated the community garden at City Hall.

Started preliminary planning for the Firestation Trail that will connect Country Club Commons to Route 50.

SHERWOOD PROGRAMS & CAMPS

KAREN LUSSIER

Sherwood Giving Tree 2019

Thank you to the MANY people who gave generously during the third year of the Sherwood Giving Tree. We were able to provide numerous gifts for **174 children** from Daniels Run, Providence and Main Street Child Development Center this year! We covered all of the families in need and received over **\$4,000 in monetary** donations. This program was a huge success thanks to many donations from the community, local



businesses, city departments and many people's generosity. A special thanks to National Asphalt and Combined Properties for their extremely generous donations. Many City Departments including the Fire Department who also paid a special visit to a family in need and Police who donated generously as well.



Camp Registration 2020

Camp registration for the 2020 summer will begin on Monday, Feb 10th for returning campers and Tuesday, Feb 24th for returning campers. Open registration for all camps including the Specialty Camps will also begin on Feb 24th this year. Specialty Camps for the summer will include, Art, Soccer, Skateboarding, Drama, Technology, Spanish Immersion, Cooking, and Business Girl /Girl Entrepreneur Camps! New camps will include a Teen Improv Camp and a Kids Give Back Volunteer Camp. The dates for the traditional camps this year will run from June 22-Aug 7. The 2020 Camp Brochure will be published in mid-January.

**THANK YOU
AGAIN
FAIRFAX CITY!!**

Sherwood Movie Night

Friday, Jan 24, 7:00pm

'Detective Pikachu'

FREE!

Perishable food donations are accepted for Britebaths



VOLUNTEER FOR VALENTINE'S FAMILY EVENT

Saturday, February 8, 10am-Noon
Sherwood Community Center
\$15/family

Join 'Kids Give Back', a nonprofit organization, as we spend the morning making Valentine gifts for senior citizens. We'll provide the supplies, you and your family provide the creativity! Everything we make will be donated to an assisted living center in Fairfax County; projects will be appropriate for children ages 3 and up. Register ahead of time at www.fairfaxva.gov/parksrec

GREEN ACRES & SENIOR CENTER

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GREEN ACRES

Green Acres News

Senior, Adult and Youth classes successfully started the first week of January at Green Acres!

December ENROLLMENTS AT GREEN ACRES			
Type	2018	2019	Difference
Youth	8	24	+16
Adult	282	420	+138
Fitness Pass Usage (Non Senior Member)	15	9	-6

Starting the New Year off Right!

With the cold weather here and the New Year's resolutions being made to stay healthy in 2020, many folks will take advantage of the fitness center and FREE *Open House Fitness* week from January 2-8, 2020. It is a chance to experience all our fitness classes, meet new instructors and market our programs. Many folks are taking advantage of the drop in options for classes this season. Our evening pickle ball *drop in* numbers increased in December as well as the personal training sessions. with Teresa, our personal trainer.



SENIOR CENTER

December SENIOR CENTER STATS			
	2018	2019	Difference
New Members	21	16	-5
Total Members	3590	4040	+450
Attendance	1911	2108	+197
Fitness Room	645	650	+5
Website Hits	856	622	-234

EACH NEW YEAR BRINGS EXCITEMENT TO THE SENIOR CENTER

After our intergenerational holiday party, we celebrated the start of a new year and bid farewell to a fantastic 2019 on Friday December 27 with our New Year's celebration. The seniors continued the traditional of lowering the Famous "Apple Core" at Noon with a champagne/sparkling cider, toast and Pizza lunch sponsored by the senior council.



SENIOR CENTER COUNCIL NEWS

Senior Center Advisory Members

2019/2020 Senior Center Advisory Members

Kim Chu, Sam Crumpler, Susan DiMaina, Pat Hyland, Jayne Jackson, Jay Lamb, Jeanette Mason, Pete Pollak, Sigrid Schipper, Charles Spasaro, and Sandy Moshos. **Senior Council Officers :**

Sam Crumpler – Chair Charles Spasaro-Secretary
Pat Hyland-Vice Chair Sandy Moshos– Treasurer

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 1pm. Next meeting Feb 19 at 1pm.

Save the date Saturday, March 21, 10 am-12:30 pm at the Sherwood Center .

The Fairfax City's Young at Heart Senior Center's Senior Council is sponsoring this annual fundraising Appraisal Event. This is the perfect opportunity to discover whether you have a true, valuable treasure, or just a nice keepsake Admission fee: \$5 plus \$5 per item (limit 4).

Please see attached January calendar

We have a busy 2020 planned for our members!

Thirty –two events and activities are planned for this year to include: senior fundraiser events, theme parties each month, lunch and learns, bingo and birthdays, games, pickle ball, bocce, classes, parades, trips, NVSO and much more. In May, the Administration on Aging, part of the Administration for Community Living, leads our nation's observance of Older American's Month. The 2020 theme is **Make Your Mark**. This theme was selected to encourage and celebrate countless contributions that older adults make to our communities. Their time, experience, and talents benefit family, peers, and neighbors every day. Communities, organizations, and individuals of all ages are also making their marks. This year's theme highlights the difference everyone can make – in the lives of older adults, in support of caregivers, and to strengthen communities. We kick off Older Americans Month with an Open House here at the senior center Friday, May 1, 2020 and special programs through the month including the National Senior Health & Fitness Day at the end of the month. In September we will once again host **NVSO** events which is sponsored by the Northern Virginia Senior Olympic Committee and surrounding jurisdictions. This year we plan to hold the Bocce and Horseshoe tournaments which bring many 50+ athletes from all the jurisdictions to Green Acres.

UPCOMING SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Our next party will our Valentine's Day celebration potluck on Friday February 14th at 11:30am followed by the St. Patty's Party Potluck on March 13 at 11:30am.

AARP Smart Driver Program will be held on March 25 and 26 from 10am-3pm both days.

CULTURAL ARTS

MEGAN DUBOIS



Town Hall with Bill T. Jones: A Conversation on Community, Identity, and Art at Old Town Hall (3999 University Dr, Fairfax, VA), Wednesday January 29 at 7:30pm. Additional details including Guest panelists and topics, will be announced at a later date. The event is FREE but reservations are requested.

This Town Hall is ahead of the **Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company** world premiere entitled ***What Problem?* Saturday, February 1 at 8 p.m.** at the Center for the Arts.

Conceived and directed by Bill T. Jones—and featuring choreography by Jones with Janet Wong and the Company—*What Problem?* provokes the tension between belonging to a community and feelings of isolation during these divisive political times. It is set to spoken word and original live music by Nick Hallett and sung by the Mason University Singers.

Upcoming January Events



Thursday, January 9 - Fairfax Art League: Art and Lunch

Old Town Hall, 10:30am – 2:30pm

Friday, January 10 – Old Town Hall Performance Series: The Hot Lanes Big Band with Bobby Jasinski

Old Town Hall, 8:00pm

Thursday, January 16 – Friday Morning Music Club

Old Town Hall, 12:00pm

Friday, January 17 – ArtScreen: Loving Vincent

Sherwood Center, Doors at 7:00pm Movie starts at 7:30pm
Free Refreshments!

Friday, January 24 – Old Town Hall Performance Series: Zachary Smith & The Dixie Power Trio

Old Town Hall, 8:00pm

Fall for the Book— Story Sprint: Pop Up Lit Night

Old Town Hall, 7:00pm



Join three authors for an evening of off-the-cuff writing. Writers will be given one line with which to start a story and one with which to end it. In a mad dash, they will compose their pieces which the audience will vote on to be the winner. As they work, take a chance on writing some of your very own Six-Word Stories for the chance to win a prize!

SPECIAL EVENTS



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND CAROLS

Festival of Lights and Carols was a lovely day. Smores, Cider (sponsor Kiwanis Club), petting zoo, craft booths, visits by Santa and the inflatables were busy all day.



WRAP UP—Global Construction will be removing the lights on the street trees along Main Street the week of March 15th. The Fairfax Ferns did a beautiful job decorating Old Town Hall the week before Thanksgiving for the holidays. Many thanks to the Fairfax Ferns for their continued donation of time to make Old Town Hall festive for the holidays!



LUNCH WITH SANTA



The attendance for this year is much lower than previous years; however, staff received several compliments about how nice it was to have more space to move. Santa was also happy!

11am—42 children in 2019 vs 93 in 2018

12noon—40 children in 2019 vs 76 in 2018

1pm—32 children in 2019 vs 54 in 2018

HOLIDAY MARKET



The Fairfax City Holiday Market was held December 6-8; 13-15 and 20-22. The hours of the event were Fridays, 5-8pm, Saturdays, 12pm-6pm and Sundays, 12pm-4pm. The weather was as follows: December 6-8; cold and windy, December 13-15 - we had to cancel Friday and Saturday but had it on Sunday; December 20-22,- cold and sunny. The market was a success again this year —we had good feedback from vendors, and attendees. We hope to grow the market next year and increase foot traffic. 48 different vendors participated this year (54 last year) in the market with the goal of having new vendors each weekend. This takes a considerable amount of coordination. Along with vendors each weekend a non-profit participated as the 'market sponsor' selling hot chocolate, s'mores, and other fundraising items for their groups. There was 20 entertainment groups played throughout the weekends to help bring people to the market—we are looking to increase this next year to have entertainment at all times during the market hours. We also had a Pet Santa as well as Princesses that visited the Market. Next year we will be doing the Market for 2 weekends versus 3—the third weekend is getting too close to Christmas.



SPECIAL EVENTS (cont.)

SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS 2020

Event permits and being submitted and approved for 2020—events will include the returning Fit Foodie Race (New in 2017), Pacers Turkey Trot & New Years Eve Run, Labor Day Car Show and more. We are anticipating seeing an increase in event requests in 2019 due to the new Old Town Square regulations and the popularity of the Veterans Amphitheater at City Hall.

	2019	2020	Difference
Approved Permits to Date	22	10	12
Applications Received to Date	30	11	19
Pending Applications	0	1	1
Denied Applications	8	0	8

ATHLETICS & FIELDS

ATHLETICS

All winter gym and field permits have been issued. All grass fields are closed December 1st through February 28th. We will continue to process winter requests as they are received. Draper Drive Turf fields are closed for renovations December thru February. We received the Spring 2019 applications from groups and will start to process them over the next month.

The field users are the regular groups: FPYC and two adult groups. We are not able to issue permits to the other 6 adult groups because Draper is closed. The primary field space is Stafford and FHS Turf field. Stafford is not scheduled Monday thru Friday

because we do not have lights.

The gym permits are primarily issued to FPYC basketball with a couple spaces going to CYO.

Tournaments: None

Revenue: Will be much lower this year since Draper Drive is not available

ATHLETICS STATS			
WINTER	2018	2019	Difference
Revenue	\$2,703.00	\$427.50	-\$2,275.50
Pending Revenue	\$1,600.00	TBD	-\$1,600.00
Field Permits	20	7	-13
Gym Permits	15	16	+1
Applications Received	17	8	-9
Approved Applications	16	7	-9
Denied/Cx Applications	1	0	-1
Tournaments Scheduled	0	0	0
Adult Groups Scheduled	7	2	-5
Pending Application	0	0	0

FACILITIES

BRIANNE BAGLINI

JANUARY STATISTICS

Old Town Hall	2019	2020	Difference
Utilization Rate for Jan.	34%	32%	-2%
Jan. Rentals	5	4	-1
	2018	2019	Difference
Dec. Revenue	\$5,649.25	\$11,709	+\$6,059.75

Sherwood	2019	2020	Difference
Utilization Rate for Jan.	49%	46%	-3%
Jan. Rentals	22	16	-6
	2018	2019	Difference
Dec. Revenue	\$22,440	\$20,373	-\$2,067

Blenheim	2019	2020	Difference
Utilization Rate for Jan.	35%	42%	+7%
Jan. Rentals	11	15	+4
	2018	2019	Difference
Dec. Revenue	\$5,165.05	\$8,070	+\$2,904.95

Green Acres	2019	2020	Difference
Utilization Rate for Jan.	64%	68%	+4%
Jan. Rentals	82	92	+10
	2018	2019	Difference
Dec. Revenue	\$13,764	\$13,450.75	-\$313.25

PARKS

Scout on the Circle Proffer Funds

As part of the approval of the Scout on the Circle project, the developer was required to provide the city with \$100,000 for use at City Parks with the following conditions:

\$50,000 must be used for park and trails wayfinding.

\$30,000 must be used for a new basketball court at Ranger Road Park.

\$20,000 is to be used for community gardens or other such park facilities at the City Council determines.

