

cityscene

What's happening in the City of Fairfax

JUNE 2020

Stay Informed of Latest City News and Developments

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Fairfax continues to provide municipal services. City Hall is closed, but virtual City Hall remains open at fairfaxva.gov. Most business can be conducted online, and email and phone service are available. City functions and services continue to evolve, so please visit the city website to stay abreast of city news and information.

DMV Select is closed while City Hall is closed; contact dmv.virginia.gov for service and information.

The business of government continues. City boards and commissions are conducting electronic meetings; check the website calendar for meeting information and how to "attend" meetings.

The City Council approved a \$135.6 million General Fund budget for fiscal year 2020-21, and the FY21-25 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The adopted budget is \$9.7 million less than the previous year, a 6.7 percent decrease. The total approved budget for all city funds is \$166.8 million, a 1.8 percent decrease from the corresponding FY20

amount. Visit the city website for details.

The community is deeply affected by the many celebrations that have been cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic: graduations, weddings, and special events including the 2020 Independence Day celebration. Together, the city and community will explore ideas and options to recognize our traditional special events while ensuring health and safety. Visit the city website and follow the city's social media accounts to stay abreast of developments.

Your health and welfare remain our first priority, and we will continue to work closely with the Fairfax County Health Department and other regional, state, and federal partners to monitor the situation and provide information and guidance. Visit fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus for city-related information. Thank you for your continued cooperation and understanding during this unprecedented situation.

USE OF CLOTH FACE COVERINGS TO HELP SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19



How to Wear a Cloth Face Covering

Cloth face coverings should:

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

For sew and no-sew instructions on how to make a mask at home, visit cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html



Information and graphics courtesy of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



CITY NEWS

Purple Can Club Resumes

City residents may once again take clean bottles and jars to Purple Can Club locations throughout Fairfax County, including at 10700 Page Avenue. (Labels and lids are accepted.) Glass also is accepted:

- **I-66 Transfer Station,**
4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax
- **I-95 Landfill Complex,**
9850 Furnace Road, Lorton

Fairfax City recycling crews continue to collect glass curbside until further notice — but we strongly encourage use of the Purple Can. *Information: fairfaxva.gov/purplecan, 703.385.7816*

Small Area Plan Public Hearings June 8, June 23

After nearly a year, the Old Town Fairfax and Northfax Small Area Plan processes are coming to a close. Join us at the final public hearings on these plans at the June 8 Planning Commission meeting and June 23 City Council meeting. (Meeting information is subject to change; please check for updates on the city website.)

Take this opportunity to learn about the consultant's final recommendations and share your thoughts. *Information: fairfaxva.gov/smallareaplans, smallareaplans@fairfaxva.gov, 703.385.7930*

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.

Swearing-In, June 30

The Mayor-elect, City Council-elect, and School Board-elect will be sworn in on Tuesday, June 30. The City Clerk's Office will post information about this event on the city website as details are finalized. *Information: WeCare@fairfaxva.gov, 703.385.7800*

Schools Continue Meal Distribution

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) provides "Grab and Go" breakfast and lunch and bus delivery on weekdays at selected sites county-wide. Take your CUE Bus for free to "Grab and Go" at Providence Elementary School and Daniels Run Elementary School. Meals are free for students age 18 and younger, and \$2 for adults.

Additionally, FCPS school buses deliver meals along bus routes with five stops in the Fairfax High School pyramid. *Information: cityoffairfaxschools.org (click on "COVID-19 updates"), 703.293.7131*

COVID-19 INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

City of Fairfax

fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus
WeCare@fairfaxva.gov
703.385.7800

Text FXCCOVID19 to 888-777 for City of Fairfax-related information and updates (*visit fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus for email option*)

Fairfax County Health Department

(City's public health services provider)
fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19
703.267.3511

Text FFXCVID to 888-777 for Fairfax Health District information and updates (*visit fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19 for email option*)

Virginia Department of Health

vdh.virginia.gov
877.ASK.VDH3

CDC, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
cdc.gov

In case of emergency, dial 911

How can you help your community?

Visit cityoffairfaxschools.org or fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus for information and ideas.



ELECTION INFORMATION

DUAL PRIMARY ELECTION (REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC)

JUNE 23

VOTERS MAY VOTE IN EITHER PRIMARY, BUT ONLY IN ONE

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE 16

Final day to request absentee ballots by mail, 5 pm

JUNE 20

Final day for in-person absentee voting, 5 pm

JUNE 23

Polls open 6 am to 7 pm; return absentee ballots by 7 pm

Polling location information, voter assistance: fairfaxva.gov/vote, 703.385.7891

Vote At Home

To minimize risk of exposure to COVID-19, the Office of Elections encourages voters to request and vote an absentee ballot by mail. All voters may use Reason Code 2A – My disability or illness.

How to request your absentee ballot application for June 23 Primary Election:

- Online: vote.elections.virginia.gov
- Email your application to: Registrar@FairfaxVA.gov
- Mail your application to: 10455 Armstrong Street, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030
- Phone: 703.385.7891
- Fax: 703.591.8364

What comes next:

1. Submit a completed, signed Absentee Ballot Application form.
2. Office of Elections will mail you your ballot.
3. Vote your ballot at home (see notes below).
4. Return the ballot.

Please note:

- Your ballot will be mailed within three days of receiving and approving your signed application.
- Allow sufficient time to receive and return the voted ballot by mail.
- DO NOT DELAY in requesting or submitting your ballot.
- Ballots must be in the Office of Elections by 7 pm on Election Day.

Information: fairfaxva.gov/vote, 703.385.7891

VOTING DOS AND DON'TS

- Wear a mask.
- Bring a blue or black ballpoint pen — NOT a gel pen, gloppy pen, or felt tip.
- Social distancing may cause lines on Election Day, so plan your time.
- Vote At Home? Mail Your Ballot!



Celebrate the Class of 2020! Want to show your support for FHS graduates? Visit the Parks and Recreation Facebook page for for your own graduation themed profile photo border or cover picture!

Meet these Fairfax City seniors who served on city boards and commissions and helped make Fairfax City a great place to work, live, and play.

NINA RAVEL

High School: Fairfax High School



Committee: Environmental Sustainability Committee

Why did you want to join the committee?

After being a member of the Green Club, I was interested in learning how communities dealt with environmental issues and ideas.

What did you learn on the committee?

I learned and experienced how the committee discussed and revised new ideas and plans that would have an impact on the environment.

What are you most proud of this year?

I was proud of the goals that the committee came up with this year because they incorporated different topics that allowed multiple issues to be covered, while still maintaining achievable targets.

Plans for next year: I will attend James Madison University in the fall and I am planning to major in biology with a concentration in Ecology and Environmental Biology.

LARA NAYAR

High School: Fairfax High School



Committee: Commission for Women

Why did you want to join the committee?

I wanted to help make a concrete difference for women in my community. I was excited by the commission's dedication to achieving economic and

social equality for diverse groups of women. In this way, serving on the commission has given me insight into the processes behind activism, and prepared me to take on the work required to affect meaningful change.

What are you most proud of this year?

I am proud of the commission's efforts to celebrate women's achievements and encourage female entrepreneurship in our community. Despite the fact that the pandemic derailed our planned events for Women's History Month this past March, I am proud of the way our members have been working to support the community during this time.

Plans for next year: I plan to study economics and data science at the College of William and Mary.

ELLIE MONNIG

High School: Robinson Secondary



Committee: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Why did you want to join the committee?

I genuinely love living in Fairfax City and I saw this as a chance to get involved and provide my own perspective. I am also interested in policymaking and wanted

to learn more about it. I hope to pursue a career in public policy and this was a great opportunity to learn and contribute to my local community.

What did you learn on the committee?

I have gained a greater understanding of the impact parks have on the whole community. I have also learned the extensive amount of time required to implement major plans due to the high level of required communication. I gained an understanding of financial planning in providing services to our local community.

What are you most proud of this year?

Members of the committee are inspiringly dedicated to improving our city's parks. The development and plans for the extension to the George Snyder Trail to become a multimodal trail is an exciting achievement. I am proud of being a part of PRAB since it brings us together as a community through events such as Rock the Block, the Chocolate Lovers Festival, and the Fall Festival.

Plans for next year: I plan to attend Virginia Tech to study Public Policy.



KYLIE HORN

School: Fairfax High School



Committee: Student Representative to the Fairfax City School Board

Why did you want to join the committee?

I wanted to be a voice for not just the students at Fairfax High School but for all students at city schools. I also thought it would be a great

opportunity to build lasting relationships with adult community members!

What did you learn on the committee?

I learned the relationship Fairfax City Schools has with Fairfax County Public Schools and how we really are partners. I learned to balance my time between school, sports and the tasks I had for this position.

What are you most proud of this year?

I am proud that during my time I was able to give reports on all the city schools. I believe this made all city schools feel represented and included. I am also proud of how the school board is constantly trying to better our schools for the benefit of our students, it truly makes me city schools proud, as Dr. Pajardo likes to say!

Plans for next year: I will attend Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina, to major in education and play lacrosse.

Follow city and school social media accounts to find out how we're celebrating the Class of 2020 throughout the city!

#FHSSeniorStories

#LiveLifeConnected

#CantHideOurPride

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WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

The city needs people LIKE YOU to fill the following vacancies on these boards and commissions: Board of Building Code of Appeals (one mechanical or plumbing vacancy); Board of Zoning Appeals (two vacancies for city residents); Commission on the Arts (one vacancy for a city resident); Community Appearance Committee (two vacancies for city residents); Economic Development Authority (one vacancy; for information, email EconomicDevelopment@fairfaxva.gov); Environmental Sustainability Committee (two vacancies for city residents); Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (one vacancy for a city resident); Personnel Advisory Board (one vacancy for a city resident and one vacancy for an alternate member). Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (one vacancy for a city resident); Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (one vacancy for a city resident). 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 and search "boards and vacancies," or call 703.385.7935. **Deadline: June 14**

BUSINESS INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS Get the Latest News For and About City Businesses



Fairfax City is helping businesses find new, creative ways to meet the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stay up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 news posted in the COVID-19 hub, fairfaxcityconnected.com/covid19, which is updated daily.

- **COVID-19 Resource Roundup** provides late-breaking COVID-19 news, programs, and opportunities; economic trends in this shifting market; the Fairfax City business scene; and a variety of interesting, helpful programs to help your business thrive.
- **Feed the Frontline** supports local restaurants by purchasing meals for city employees working the frontlines in

response to COVID-19. To participate, register your restaurant at fairfaxcityconnected.com/feeding-frontline

- **Open4Biz** puts restaurants on the map: an interactive map searchable by cuisine and name. Not open now? We'll keep you on the map so customers are ready for your return. fairfaxcityconnected.com/open4biz
- **Starship** robots deliver food and essential goods in Fairfax City to those staying safer at home. Download the app (Apple, Android) for information on the delivery zone and participating businesses.

Information: fairfaxcityconnected.com, 703.385.7944