

# city *What's happening in the City of Fairfax* scene

AUGUST 2020



## WALK THE NEW CURVE TO OLD TOWN

**A**fter a year of construction activity and detours, the Rust Curve project is finally complete! The improved stretch of Chain Bridge Road between Rust Hill Place and Whitehead Street has created an inviting northern gateway to our fair city's historic Old Town for both residents and visitors alike.

Longtime residents know that refurbishing Rust Curve has been a priority for the city for many years. When planning began in 2015, this hill was plagued by steep, eroding banks, crumbling asphalt, a ragged shoulder, and a disconnected sidewalk. Those undesirable elements have been replaced with an attractive brick retaining wall, ornate lighting fixtures, and a continuous sidewalk along the west side of the road that delivers on the city's promise to create connectivity. New curb ramps and crossings provide accessibility to all users of the six-foot-wide sidewalk.

"The long needed sidewalk is so appreciated," said Trish Fabio, who lives along the curve. "It encourages more neighborly interaction and safety," she added.

In the near future, newly planted trees will provide shade as they mature into firmly-rooted sentinels, and planters will overflow with greenery and seasonal color.

What lies beneath the surface is just as important as the new streetscape above. A new

drainage system was installed to convey storm-water runoff, and a water main and other utilities were relocated. Douglas Gilpin was the consulting architect for aesthetic features. The city's public works department secured the funding for the \$6.3 million project – the majority of which came from federal and state sources – and managed the design and construction of this much-needed infrastructure improvement project.

The business community is excited about Rust Curve's potential impact on the local economy. "The Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to see the Rust Curve and Sidewalk Project complete," said Jennifer Rose, executive director of the Central Fairfax Chamber. "The beautiful design and craftsmanship will set visitors' expectations of what they will encounter in Old Town where our charming businesses stand ready to greet customers as they come to explore all that Old Town has to offer," she added.

To fully experience how the Rust Curve project has transformed the entrance to the heart of our downtown district, walk north from the bridge over Accotink Creek. As you climb the hill, the textured brick wall rises to a height of 10 feet before tapering down to reveal the stately Moore-McCandlish House on the right. You may even pass your friends and neighbors as they explore the curve's new charm.



Show your support for the city's thriving arts scene at the Mayor's Virtual Gala for the Arts at 8 p.m. on August 29. This year's event will celebrate notable anniversaries of two major creative forces in the city: The City of Fairfax Band Association Inc. and Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts, Inc. Attendees will enjoy live performances by City of Fairfax Band ensembles and recipients of Spotlight on the Arts scholarships. Dress up and join fellow arts supporters, elected officials, business leaders, friends, and neighbors for this lively virtual party.

The City of Fairfax Band Association has been performing for city residents and abroad for 50 years, and Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts, Inc., has brightened our lives by highlighting arts and culture at its renowned festival for the past 35 years. The online gala will include a silent auction, with all proceeds benefitting these two organizations that continue to enrich the community through music, movement, and visual arts.

Please R.S.V.P. by email to Megan DuBois, Executive Director of Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts, at [megan.dubois@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:megan.dubois@fairfaxva.gov). For information about the gala and the 2020 Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival, visit [fairfaxspotlight.org](http://fairfaxspotlight.org).



# CITY NEWS

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## Connect, Engage, Participate

It's easier than ever to stay connected with the City of Fairfax. Visit our updated news and information page to browse a list of social media accounts, sign up for City Alerts, view meetings, and make your voice heard.

Information: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "news information")

## Virginia Sales Tax Holiday August 7-9

The Commonwealth of Virginia offers a sales tax holiday August 7-9 for school supplies, clothing, and footwear; hurricane and emergency preparedness products; and Energy Star and WaterSense products.

Qualifying items include school supplies, clothing/footwear; batteries, flashlights, duct tape, chain saws, portable generators, and cell phone chargers. Purchases may be made in-person, online, by phone, or by mail. Information: [tax.virginia.gov](http://tax.virginia.gov)

## Movie Under the Moon August 28

Join us for ArtScreen Family Movie Night to watch *Beethoven Lived Upstairs* and Warner Brother's Classical Music Cartoons at Van Dyck Park. The movie starts at dark (8:30-9 p.m.). Choose a socially distant circle for your household to watch in safety. Please wear a mask and practice health safety guidelines. Information: [fairfaxva.gov/parksrec](http://fairfaxva.gov/parksrec)

## Check Out Our Evolving City

The city's older commercial areas are experiencing a renewal, and new housing options are planned or under construction to support our growing population. Visit the city's website to see what's planned and where the projects are located. You'll find links to maps and plans that are under review, approved, or under construction. Information: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "development")

## Replace Worn, Broken Recycling Bins

Replace broken city-issued recycling bins with new ones, courtesy of the Operations Division: call 703.385.7837 or email [RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov) to request a new bin. (Please mark broken bins for removal and place them at the curb on your regular curbside collection day.)



## Wastewater 101

Used water from homes and businesses – cooking, laundry, dishwashing, and flushing toilets – flows downhill through pipes to a wastewater treatment plant, where it is treated and released into a nearby waterway. Pump stations force the wastewater up and over high points in the terrain.

When a crew from our wastewater division responded to a sanitary sewer emergency at a city pump station, they found two valves blocked by "flushable" wipes and a dog's chew toy. The quick response prevented serious problems.

Avoid messy, expensive sanitary sewer backups in your home by flushing only the three Ps: poo, pee, and toilet paper. Never flush paper towels, dental floss, feminine hygiene products, or hair. Yes, it's a gross subject, but you don't want to turn your basement into a science project. Information: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "wastewater")



## U.S. Census Continues Through October

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Census continues soliciting responses from the public through October. Visit [census.gov](http://census.gov) to respond.

## Wastewater Lateral Repair Assistance

City property owners are entitled to receive city assistance with the cost of wastewater lateral repairs within public property.

In most cases, the City of Fairfax will reimburse replacement of the entire lateral

within private property, if the replacement is completed using trenchless technology. Repairs on private property are not eligible for reimbursement because they are not considered a public utility purpose. Information: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "lateral")

Property owners are encouraged to seek sufficient insurance coverage for water and wastewater damage and repairs.



## Curious Citizens

Why does the city seal feature a Confederate soldier? The city seal was created by a commission in 1973. The seal's symbolism and how it reflects the city's current identity will be discussed in depth by the new city council. Learn about the seal's history at [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "city seal").

## A Midsummer Night's Dream, August 6-16

The City of Fairfax Theater Company is presenting William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* August 6-16 in the Veterans Amphitheater (adjacent to City Hall). Information: [fairfaxcitytheatre.org](http://fairfaxcitytheatre.org)

## COVID-19 INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

### City of Fairfax

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

[WeCare@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:WeCare@fairfaxva.gov)

703.385.7800

Text FXCCOVID19 to 888-777 for

City of Fairfax-related information and updates (visit [fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus](http://fairfaxva.gov/coronavirus) for email option)

### Fairfax County Health Department

(City's public health services provider)

[fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19)

703.267.3511

Text FFXCOVID to 888-777 for

Fairfax Health District information and updates (visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19) for email option)

### Virginia Department of Health

[vdh.virginia.gov](http://vdh.virginia.gov)

877.ASK.VDH3

### CDC, Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention

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

**In case of emergency, dial 911**

# SCHOOL NEWS

## FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL LIONS

This summer, Fairfax High School Principal Dr. Erin Lenart announced the new team name will be the FHS Lions.

In keeping with the new team name, the School Board unanimously renamed the street on which Fairfax High School is located to “Lion Run” and offered Dr. Lenart its full support.

## LANIER MIDDLE SCHOOL NAME PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The City of Fairfax School Board has begun public engagement on the name of Sidney Lanier Middle School, and invites community input: visit [cityoffairfaxschools.org](http://cityoffairfaxschools.org) and click on the Lanier Middle School Name button, or email [LanierComment@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:LanierComment@fairfaxva.gov).

Comments are accepted through the website, email, or mail through September 10.

Community members also are welcome to speak at an electronic meeting scheduled at 5 p.m. on August 3. Students will be allowed to speak first. You do not need to be a city resident to speak. To sign up for a three-minute time slot, please email [PublicHearingSB@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:PublicHearingSB@fairfaxva.gov).

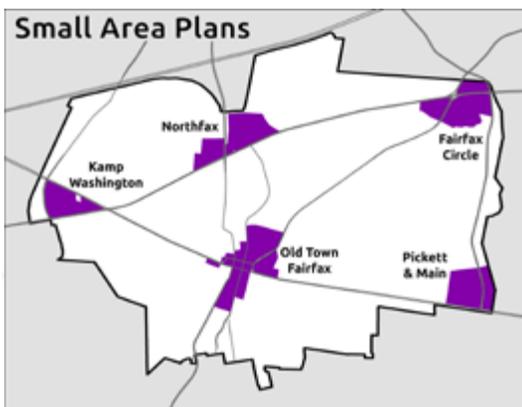
A second public hearing is scheduled for September 9.

The School Board is scheduled to vote on the matter at its September 14 meeting.

Information: [cityoffairfaxschools.org](http://cityoffairfaxschools.org).

School Board meetings are televised on Cityscreen-12, the city television station, on cable television (Cox, Verizon) and on the city website.

# Small Area Plans Guide Responsible Growth in Activity Centers



After a year-long effort, City Council approved the Old Town Fairfax and Northfax Small Area Plans at their June 23 meeting, giving life to plans that balance responsible growth while honoring both the characteristics of these distinct neighborhoods and the thoughtful input residents provided throughout the process.

Small Area Plans are neighborhood-level plans that provide the city with guidance on the development of the five Activity Centers defined in the *2035 Comprehensive Plan*. Any development proposed for these Activity Centers will be guided by their respective Small Area Plan.

Engaged city residents were crucial to the development and approval of the plans. Community members participated in seven public meetings, and dozens of stakeholders provided feedback to the Planning Commission and City Council.

Both Small Area Plans emphasize a pedestrian-oriented environment. The plans link Old Town Fairfax, Northfax, and George Mason University via “The Spine,” a shared-use path for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other forms of non-automotive transportation.

The Old Town Fairfax plan builds on the unique neighborhood’s historic appeal, envisioning downtown as a walkable cultural destination. The city’s passion for the arts is expressed in the proposed Arts Walk and the plan’s focus on injecting the area with color, light, and vibrancy. In coming years, the plan envisions Old Town as a lively, mixed-used center and cultural hub within the region.

The Northfax plan creates a new sense of place for this important Activity Center. Located on both sides of Chain Bridge Road, north of the intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Fairfax Boulevard, the area is reimagined as a dynamic, environmentally sustainable, mixed-use center integrated with existing suburban neighborhoods. A proposed new linear park and access to the future George T. Snyder Trail emphasize Northfax’s connection to nature within the Accotink Creek watershed.

City planning staff is excited to begin implementing the plans and eager to engage with residents on the Small Area Plans for the Kamp Washington, Fairfax Circle, and Pickett & Main Activity Center. Details on how to participate in these planning efforts will be announced in the coming months. To read the full Small Area Plan reports or to subscribe to the Small Area Plans email list, please visit [fairfaxva.gov/smallareaplans](http://fairfaxva.gov/smallareaplans).

### MAP KEY

- 1. Historic Main Street
- 2. Old Town Square
- 3. New Arts Walk
- 4. Existing Parking Garage
- 5. New Parking Garage
- 6. Regional Library
- 7. Proposed Public Open Space
- 8. New Loop Road Connection
- 9. “The Spine” – Connector to GMU



# GETTING TO KNOW JOSEPH D. HARMON

A 24-year resident of the city is serving his first term on City Council



ensure a balanced approach between needed commercial development to drive our economic vibrancy, and maintaining a sense of our small-town charm, which makes Fairfax City such a special place.

### What do you love most about the city?

I love our sense of community and neighbors who actually know each other. Living in a sprawling metropolitan area as we do, it's wonderful to maintain a sense of place and belonging.

**What is one thing you want people to know about you?** I am originally from the real Washington. I call it the "real Washington" because Washington state is the only state in which you have to add "state" after to ensure that people know which Washington you are referring to. It's kind of annoying but you learn to live with it. You don't have to tell people you are from "Virginia state," after all.

Find out more about Councilmember Harmon on the city website (under Government, click on "Mayor & City Council"), and connect with him at *Joseph.Harmon@fairfaxva.gov* or 703.385.7850.

### Why do you want to serve on City Council?

I have been a community activist and volunteer for a long time in the city. I just completed a six-year term on the Planning Commission and wanted to continue to serve my community as an elected official.

**What one thing do you want to accomplish during this term?** I intend to work hard to

## NEW VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING FOR SENIORS



*Martha Hemingway teaches her virtual clogging class at Green Acres Senior Center.*

Senior and community centers remained closed, but you can stay engaged and connected through the city's new virtual programs. Register online at [fairfaxva.gov/virtualcenter](http://fairfaxva.gov/virtualcenter) to join your favorite instructors as they lead virtual classes using the Zoom platform. Stay tuned for the schedule.

Don't forget to also check out Fairfax County's Virtual Center for Active Adults: you'll find many offerings to exercise your mind and body: [fairfaxcounty.gov/mcs](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/mcs), click on "Virtual Center for Active Adults"

# FAIRFAX CITY RECONNECTED



As Fairfax City shoppers and diners return to their favorite Fairfax establishments, they will find a few ways the city and business owners are helping them stay safe.

**OUTDOOR DINING:** Take a look at Old Town Fairfax, where the Economic Development Office (EDO) and Economic Development Authority (EDA) have created al fresco dining on Main Street and University Drive through September. City Square provides an outdoor dining experience for patrons of Old Town restaurants. This is just one of the many opportunities diners can find throughout Fairfax, where the EDO and EDA have assisted businesses in safely and creatively launching outdoor dining opportunities.

**OPEN4BIZ:** Don't forget to visit Open4Biz, a webpage that lists all city restaurants, searchable by restaurant name and category: [fairfaxcityconnected.com/open4biz](http://fairfaxcityconnected.com/open4biz)

**PLEDGE:** Businesses can demonstrate their commitment to upholding public health requirements during the COVID-19

pandemic by taking the **Fairfax City ReConnected Pledge**, a voluntary public pledge to adhere to the latest COVID-19 safety precautions. Participants receive a "Let's Get ReConnected" decal to display.

The pledge encourages actions that have become everyday habits in Fairfax City, including requiring face coverings by employees and customers, promoting social distancing, cleaning and disinfecting frequently, and working only when healthy.

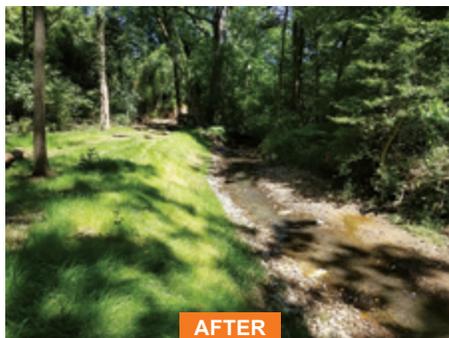
**NEWS:** Stay abreast of EDO and EDA news and programs on social media: Facebook and Instagram (@FairfaxCityEDA) and Twitter (@fairfaxcity\_eda). Additionally, businesses are invited to subscribe to *Fairfax City Economic Development COVID-19 Resources Roundup*, an e-newsletter that delivers news and information directly to you.

The EDO and EDA continue to find ways to assist Fairfax City businesses with the challenges COVID-19 has presented. Visit [FairfaxCityConnected.com](http://FairfaxCityConnected.com) for COVID-19 updates, ReConnected news and opportunities, and more.

# Phase I of Tusico Branch Stream Restoration Completed



BEFORE



AFTER

A 900-foot reach of Tusico Branch, an Accotink Creek tributary, has been restored to a healthier and more stable state. Residents' backyards are now protected from further erosion, invasive bamboo has been removed, and a sturdy, stone outfall has been constructed to reduce the force of stormwater runoff flowing into the creek during storms. This project will improve the overall water quality flowing downstream and improve the ecological functions of the floodplain.

Construction of Phase I began in March and included the reach of stream between Center Street and Chain Bridge Road. Before the project began, the streambanks were collapsing and sediment was washing downstream. The steeply incised banks prevented water from reaching the stream's natural floodplain where it slows down and recharges groundwater. When a stream is unable to overflow and be absorbed by trees and other thirsty vegetation, the erosive force of the water destroys private property and compounds erosion problems downstream.

The engineer and contractor used Natural Channel Design techniques to stabilize streambanks and reconstruct the stream channel. Dead and dying trees were used to hold soil together, create structure for aquatic habitat, and create pools at different elevations to slow the water's flow. The new outfall was constructed of non-erodible boulders that will withstand the force of fast-flowing water that flows downhill from surrounding neighborhoods during heavy rainstorms. Bugs, birds, frogs, and fish will thrive in the new pools below the outfall.

The \$1.3 million project (which includes both Phase I and II) was funded in equal parts by the Stormwater Fund and the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund. Planning for Phase II, which includes the reach of Tusico Branch between Keith Avenue and Center Street, is underway. The city's streams are all located within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Restoring this tributary enhances the local environment, protects property, and improves the quality of the water flowing out of the city.



## Welcome, President Washington!

Join us in welcoming Dr. Gregory Washington as George Mason University's eighth president. Washington joined the Patriots on July 1, having previously served as dean of the Henry Samueli School of Engineering at University of California, Irvine.

His first message as president addressed current events:

*"This summer, we are dealing with three simultaneous crises: A lingering pandemic, a looming budget shortfall that the cratering economy has forced, and a collective reckoning with fundamental racial inequities that we have allowed to simmer just beneath the surface for far too long. There is no playbook to help us through this multitude of crises. Our unique solution to them will come from the application of who we are, as Patriots...."*

*I am still very new here. But in my opinion, it is the act of a Patriot not to deny the contradictions in our history, our community, and our own lives but to face them, embrace them, and grow honestly through them."*

Welcome, President Washington!

## PEACE BIRD in Memory of Armistice Turtora



A shiny new bird is soaring above the rim of the "Bowl" at Van Dyck Park. On July 9, artist Michael Cain installed *Peace Bird*, a six-foot-tall, brushed aluminum sculpture to honor the memory of Armistice Turtora, a longstanding member of the Commission on the Arts and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Turtora, who died in 2017, was an advocate for many causes within the city, and the Commission raised the funds for the sculpture.

"The verticality and motion of the bird suggests hope and new experiences, yet, it also brings a sense of peace and meditation, which, for those of us who knew Armistice, fits in with her," said Molly Grimsley, former chair of the Commission on the Arts.

*Peace Bird* was placed near a kiosk that highlights Turtora's contributions to the city. Watch a short documentary about Armistice Turtora online at [vimeo.com/266762427](https://vimeo.com/266762427).

# COUNCIL REPORTER

**JUNE 23**

This regular meeting of the City Council was held electronically pursuant to the law, to undertake essential business of the city.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration to authorize the city manager to execute the First Amendment to the FY2020 Capital Funding Agreement with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) of a resolution amending WMATA FY20 Capital Agreement; Consideration of a Task Order in the amount not to exceed \$173,596.01 to Timmons Group to perform preliminary analysis and design for the Stafford Drive Stream Restoration Project.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, with revisions, to move that the City Council adopt the attached resolution approving and adopting the Northfax Small Area Plan in the draft dated June 23, 2020, subject to modifications.
- Approved, unanimously, to move that the City Council adopt the attached resolution, approving and adopting the amendments to certain pages of the City of Fairfax 2035 Comprehensive Plan to read as shown in the attached exhibit.
- Approved, unanimously, to move that the City Council approve the request for two special use permits to allow vehicle sales and leasing and vehicle service at 10570 and 10590 Fairfax Boulevard, with conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, to move that the City Council adopt the attached resolution to approve the request for six special exceptions to modify the minimum front yard setback; to modify the minimum rear yard setback; to modify the required transitional yard along a property line; to modify the street tree requirements; to modify screening for outdoor storage; and to modify the general performance criteria for resource management and resource protection areas at 10570 and 10590 Fairfax Boulevard, with conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, to move that the City Council approve the request for a major certificate of appropriateness for redevelopment of a car dealership property at 10570 and 10590 Fairfax Boulevard, subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, to defer to July 14, 2020: Public hearing and City Council action on a request of Northfax JV LLC C/O The Lann Companies for a zoning map amendment, special use permit, special exception, vacation and dedication of right-of-way and issuance of certificate of appropriateness.
- Approved, unanimously, to defer to July 14, 2020: Public hearing and City Council action on a consideration of an ordinance permanently vacating, discontinuing and closing a portion of the Orchard Street right-of-way.

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

- Approved, unanimously, to defer to July 14, 2020: Public hearing on Northfax West Roadway Project.
- Approved, unanimously, that the City Council approve the proposed ordinance amending City Code Chapter 110, Zoning, to amend portions of articles and sections contained therein to include provisions for Affordable Dwelling Units.
- Approved, unanimously, that the City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Fairfax County Redevelopment & Housing Authority dated June 23, 2020, and authorize the city manager to execute it on behalf of the city for the administration of the city's Affordable Dwelling Unit Program.
- Approved, unanimously to move to approve Administrative Regulations concerning the sale and rental of Affordable Dwelling Units, dated June 9, 2020.
- Approved, unanimously, to move to enact an amended ordinance implementing emergency procedures to ensure continuity of government and, in particular, to modify public meeting and public practices and procedures to address continuity of operations associated with the COVID-19 pandemic disaster. Further moved to repeal emergency Ordinance No. 2020-13.

## Agendas Available on the City Website

Visit the website to stay abreast of board and commission meetings and actions. Use the online Community Calendar.

Want to see proposed agendas for meetings of the City Council, School Board, and Planning Commission? From the homepage, 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 webpages.

## Connect2FairfaxCity

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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.

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## HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM COVID-19

Information and graphics courtesy Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Wear a face covering in public spaces.



Clean your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your face.



Practice social distancing: stay at least six feet away from others.



Safer at home: continue physical distancing, teleworking, and limiting in-person gatherings.



Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, or use the inside of your elbow. Throw away the tissue, then wash your hands.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

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SOLARIZENOVA  
City of Fairfax

## SOLARIZE NOVA CONTINUES THROUGH AUGUST 31

Now is the best time for residents and business owners to consider solar power at home and work. Fairfax City has partnered with Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) for the Solarize NOVA campaign through August 31.

Solarize NOVA provides free solar assessments and helps you take advantage of discounted prices on solar panels. Participants receive a complimentary home energy assessment from LEAP, providing a clear road map on improving the overall energy efficiency of your home (and free energy-saving products to accomplish this goal). *Information: SolarizeNOVA.org*

Find out more about solar energy and Solarize NOVA at a free webinar scheduled from 11 a.m. to noon August 18. Sign up at [SolarizeNOVA.org/events](https://SolarizeNOVA.org/events).

Four reasons to consider solarizing:

- **It's Easy:** Solarize NOVA offers free solar satellite assessments and connects you with trusted, vetted contractors.
- **It's More Affordable Than Ever:** Collective buying power allows Solarize NOVA to offer discounted prices with a qualified, regional installer
- **Federal Tax Credits Available Through 2021:** The 2020 federal tax credit rate is 26 percent.
- **Head Off Rising Costs:** Residential energy rates continue to rise in the region, and emissions take a toll on the environment.

# Celebrate Women's Suffrage in August

## THE CENTENNIAL OF VOTES FOR WOMEN

Women's right to vote in the United States turns 100 this year, and the Office of Historic Resources and the Commission for Women have planned events and activities to help celebrate this historic event.



### MOVIES

#### ONE WOMAN, ONE VOTE

**Watch Party: August 7-8**

On August 7 and 8, join the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission for a nationwide watch party of the PBS documentary *One Woman, One Vote*. Check your local channels or streaming service for information.

#### MOVIES UNDER THE MOON

**August 21, 8 pm, free admission**

Enjoy *MULAN* (1998) on the big screen under the stars at Van Dyck Park. The movie begins at dark (8:30-9 p.m.). Please bring your own low seating or blanket, and choose a socially distant circle for your household to watch in safety. Remember to wear your mask and practice social distancing.

### EXHIBITIONS

#### WE DEMAND: WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN VIRGINIA

**Through August 15**

**Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center,  
free admission**

The Library of Virginia's traveling exhibition includes a video that uses photographs and newsreel clips of suffrage events.

#### RIGHTFULLY HERS: AMERICAN WOMEN AND THE VOTE

**Dates to be announced**

**Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center,  
free admission**

Pop-up exhibition from the National Archives tells the national story of the women's suffrage movement.



### HISTORY TALKS

#### THE OCCOQUAN SUFFRAGE PRISONERS

**Date and location to be announced, free**

Alice Reagan, Associate Professor of History, Northern Virginia Community College, will discuss the suffragists arrested for protesting in front of the White House — and who were imprisoned and force-fed at the former Occoquan Workhouse in Lorton.

#### THE CAMPAIGN FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN VIRGINIA

**August 9, 2 p.m.**

**Location to be announced, free admission**

Barbara Baston, exhibitions coordinator for the Library of Virginia and a co-author of *The Campaign for Women's Suffrage in Virginia*, will discuss women's suffrage in Virginia. Her book complements the current traveling exhibit of the same name at the Fairfax Museum. Books are available for purchase (check, cash, or credit card).

### HOW WILL YOU CELEBRATE?

Make a video about what voting means for you? Find Fairfax Rocks celebrating suffrage. Visit [fairfaxva.gov/suffrage](https://fairfaxva.gov/suffrage) for ideas, details, and social media hashtags.

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## 5 MINUTES WITH ...

### WALTER ENGLISH

#### EMERGENCY PLANNER



**How long have you worked for the city?**

I have worked for the city for 15 years. I worked for the Fire Department/Emergency Management when I started in September 2005, and have been in the Office of Emergency Management since 2010.

**What is the "big picture" of your role?**

During these COVID-19 times, at a high-level view, along with the Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator, our job is to protect and preserve the safety of city residents and ensure compliance with all

local, state, and federal emergency and disaster mandates.

**Why do you love your job?** I signed up to help people and make the community less vulnerable and to increase their ability to cope with hazards and disasters.

**Why do you love working for the city?**

The City of Fairfax is more of a family than it is a job. We are all here to help each other and make this the best place to live, work, and play.

**What are some upcoming projects?** We are working hard with all of our City of Fairfax family to get all agencies, departments, and private sector partners to work through Phase 3 of the Forward Virginia reopening plan. This will get us another step closer to our new normal. COVID-19 is still here and we need to be mindful of that but working to ease restrictions and keep all safe.

**What should residents know about the Emergency Management Office?**

We are here to protect the community by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters. Please reach out if there is anything we can do to help you, your family, neighborhood or community.

## HELPING HANDS

**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 (one vacancy for a city resident); Commission on the Arts (one vacancy for a city resident); Community Appearance Committee (two vacancies for city residents); Economic Development Authority (two vacancies; for information, email [EconomicDevelopment@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:EconomicDevelopment@fairfaxva.gov)); Environmental Sustainability Committee (two vacancies for city residents); Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (one vacancy for a city resident); Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (two vacancies for city residents); Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (one vacancy for a city resident); Personnel Advisory Board (one vacancy for a city resident and one vacancy for an alternate member). 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 "boards and vacancies," or call 703.385.7935. **Deadline: August 14**