



Parks & Recreation

Live Life Connected

### Important Dates

Bonita Lestina  
Performance Series  
February 9th and 23rd @  
8pm at Old Town Hall

Northern Virginia Irish Ceili  
February 10th @ Green  
Acres Center 6:30pm

“Soiled Tilled by Free Men:  
The Formation of a Free  
Black Community in Fairfax  
County” Lecture and  
Discussion @ Fairfax  
Museum  
February 11th 2-5pm

Funday Monday @ Old  
Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.  
February 12th and 26th

Friday Morning Music Club  
@ Old Town Hall  
February 15th @ noon

Northern Virginia Youth  
Winds, Winter Concert @  
3pm, Fairfax High School

City Holiday  
February 19th City  
Facilities and Offices are  
closed

Fall for the Book Pop-Up  
Lit Night, February 22nd @  
5:30pm, 10427 North  
Street

Sherwood Family Movie  
Night February 23rd @  
7pm Captain Underpants

Music in the Time of  
Lincoln, February 24th @  
2pm, Historic Blenheim

Main Street Community  
Band: I Remember  
When..., February 25th @  
4pm, Lanier Middle School

Department Budget  
Presentations  
March 6 starting at 7pm,  
City Hall

# Parks and Recreation February 2018 PRAB Report

## PROJECT UPDATES

### Community Center

The Consultant is finalizing the cost estimate and will be shared with PRAB when received. In addition, the Mayor and Council will receive a briefing at the February 17th off-site meeting. The next step would be to proceed with continued planning.

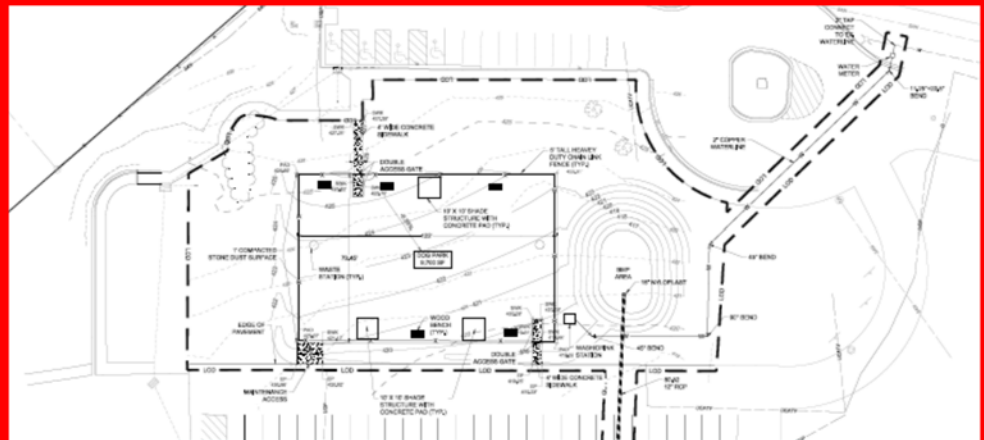
### George Snyder Trail

Funding is available NOW and the completion of the trail design, acquisition of ROW documents, public outreach coordination and contract management request for proposal is being written and should be out to potential consultants by the end of February.

### Van Dyck Master Plan

Scheduled for Mayor and Council review and adoption on Tuesday, February 27th @ 7 p.m.

### Dog Park Design Takes Shape



# SHERWOOD, CAMP & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

## 2018 Summer Camp Registration

2018-2019 Camp Dates will be : Thurs, June 20th - Fri, August 10th

Registration for Traditional Camps begins February 5th for returning camper and February 20th for new campers. Specialty Camp Registration begins February 20th. All registrations will go through campdoc.com registration system including specialty camps. In office registration will only be done at the Sherwood Center, but online registration is highly encourage with the new system. For details on all summer camps, please visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/summercamp](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/summercamp)



## Sherwood Family Movie Night

Friday, February 23 at 7:00pm

'*Captain Underpants*'

Free!



## February 'No School Day' Program and Spring Break 2018

There is no school on February 19th and the Sherwood center will be hosting a Lego Adventure Camp from 8:30am-4:30pm. Registration is currently available online.

March 26th -30th is FCPS Spring Break and the Sherwood center will be offering a variety of programs to keep kids busy. Camps include CFTC's Drama Camp, Tiny Chef's Restaurant Creation Camp, Wild Wild West Art Camp, U.K Elite Soccer Camp and PeeWee and Neophyte Tennis Camps.

## Winter Afterschool Programs

Afterschool programs began the week of January 29th at both Providence Elementary school and Daniels Run Elementary school. The winter program will run 7 weeks with a reserved week for snow cancellations, ending right before Spring Break.

## Now Hiring for the Summer Camp!

We are now in the hiring process for the 2018 summer camp staff! Applications can be completed via the City website on the Personnel Jobs page.

## Egg Hunt

Due to popular demand, the Combined Properties Egg Hunt has been expanded this year! On March 31st families can join the bunny in Van Dyck Park from 10am-1pm to hunt for eggs and join in fun activities! An additional age group was added to the schedule in order to provide more fun for everyone!

**Combined Properties presents the 2018 Egg Hunt!**

**FREE** Saturday, March 31st  
Van Dyck Park- 3720 Old Lee Highway  
Fun for the whole family!

Join us for **FUN** and **FREE** activities from 10am-1pm

**Egg Hunt Schedule:**  
8-10 years: 10:45am  
6-7 years: 11:15am  
4-5 years: 11:45am  
2-3 years: 12:15pm

Bring your camera to take a picture with the Bunny!  
Food Items will be for sale (cash only!)

Merchants from the following Combined Properties shopping centers including:  
\* Courthouse Plaza  
\* Pickett Shopping Center \* Turnpike Shopping Center

For more details, visit [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov) or call 703-385-7858

# GREEN ACRES PROGRAMS

## Green Acres News

Starting the New Year off Right!

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

We offered an Open House Fitness week from Jan 2-8 for folks to try a fitness class for FREE! New to center this season is Okinawa Kenpo, Mini Strokes Art, Zumba for both adult and



youth, Laughing Yoga, Paint your own Pottery classes along with a variety of old favorites. Our highlighted new program was Mommy and Me Dance Fit.

## January 2018 Program Enrollments

| January            | 2017 | 2018 | Difference |
|--------------------|------|------|------------|
| Youth              | 35   | 43   | +8         |
| Adult              | 166  | 230  | +64        |
| Fitness Pass usage | 37   | 63   | +26        |

With the cold weather here and the New Year's resolutions being made to stay healthy, our fitness room continues to be a busy place to keep fit this time of year. Our Your Way fitness program was extended to a new senior "Forever Young" fitness plan to accommodate our senior classes.

# SENIOR CENTER

## JANUARY SENIOR CENTER STATS

|               | 2017 | 2018 | Difference |
|---------------|------|------|------------|
| New Members   | 37   | 58   | +21        |
| Total Members | 2799 | 3234 | +435       |
| Attendance    | 2223 | 2286 | +63        |
| Fitness Room  | 662  | 671  | +9         |
| Website Hits  | 1116 | 1389 | +273       |

## SENIOR CENTER COUNCIL NEWS

### Senior Center Advisory Members

As a result of election during the September meeting, the new elected members to the council for 2017/18 term are Samuel Crumpler, Susan DiMaina, Peter Gerber, Frank Krempa, Sandy Moshos, Pat Hyland and Marcia Selva. Jane Albro, Marge Brooks, Camille McNeil and Robin Speck will remain on the council to complete their term.

Senior Council Officers:

Frank Krempa— Chair  
Camille McNeil -Vice Chair  
Marcia Selva -Secretary  
Sandy Moshos— Treasurer

Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Feb 27 at 1pm.

Upcoming Senior Fundraiser:

The Annual Young at Heart Appraisal Event will be held on March 24, 2018 from 10am – 12:30pm at the Stacey C. Sherwood Community Center.

## EACH NEW YEAR BRINGS ON EXCITEMENT AT THE SENIOR CENTER

We have 32 events and activities planned this year at the senior center. In May we will highlight Older Adults Month with special programs and National Senior Health & Fitness Day at the end of the month. Every May, the Administration on Aging, part of the Administration for Community Living, leads our nation's observance of Older American's Month. They are pleased to announce the 2018 theme, *Engage at Every Age*, which emphasizes that you are never too old (or too young) to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental and emotional well-being and celebrates the many ways older adults make a difference in our communities. In September we will once again host NVSO events which is sponsored by the Northern Virginia Senior Olympic Committee and co-sponsored by Arlington County Dept. of Parks & Recreation, City of Alexandria Dept. of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities, City of Fairfax Parks & Recreation Dept., City of Falls Church Department of Recreation & Parks, Loudoun Cnty Dept. of Parks & Recreation, Fairfax Cnty Dept. of Neighborhood & Community Services, Fairfax Cnty Park Authority, Fauquier Cnty Parks & Recreation, and Prince William Cnty Parks & Recreation. This year we plan to hold the Bocce and Horseshoe tournaments which bring many 50+ athletes to Green Acres.

**PROGRAMS** Our *Lunch and Learn* program has been popular here in the center and started with a bang in 2018. We had something for everyone in January the offering included: Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus Program, Winter Weather Safety, RSVP Program - Northern Virginia, Blood pressure Check Ask a Nurse. Senior Day trips were all full with waitlists in January.

**UPCOMING SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES** Our next party will be our New Mardi Gras celebration potluck on Friday February 9th at 11:30am followed by the St. Patty's Party Potluck on March 16 at 11:30am. AARP Smart Driver Program will be held on March 21 and 22 from 10am-3pm. On February 5 starting at 8:30 am. trip sign up begins for March and April Senior Trips.

Please see attached February calendar

# CULTURAL ARTS & MARKETING



**Musically Chocolate - Commission on the Arts** sponsored a unique Music and Chocolate pairing at the Sherwood as part of our Bonita Lestina Music Series ! It was a great success .... and will form part of our Performance Series next year. Music group Beau Sior - and chocolatier, Susan Wallace, created a beautiful evening of music, and chocolate desserts from around the World. A very appreciate audience braved a freezing evening to come along - and were rewarded with amazing desserts and some wonderful music! They were unanimous in the call to repeat this next year.



## Chocolate Lovers Festival and the Arts !

Both Spotlight on the Arts and Commission on the Arts were involved in this year's Chocolate Lovers Festival - and had huge fun ! For the second time the Liquid Chocolate Tent enjoyed Chocolate Martinis sponsored by Spotlight on the Arts, in association with Richmond based Cirrus Vodka and Coyote Grille - we made over 900 chocolate martinis ! Is this a World Record ? Coyote Grille offered a coupon to all those enjoying the Martinis to head over to enjoy a meal - and have a free Chocolate dessert after the tent closed. We are still counting - however understand the uptake on that coupon has been excellent. Coyote Grille will be one of the Spotlight sponsors for the 2018 Festival.



A part of the Commission on the Arts includes the **Literary Arts**. We are delighted to introduce our Volunteer Librarian, Leon Long. Leon works at the Huddleson Library twice a week - on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.30 to 3.30pm. He will be glad to help in your search for books, for research in our specialist section of Virginia books - and generally answer any of your questions. Recently the Books and shelves were cleaned and re ordered as part of an Eagle Scout project - it looks lovely. We will be obtaining some new books - but are lucky enough to keep some old favorites. It is a lovely place to come and enjoy sitting, reading - and looking at the art. Please call in and see us soon.



**TRANSFORMATIONS**  
A Pop Up Lit Night with Fall for the Book  
THURSDAY, JAN. 26  
5:30 P.M.  
10427 NORTH STREET,  
FAIRFAX

Featuring:  
Fiction- Emily Mitchell, Viral: Stories  
Poetry- Henry Crawford, American Software

In association with the Fairfax Commission on the Arts

## Commission on the Arts and Fall for the Book

In order to create a year round awareness of Fall for the Book they have created a monthly 'Happy Hour' style event with refreshments, writers, fiction, poetry and good conversation and dialogue ! The partnership with Commission on the Arts, fostered at the 2017 Fall Festival has grown, and this event was a natural progression. We will be holding the event on the last Thursday of the month in the Pop-Up Arts space (formerly Pacers) on the corner of University and North. A great crowd of locals, students and faculty all joined together to listen to poetry, Henry Crawford, and fiction, Emily Mitchell. We all agreed it was a good event. The next event will be held on February 22nd at 5.30pm - with Shoestring Theatre Company previewing their new play "The Best Doctor in Town"



**Funday Monday** - dancing and singing with Mr Skip!! Our weekly events have seen a 50% increase in attendees since we went weekly. We dance and sing, Stories and crafts, zumba and move and have specialist info events, such as fire, police, sheriffs, - all for kids (and Mums, dads - and grandparents!!) All are welcome - come along and see us sometime ?

# CULTURAL ARTS & MARKETING



## **The Bonita Lestina Performance Series at Old Town Hall**

We've grown so big we moved the audience around to get more folks in !! More comfortable seating - and visually better to see the performers ! And WHAT performers ...

Friday Feb 9 at 8pm Darden Purcell sings smooth Jazz - Darden - an amazing jazz vocalist, and multi-faceted musician, she is also the Director of Jazz Studies, Jazz Voice Instructor and Director of the award winning Mason Jazz Vocal Ensemble at George Mason University - you will be thrilled - this is not to be missed !

On Friday Feb 23 at 8pm - the wonderful Seth Kibel and Tom Teasley will wow us with an evening of fun and great music! Seth, one of the Mid-Atlantic's premier woodwind specialists. Working with some of the best bands in klezmer, jazz, swing, and more, and wowing audiences on saxophone, clarinet, and flute, will be joined by Tom described in the Washington Post as a "percussionist in the widest and most exuberant sense of the word" Come enjoy this new duo collaboration, "Tiny Planet" of woodwinds and percussion performing improvised music inspired by world/jazz/music technology and more.

## **Commission on the Arts - Public Art / Girl Scout Project**



We have been working with Girl Scout Troop 470, based at Daniels Run School, in order to help them earn their Bronze Award - the highest award they can get as Girl Scout Juniors. They wanted to create something that made their community a better and more attractive place. They thought of painting a bench in Van Dyke Park, making a mural, planting flowers, painting a stone walkway, or making a garden and stone walkway at Van Dyke Park or Old Town Square. In the end - after much discussion we came up with creating and painting pavers for the Monarch Butterfly garden at Van Dyck Park. As you can see in the photos they are making excellent progress. Next month I will report their progress



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## 2018 CHOCOLATE LOVERS FESTIVAL



The 2018 Chocolate Lovers Festival was held on February 2-4, 2017 in Historic Downtown Fairfax. The festival kicked off on Friday night with the 2nd Annual Liquid Chocolate tent in Old Town Square from 6pm-8pm— this event interest grew from last year and was very popular on Friday night and Saturday. Saturday, February 3rd was a cold but sunny February day. This is the main event day for the festival and it went very smoothly on all fronts starting with the Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station 3 and continuing throughout the day with all of the other events. The Taste of Chocolate was a little slow at the start of the day but very consistent, the numbers increased starting around noon to there normal anticipated packed house numbers. The Chocolate Challenge was taken over and run by the Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee this year and was much more popular then in past years, there were 20 entries in the Challenge and over 1,400 votes for peoples choice cake. Along with the Challenge the Silent Auction was a huge success raising lots of money for the chosen Chocolate Lovers Festival Grant recipients the Stroke Comeback Center and Library Foundation. Sunday brought some rain and ice to the area, so crowds were slower but consistent through the day at all events. The Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee will meet again the 3rd week of February and more information and feedback from the organizations will be provided at that time but overall it was another successful year for the Chocolate Lovers Festival.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

### Parade Applications

The 2017 Independence Day Parade applications have already been mailed to past participants of the parade. Parade applications have also been mailed to over 500 high school marching bands in VA, DE, PA, NJ, MD and the District of Columbia. The applications are due April 1. The application and guidelines are available on the city-website.

### IDCC Fundraiser at Coyote Grille

Coyote Grille will be holding a fundraiser for IDCC March 12-16th ALL DAY! 15% of all food sales will be donated to the IDCC. Please bring a copy of the flyer in hand or on your phone for credit, flyer can be found on the Parks & Rec or IDCC Facebook pages or at the Parks & Rec office in City Hall.

## UPCOMING EVENT DATES:

### 2nd Annual EGG-Streme Teen Egg Hunt—Thursday, March 29, 2018

Pre-Teen & Teen Egg Hunt for those not ready to give up the hunt, ages 10-14. Held at Historic Blenheim!

### 3rd Annual Fishing Derby—April 7, 2018

Ashby Pond will be stocked with hundreds of trout! Fun for the whole family to enjoy . Bring your own Rod!

### 4th Annual Derby-Q—Saturday, May 5, 2018

BBQ, Blues, Bourbon & Brews Festival! Feature specialty beer, BBQ vendors., Mint Juleps, and the Kentucky Derby on the BIG screen

# SPECIAL EVENTS (cont.)

## SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS 2018

Event permits and being submitted and approved for 2018—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 2018 due to the new Old Town Square regulations.

## SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS 2017

|                               | 2016 | 2017 | Difference |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------------|
| Approved Permits to Date      | 14   | 18   | +4         |
| Applications Received to Date | 14   | 18   | +4         |
| Pending Applications          | 0    | 0    | 0          |
| Denied Applications           | 0    | 0    | 0          |

# ATHLETICS & FIELDS

## ATHLETICS

We are still accepting and processing Winter-Spring applications as they are received.

### Requests:

**Fields:** We received 42 applications to date. We issued 100 field permits and 7 gym permits. We will continue to review new requests and schedule when possible.

**Gyms:** We issued permits to FPYC basketball, volleyball, and two adult groups. Weeknight Gym space is full for the Fall season.

### Tournaments:

WAGs; 10/8-10/9

**Fundraisers:** None Scheduled for the Fall season.

**Revenue:** Decrease in revenue is mostly due the one adult group that uses Sunday evenings reduced their field usage this season.

## ATHLETICS STATS

| Fall-December                 | 2016        | 2017        | Difference  |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Revenue                       | \$22,694.00 | \$21,350.00 | -\$1,344.00 |
| Pending Revenue               | \$322.00    | \$0         | -\$322      |
| Field Permits To Date         | 101         | 100         | -1          |
| Gym Permits To Date           | 6           | 7           | +1          |
| Applications Received To Date | 35          | 42          | +5          |
| Approved Applications To Date | 28          | 36          | +3          |
| Denied Applications           | 6           | 6           | 0           |
| Tournaments Scheduled         | 1           | 1           | 0           |
| Adult Groups Scheduled        | 7           | 7           | 0           |
| Pending Applications          | 1           | 0           | -1          |

# FACILITIES

## February Statistics

| Old Town Hall             | 2017        | 2018       | Difference   |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Utilization Rate for Feb. | 43%         | 41%        | -2%          |
| Feb. Rentals              | 10          | 8          | -2           |
| Jan. Revenue              | \$21,993.75 | \$8,322.50 | -\$13,671.25 |

| Sherwood                  | 2017        | 2018        | Difference |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Utilization Rate for Feb. | 56%         | 51%         | -5%        |
| Feb. Rentals              | 29          | 31          | +2         |
| Jan. Revenue              | \$32,408.50 | \$40,789.50 | +\$8,381   |

| Blenheim                  | 2017       | 2018       | Difference  |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Utilization Rate for Feb. | 28%        | 42%        | +14%        |
| Feb. Rentals              | 8          | 15         | +7          |
| Jan. Revenue              | \$9,518.50 | \$6,625.45 | -\$2,893.05 |

| Green Acres               | 2017     | 2018     | Difference |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Utilization Rate for Feb. | 65%      | 66%      | +1%        |
| Feb. Rentals              | 72       | 90       | +18        |
| Jan. Revenue              | \$11,940 | \$13,646 | +\$1,706   |



# Ratcliffe Park Playground Replacement



UPRIGHT METALLIC ACCENT SPRING GREEN DECK BLUE ROTO BLUE HDPE RED HDPE SGRN-WHITE SHADE ROYAL BLUE ROOF NONE CABLE BLACK MAX-APEX ORANGE

**RATCLIFF PARK**  
FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

645-112385B



**play&park**  
**structures**  
A PLAYCORE Company

544 Chestnut Street  
Chattanooga, TN 37402  
**800.727.1907**  
playandpark.com

**Map of Trail Assessment that will be conducted to prioritize the \$460,000 in RSTP Funding that will become available July 1, 2018**

