



Parks & Recreation

Live Life Connected

Important Dates

Fairfax Holiday Market Friday (5-9pm), Saturday (10am-6pm) and Sunday (1-5pm), December 15, 16, 17 @ Old Town Square

Sherwood Family Movie Beauty and the Beast, Friday, December 15 @ 7pm

Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House Guided Tours, 1-4pm on December 16

City of Fairfax Band and Fairfax Choral Society "Christmas in Fairfax" concert at 7pm at Fairfax High School. Free tickets required.

Funday Monday December 18, January 8, 15 @ 10:30am at Old Town Hall

December 22 City Government offices and facilities close at noon

Christmas Day City Government offices and facilities closed

Fairfax Four-Miler @ 6pm Registration Fee. Start at Old Town Square

New Year's Day City government offices and facilities closed

Bonita Lestina Performance Series January 12 @ 8pm at Old Town Hall

Northern Virginia Irish Ceili Green Acres Center 6:30pm

'America's First Ladies' Lecture and Discussion at Fairfax Museum January 14 2-5pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Chocolate Lover's Festival February 2-4, 2018 Liquid Chocolate is back Friday evening and Saturday!

# Parks and Recreation December 2017 PRAB Report

## CITY OF FAIRFAX 2018 EVENTS

### CHOCOLATE LOVERS FESTIVAL

Voted '2016 Best Food Festival' by Virginia Living Magazine

**FEBRUARY 2-4**

DOWNTOWN FAIRFAX  
WWW.CHOCOLATEFESTIVAL.NET

### FALL FESTIVAL

400 Craft Vendors. Food Vendors. 3 Stages of Entertainment. Amusement Rides & More

**OCTOBER 13**

DOWNTOWN FAIRFAX  
WWW.FAIRFAXFALLFESTIVAL.COM

### DERBY-Q

Come watch the Kentucky Derby on the big screen, enjoy craft beers, and blues music!

**MAY 5**

OLD TOWN SQUARE  
WWW.DERBY-Q.COM

### HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Over 200 juried crafters and gourmet food vendors

**NOVEMBER 17-18**

FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL  
WWW.FAIRFAXHOLIDAYSHOW.COM

### ROCK THE BLOCK

FREE Concert, Food Vendors, Beer, and more fun for the whole family!

**4TH FRIDAY  
MAY-OCTOBER**

OLD TOWN SQUARE  
WWW.FAIRFAXVA.GOV/ROCKTHEBLOCK

### FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS & CAROLS

Kick off the holiday season in the City of Fairfax

**DECEMBER 1**

OLD TOWN HALL  
WWW.FAIRFAXVA.GOV/SPECIALEVENTS

### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Full day of hometown Independence Day celebrations including Parade & Evening Show.

**JULY 4**

DOWNTOWN FAIRFAX & FAIRFAX HS  
WWW.FAIRFAXVA.GOV/JULY4

### HOLIDAY MARKET

Outdoor Holiday Market

**NOVEMBER 30-  
DECEMBER 16**

FRIDAYS 5PM-9PM  
SATURDAYS 10AM-6PM  
SUNDAYS 1-5PM  
OLD TOWN SQUARE  
WWW.FAIRFAXHOLIDAYSHOW.COM

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

FISHING DERBY - APRIL 7  
- ASHBY POND -

EGG-STREME NIGHT  
EGG HUNT - MARCH 29  
- HISTORIC BLENHEIM -

EGG HUNT - APRIL 15  
- VAN DYCK PARK -

HOMETOWN THURSDAYS  
3RD THURSDAY MAY, JUNE,  
AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER  
- OLD TOWN SQUARE -

MOVIES UNDER THE MOON  
2ND FRIDAYS - JUNE- SEPTEMBER  
- VAN DYCK PARK -

FURFAX FIDO FEST  
JUNE 3 - WESTMORE SCHOOL SITE-

LUNCH WITH SANTA  
DECEMBER 8 - OLD TOWN HALL



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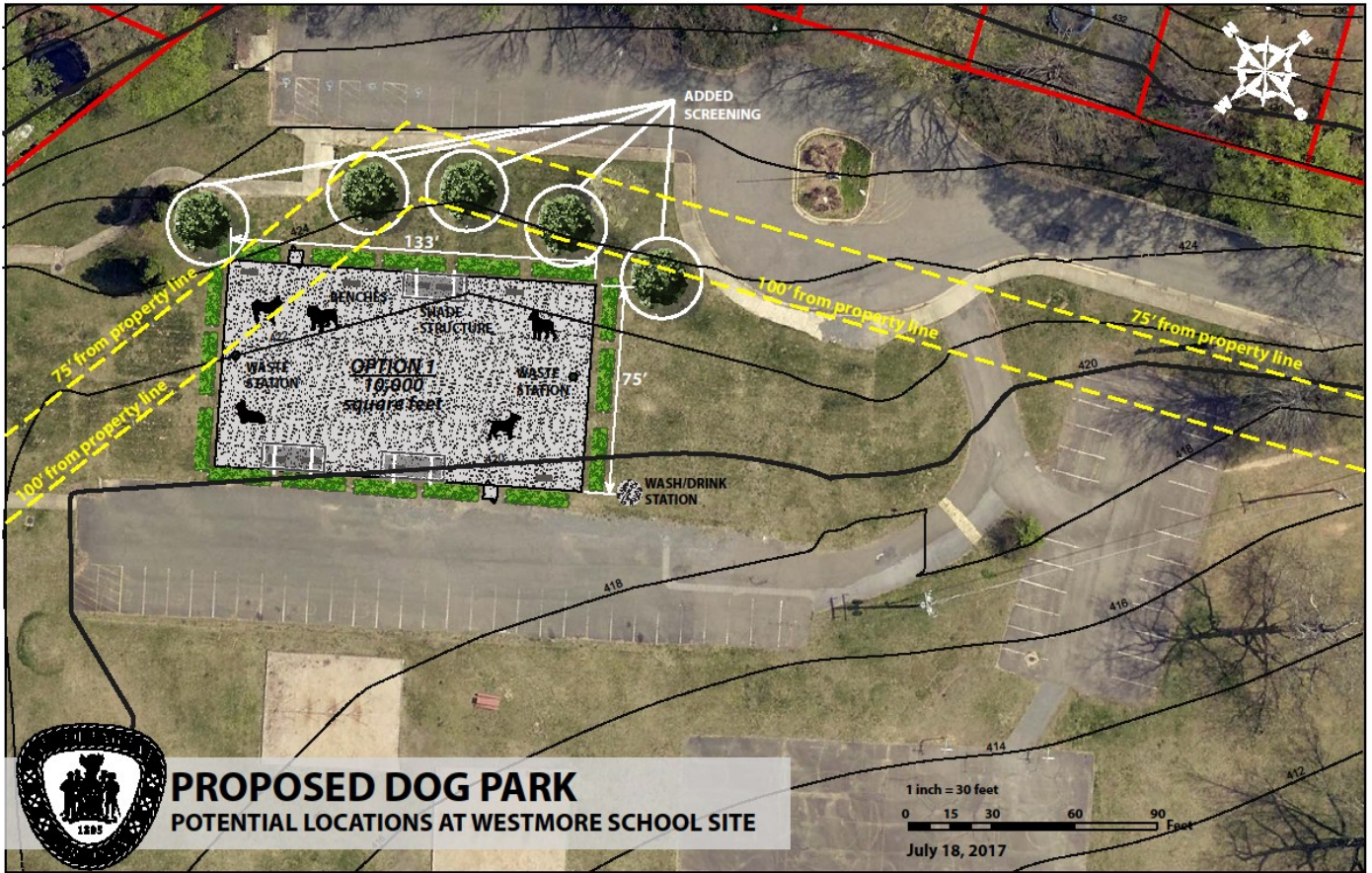
HEALTHY EATING  
ACTIVE LIVING  
CITIES  
CAMPAIGN

## HEAL (Healthy Eating and Active Living) Cities Program

City Council is considering a resolution on December 19th to participate in the HEAL Cities and Towns Campaign. HEAL is a program offered through the Virginia Municipal League and Kaiser Permanente. The purpose of the program is to adopt policies and programs that foster active living and healthy eating in communities. HEAL Cities and Towns actively support government leaders to adopt and implement policies and practices that create environments that promote healthy eating and physical activity. By working together we can help to reduce health care costs, improve health and quality of life and attract economic development. Over the next several months city staff will be working with residents to develop initiatives that the City may choose to adopt to help achieve a healthier and more active community.

# PARKS AND PROJECTS

## Dog Park Design Begins



## George Snyder Trail Project Update

The State of Virginia has received the \$578,000,000 payment from the privately funded I-66 project. The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission has a public hearing scheduled for January 4th and a full vote on January 10th. In anticipation of a positive decision we are currently working on an RFP for full design services .



# SHERWOOD, CAMP & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



## 2018 Summer Camp Dates

While we wait on the final decision from Fairfax County about the 2018-2019 school year, we are announcing our tentative summer camp dates for 2018! The Camp brochure will be published in Jan. 2018 and registration begins Feb 4th.

**Full Summer Dates: Thursday, June 20th - Friday, August 10th**

### One-week sessions

- Week 1: Wed. June 20th – Fri. June 22d (three days)
- Week 2: June 25th–29th
- Week 3: July 2nd –6th (Four Days, No camp July 4th)
- Week 4: July 9th-13th
- Week 5: July 16th –20th
- Week 6: July 23rd- 27th
- Week 7: July 30th – Aug 3rd
- Week 8: Aug 6th – 10th



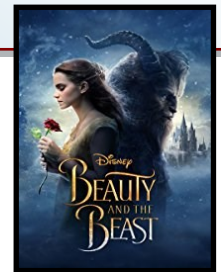
## Sherwood Family Movie Night

**Friday, December 15th at**

**7:00pm**

**'Beauty and the Beast (2017)'**

**Free!**



## New! Summer 2018: Emerging Leaders of Fairfax Program

New this summer! Our Leader-In-Training program is designed for our future leaders. This four-week program from July 2nd –July 27th will help teens (rising 9th–rising 11th graders) further their leadership and communication skills, as well as gain valuable experience in professional development. The first two weeks of this program will be spent developing important life skills such as interviewing, resume building, team building, first aid/CPR training as well as leadership skills as they pertain to working with youth at their home base of Sherwood Community Center. The second two weeks they will be getting hands-on experience working alongside our Traditional Day Camp counselors at both of our elementary school sites. During this time they will be learning about supervision of children, assisting our PE and Art Specialist as well as help plan and execute a full camp activity. In order for the participants to be successful in this program, they must participate in all four weeks. Parents are expected to drop off Leadership Campers at their assigned site or allow them to bike and sign themselves in. Space is limited and Leadership Campers are expected to carry themselves with a high-level of maturity throughout this program. A certificate will be given to all campers who successfully complete the program.

## Winter Break Camps 2017

Shake up your winter break with our fun camps at Sherwood! This year we have two week of camp running. Camps offered for ages 3-14! Week 1 (Dec. 18-22) we host Lego Camp, Abrakadoodle Art Camp, Little School half day camp (new this year!) and Tiny Chefs Chopped Camp. Week 2 (December 26-29) we will offer Abrakadoodle Art Camp.

# GREEN ACRES PROGRAMS

## Green Acres News

Dec 4 open registration began for the winter/spring programs.

New to center this season is Okinawa Kenpo, Laughing Yoga and a variety of *Tea Talks* and *Lunch and Learns*. Senior trips registration also took place for Jan and Feb trips. The new 2:2:2 rule was put in place for the first time.



### New Chairs for the center.

This month the City purchase 60 new big and tall chairs to replace the aging chairs for the

## November 2017 Program Enrollments

November	2016	2017	Difference
Youth	53	46	+4
Adult	234	231	-3
Pass usage in September	17	12	-5

# SENIOR CENTER

## NOVEMBER SENIOR CENTER STATS

	2016	2017	Difference
New Members	31	23	-8
Total Members	2723	3120	+397
Attendance	2114	2323	+209
Fitness Room	533	550	+17
Website Hits	1143	1035	-108

## THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Our annual Thanksgiving luncheon was held on Friday, November 18th. This spectacular luncheon featured a catered traditional turkey dinner, harp music, raffle prizes and much socialization between seniors in the community. City of Fairfax Councilmembers joined this record turnout of seniors for the festivities.

The Parks and Recreation staff gave their gift of time once again this year serve the seniors and make it a memorable event for our members. Back by popular demand, we continued our traditional thanksgiving entertainment with harp player Chris Van Dyke.

## 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.

Officers were elected at the October meeting.

Congratulations to the new 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 December meeting will be canceled the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Jan 23 at 1pm.

Senior Fundraiser:

The Annual Young at Heart Appraisal Event will be held on March 25, 2017 from 10am – 12:30pm at

## CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

The Christmas potluck will be held on Friday, December 18 at 11:30am. Get in the spirit of the season with Christmas music and photo opportunities with Santa!

RSVP is requested and a dish to share. All are invited.

The senior council will hold a 50/50 raffle.

## NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION LUNCH

The New Year's Celebration will be held on Friday December 29 at 11:30am.

A pizza party is planned with a \$5 fee advanced fee for lunch- registration required.

## SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

New drop in activities forming this season in the senior center include: Music Hour, Knit & Crochet, and Mah Jongg lessons. The winter senior center newsletter has been distributed and posted on website.

# CULTURAL ARTS & MARKETING

## Sights & Sounds of the Season In the City of Fairfax

### Fairfax City Holiday Market

**Dec. 1-3, 8-10, 15-17**  
Fridays 5pm-9pm  
Saturdays 10am-6pm  
Sundays 1pm-5pm  
Old Town Square  
*Holiday shopping in Downtown Fairfax,  
with foods, gifts, wine tastings and more.*



### Theatre

#### FX Players: The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940

**Nov. 30-Dec.3**  
Fairfax High School

#### City of Fairfax Theatre Company: The Little Match Girl and The Velveteen Rabbit"

**Dec. 1-Dec.3**  
Truro Anglican Church

#### HUB Theatre: Peekaboo! A Nativity Play

**Dec. 1-24**  
John Swayze Theatre

#### Mason Opera: Hansel & Gretel

**Sun. Dec. 3, 2pm & 5pm**  
Old Town Hall

#### Acting for Young People: James & The Giant Peach Jr.

**Dec. 9, 10, & 16**  
12:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm  
GMU TheatreSpace

### Fairfax Art League

#### Artist Reception

**Sat. Dec. 2, 7pm-10pm**  
Village Gallery

#### Holiday Party

**Sun. Dec. 10, 5pm-7pm**  
Old Town Hall

#### Art & Lunch

**Thurs. Dec. 14, 10:30am-2:30pm**  
Old Town Hall

**Sat. Dec. 30, 12pm-3pm**  
Village Gallery

### Festival of Lights & Carols

**Sat. Dec. 2, 2pm-7pm**  
Old Town Square  
*Live holiday music, s'mores,  
& hot cider with the tree  
lighting ceremony at 6pm*



### Family Fun

#### Pancake Breakfast with Santa

**Sat. Dec. 2, 8am-11am**  
Fire Station #3

#### Funday Monday

**Mondays, 10:30am**  
Old Town Hall  
*Dec. 4 - Mr. Skip  
Dec. 11 - Story Time & Craft  
Dec. 18 - Bob Brown Puppets\**  
(Dec. 18 will be at Sherwood Center)

#### Lunch with Santa

**Sat. Dec. 9, 11:30am & 12:30pm**  
Sherwood Center

#### Sherwood Family Movie Night: Beauty & The Beast (2017)

**Fri. Dec. 15, 7pm**  
Sherwood Center

### History

#### Christmas in Camp

**Sun. Dec. 3, 12pm-4pm**  
Historic Blenheim  
*Free Event - Holiday customs, Victorian  
crafts, music, and camp drills*

#### An Early American Christmas

**Sun. Dec. 10, 2pm-4pm**  
Fairfax Museum & Visitors Center  
*Culinary journey of historic holiday  
treats*



### Fairfax Four Miler

**Sun. Dec. 31, 6pm**  
Pacers Running  
*What better way to ring  
in the new year than  
with a run?*



### Music

#### Main Street Community Band: Home for the Holidays

**Sun. Dec. 3, 4pm**  
Lanier Middle School

#### 28th Annual Old Town Hall Performance Series

*Free Admission, Fridays at 8pm*  
**Dec. 8 - "Come Celebrate the  
Sounds of the Season"** with the  
Columbia Flute Choir  
Old Town Hall

#### Northern Virginia Ceili

**Sat. Dec. 9, 6:30-9:30pm**  
Green Acres Center  
*Family Irish Country Dancing with ceili  
band Shepherd's Pie*

#### Tuba Caroling

**Sun. Dec. 10, 2pm**  
Old Town Square  
*GMU Tuba Euphonium Ensemble play  
the holiday favorites*

#### Northern Virginia Youth Winds: Premier Concert

**Sun. Dec. 10, 2:30pm**  
Robinson Secondary School  
*Featuring Blackburn High School  
Band from Melbourne, Australia*

#### Caroling by Glowstick

**Sun. Dec. 10, 4pm & 6pm**  
Truro Anglican Church  
*Sing holiday carols, pictures with  
Santa, and hot chocolate*

#### Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: The Nutcracker

**Sat. Dec. 16, 4pm**  
GMU Center for the Arts  
*Featuring The Fairfax Ballet*

#### City of Fairfax Band: Christmas in Fairfax

**Sat. Dec. 16, 7pm**  
Fairfax High School  
*Featuring the Fairfax  
Choral Society*

**Questions? Contact us at 703.352.ARTS or [fairfax.arts@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:fairfax.arts@fairfaxva.gov)  
or visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts)**

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# SPECIAL EVENTS

## 2017 HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW



The 2017 Holiday Craft Show was held on November 18 & 19th at Fairfax High School. The overall numbers for the weekend were up from last year—crowds were high on Saturday with people ready to shop. Sunday crowds were slow, but steady throughout the day—this is normal for Sundays. Vendors seemed very pleased with their sales, many stating it was a record breaking show for sales number for them. The growing crowds from year to year is very positive because the trend of craft shows generally seems to be dying down—but yet our shows attendance seems to remain steady and even growing from year to year. It remains to be a favorite show for many vendors and craft show goers.

## NEW! HOLIDAY MARKET



The **NEW** Holiday Market kicked off on Friday, December 1st in Old Town Square, continued in conjunction with the Festival of Lights and Carols on Saturday and then on Sunday. Each night there is a non-profit that applied to be the market sponsor for that day where they participate by selling s'mores, hot chocolate, and other treats that they wish. Friday was sponsored by FACETS and Sunday was sponsored by The Woman's Club of Fairfax (No sponsor on Saturday, due to Festival of Lights and Carols) there was positive feedback from both groups that there was steady crowds throughout the day and they were able to make profit off of treats to go towards their respective organizations.

There was 13 tents and a market sponsor setup the first weekend—each vendor is provided a tent, tables and heater to run their booth for the weekend. Vendors are signed up for the entire weekend but there are new vendors each weekend. The feedback from vendors from the first weekend was very positive and they all seemed to be happy with their sales for the weekend. There was great advertising in the Fairfax Times, on social media and plugs on WTOP. The Facebook Event for the Holiday Market has been shared over 200 times and has 5.2K people interested in the event—these are great numbers showing interest in the event.

This event is sponsored by HB Home Services our new Elite Sponsor—they will be participating in the upcoming weekends with providing a Santa and other holiday characters for entertainment. Each upcoming weekend will host different types of entertainment to bring crowds to the market such as instrumental groups, children's choruses, singing princesses and more!



## 2017 FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND CAROLS & LUNCH WITH SANTA

The Festival of Lights was held this year on December 2nd—from 2pm to 7pm. The Festival of Lights and Carols is a very popular event year after year with families to kick off the holiday season—this year was no different. We had s'mores, crafts, cider, inflatables, petting zoo and more! This year's festival overlapped with the new Holiday Market which was a great chance for families to walk around and check out all of the vendors. New café lights were added above the splash pad which gave the whole festival a great feel and tied in nicely with the lights all around the park and Old Town Hall. The Mayor and Santa counted down the lighting of the City tree which stands at 25ft tall this year while the Fairfax Choral Society Children's Chorus lead the crowd in Jingle Bells to finish off the night.

This year we separated Lunch with Santa to the following weekend of Festival of Lights and Carols to allow a shorter day for Santa—this also is a great opportunity to allow for more participation in the pancake breakfast at the fire house the morning of Festival of Lights and Carols. Both of the Lunch with Santa seating's are filled—children can enjoy nuggets, fruit, and cookies from Cameron's Chocolates as they visit with Santa and do crafts.



# SPECIAL EVENTS (cont.)

## SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS 2017

The following are approved special event requests for the upcoming months:

October 21 —TPK Running for the Kids 5K and 1 Mile Run	November 9—See you on the Square
October 21 – Pathway Homes Help the Homeless Walk	November 19—Crop Hunger Walk
October 28 — GRREAT 3K Walk (Golden Retriever Rescue Education & Training)	November 23—Turkey Trot
	December 31—Fairfax Four Miler

## 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 Fall applications as they are received. This will continue through the end of November.

### 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-November	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

## December Statistics

Old Town Hall	2016	2017	Difference
Dec. Utilization Rate	56%	46%	-10%
Dec. Rentals	13	10	-3
Revenue collected in Nov.	\$21,305	\$11,197	-\$10,108

Sherwood	2016	2017	Difference
Dec. Utilization Rate	47%	54%	+7%
Dec. Rentals	39	46	+7
Revenue collected in Nov.	\$22,376	\$10,127	-\$12,249

Historic Blenheim	2016	2017	Difference
Dec. Utilization Rate	42%	39%	-3%
Dec. Rentals	10	13	+3
Revenue collected in Nov.	\$5,783	\$7,006	+\$1,223

Green Acres	2016	2017	Difference
Dec. Utilization Rate	58%	65%	+7%
Dec. Rentals	44	80	+36
Revenue collected in Nov.	\$4,139.75	\$5,217.25	+\$1,077.50