



Parks & Recreation

Live Life Connected

Important Dates

Bonita Lestina Performance Series
January 12th and 26th @ 8pm at Old Town Hall

Northern Virginia Irish Ceili
January 13th @ Green Acres Center 6:30pm

‘America’s First Ladies’ Lecture and Discussion @ Fairfax Museum
January 14th 2-5pm

City Holiday
January 15th City Facilities and Offices are closed

Friday Morning Music Club @ Old Town Hall
January 18th @ noon

Sherwood Family Movie Night
January 19th @ 7pm
Smurfs: The Lost Village

Citizens Outreach Meeting
9-11am, City Hall

Funday Monday @ Old Town Hall, 10:30 a.m.
January 22 and 29

Chocolate Lover’s Festival
February 2-4, 2018
Liquid Chocolate 6-8pm on January 2nd and 1-6pm on January 3rd
Taste of Chocolate
January 3rd 10am-5pm
January 4th Noon-4pm

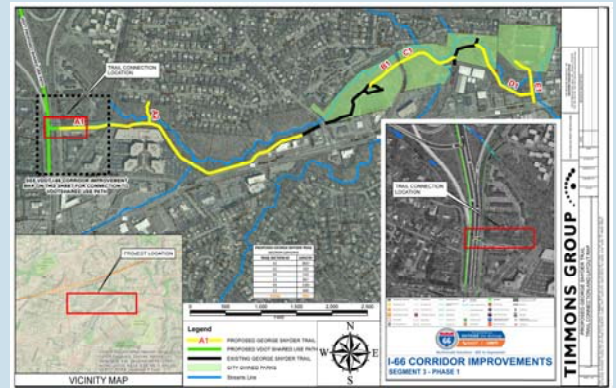
Department Budget Presentations
February 28th starting at 7pm, City Hall

NEW!
Fairfax City Restaurant Week
March 4-10th

Parks and Recreation January 2018 PRAB Report

City Set to Receive \$13.6 Million for the George Snyder Trail

The Commonwealth Transportation Board will be voting on the City’s application for the George Snyder Trail on Wednesday, January 10th. The funding, from the I-66 concessionaire payment, requires no City match and will be available immediately. Because of the magnitude of the project, an RFP will be issued for the design and engineering in late January/early February with planning work to begin immediately.



THE CITY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA AND THE HEAL CITIES & TOWNS CAMPAIGN

The City of Fairfax has passed a resolution to join the HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign for the Mid-Atlantic, a program specifically designed to help municipal leaders proactively foster healthy environments through policies and practices that increase access to healthy eating and active living for residents.

HEAL stands for Healthy Eating and Active Living, two critical components to a healthy lifestyle and the focus of the HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign in its effort to promote a healthy lifestyle throughout the region.

By encouraging active communities, improving access to healthy food and promoting a healthy municipal workplace, Fairfax can contribute to the physical health of its citizens, while also aiming to improve the overall quality of life and promote business investment in the city.

The campaign was created by the nonprofit Institute for Public Health Innovation and the Maryland and Virginia Municipal Leagues to support local, elected officials in creating policies that improve access to healthy foods and physical activity in communities throughout Maryland and Virginia.

Through the HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign, the Institute for Public Health Innovation will provide training, resources, and technical assistance to support Fairfax’s healthy eating and active living policies and practices.

The City of Fairfax is participating in the HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign at no cost. The campaign is administered by the Institute for Public Health Innovation and funded by Kaiser Permanente, founding partner.



Scout Project at Kutner Park Community Garden included laying fabric and mulch in the walkways for weed control.



Winter Landscaping at Old Town Square



Winter Landscaping at Sherwood Community Center

SHERWOOD, CAMP & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

2018 Summer Camp Dates

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

The Camp brochure will be published later this month, which will include information on traditional camps as well as specialty camps for 2018. Registration begins February 5th for returning camper and February 20th for new campers. This year, 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.



Sherwood Family Movie Night

Friday, January 19th at 7:00pm

'Smurf's Lost Village'

Free!



JANUARY 27TH 2018

TEEN GAME NIGHT

AGES 13-17

8PM-
11PM

Sherwood
Community
Center



New this Winter!

Teen Game night with friendly competition in: Life Size Games, Video Games, and more.

This program will be supervised and the Fairfax City School Resource officer from FHS will be on site as well.

Registration required.



January 'No School Day' Programs

This January the Sherwood center will be hosting two days of programming for Fairfax County's Teacher workdays. On January 26th, there will be a Tiny Chef, Lego Adventure and Abrakadoodle Art programs. On January 29th, there will be Lego Adventure, Abrakadoodle Art, A City of Fairfax Theater, and Tiny Chefs programs. Registration is currently available online.



Sherwood Giving Tree

A HUGE thank you to all the Fairfax City employees, departments, families, and businesses (including National Asphalt for an extremely generous donation), who sponsored Fairfax City families in-need in the first annual Sherwood Giving Tree. Overall, we were able to sponsor **33 families**, which equated to **100+ people**, with many, many gifts and gift cards. The families were so grateful for everything and it brought much joy during this season. Thank you to all who helped wrap and distribute the gifts, including the school parent liaisons from Daniels Run, Providence, and Lanier. With such a positive response this year, we plan to expand the program next year to include even more families in need. The goal will be to start the program earlier next year and expand to help more families in need.

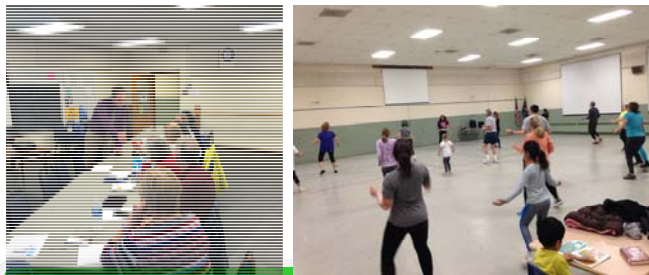
Thank You



GREEN ACRES PROGRAMS

Green Acres News

Open registration began on December 4 for the winter/spring programs, and kicked off the first week in January. 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 *Tea Talks and Lunch and Learns*. The new 2:2:2 rule was put in place for senior trips. Registration for March and April day trips will take place on February 5 starting at 8:30 am.



December 2017 Program Enrollments

December	2016	2017	Difference
Youth	25	23	-2
Adult	215	217	+2
Fitness Pass usage	11	13	+2

With the cold weather here and the new year's resolution being made to stay healthy, our fitness room continues to be a busy place to keep fit this time of year. Our personal trainer has also seen an increase in requests.

SENIOR CENTER

DECEMBER SENIOR CENTER STATS

	2016	2017	Difference
New Members	20	27	+7
Total Members	2763	3176	+413
Attendance	1972	1992	+20
Fitness Room	516	518	+2
Website Hits	1,194	1,242	+48

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.

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 next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 23 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.

HOLIDAY PARTY

Over 100 seniors attended the Friday, December 15 Annual Holiday luncheon! An interactive Christmas carols performance was performed by the local OLLI Players. A visit from Santa was the highlight of the event along with many photo opportunities, paint your own pottery snow angels, traditional ham covered dish potluck, door prizes and a 50/50 and present raffle. All enjoyed this festive event and put the members in a festive holiday spirit.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION -Ringing in the 2018

We celebrated the start of a new year and bid farewell to a delightful 2017 on Friday December 29 with our New Year's celebration. The seniors continued the tradition of lowering the Famous "Apple Core at Noon with a champagne toast . This is a special time the seniors share a meal, remember their remarkable times here at the center, make resolutions, plan for the year ahead, and just have fun with friends! In 2018 the senior center look forward to hosting 31 activities and events for our senior population including the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Continuing this year will be a Veterans Breakfast to celebrate the service of all U.S. military veterans and a new Mardi Gras Potluck.

UPCOMING SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Our next party will be a 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. Registration for the AARP Smart Driver Program held March 20 and 21 from 10am-3pm is going on now.

Lunch and Learns of interest this season include: Commonwealth Coordinated Care Plus (CCC Plus) program, Winter Weather Safety ,How to Tell if a PRICE is Fair and Reasonable, Planning for Exercise After Retirement, The First Ladies Man: "Unusual For Their Time: On the Road with America's First Ladies , and Stop, Think, Connect.

Please see attached January calendar



CULTURAL ARTS & MARKETING



BEAT THE WINTER BLUES IN THE CITY OF FAIRFAX!

Family & Literature

Funday Monday

**Mondays, 10:30am
Old Town Hall**

*Free, weekly children's series
sponsored by the City of Fairfax
Commission on the Arts*

Jan. 8 - Story Time & Craft

Jan. 22 - Zumba Kids

Jan. 29 - Oh Susannah

Feb. 5 - Mr. Skip

Feb. 12 - Story Time & Craft

Feb. 26 - Zumba Kids

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Jan. 15, or Feb. 19 due to City holidays.*

Sherwood Family Movie Nights

Select Fridays, 7:00pm

Sherwood Center

*Food drive donations accepted
for Bright Paths*

Jan. 19 - Smurfs Lost Village

Feb. 23 - Captain Underpants

Northern Virginia Ceili

2nd Sat. - Jan. 13 & Feb. 10

6:30-9:30pm

Green Acres

*Family Irish country dancing
featuring ceili band Shepherd's
Pie and refreshments*

Fall for the Book: Pop Up Lit Nights

Thurs. Jan. 25 & Feb. 22

5:30pm, 10427 North St.

*Happy Hour appreciations of
literature and storytelling*

Teen Game Night

Sat. Jan. 27, 8:00pm

Sherwood Center

*Board games to video games,
pizza and refreshments!*

Music

Bonita Lestina Performance Series

2nd & 4th Fridays, 8:00pm

Old Town Hall

*Free, music performances sponsored
by the City of Fairfax Commission on
the Arts*

Jan. 12 - "Music of All Times for All

Ages" - National Brass Quintet

Jan. 26 - "Anderson-Wingo Duo

with Guest Vocalist, Kim Scudera"

- Dave Anderson and Mike Wingo

Piano, Percussion, and Vocals

Feb. 9 - "The Nearness of You"

featuring Darden Purcell

Jazz Piano with Vocalist

Feb. 23 - "Tiny Planet" - Seth Kibel

& Tom Teaseley

Winds & Percussion

Friday Morning Music Club

3rd Thurs. - Jan. 18 & Feb. 15

12:00pm, Old Town Hall

*Free classical music
performances*

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Inspiring the Next Generation

Sat. Feb. 3, 8:00pm

GMU Center for the Arts

City of Fairfax Band Ensembles

Sun. Feb. 18, 3:00pm

Fairfax High School

Northern Virginia Youth & Junior

Winds: Winter Concert

Sun. Feb. 25, 4:00pm

Lanier Middle School

Main Street Community Band:

I Remember When

Special Event



Chocolate Lovers Festival

**Feb. 2 - Liquid Chocolate,
Musical Chocolate**

**Feb. 3 - Pancake Breakfast,
Chocolate Challenge, Harley
Eye Candy, Puppet Show, Taste
of Chocolate, & more**

**Feb. 4 - Taste of Chocolate,
Chocolate Challenge, Fairy
Tales, Magic, & more**

www.chocolatefestival.net

Art & History Fairfax Art League

Old Town Hall Events:

**Thurs. Jan. 11 & Feb. 8,
10:30am-2:30pm - Art & Lunch**

**Thurs. Feb. 8, 7:00-9:00pm -
Artist Reception**

Village Gallery Events:

**Sat. Jan. 27 & Feb. 24,
12:00-3:00pm - Art & Lunch**

Second Sunday Program Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center

Sun. Jan. 14, 2:00pm
*"I Can Not Tell a Lie: Myths about
George Washington That Should Be
Discarded"*

Sun. Feb. 11, 2:00pm

*"Soil Tilled by Free Men: The
Formation of a Free Black
Community in Fairfax County"*

Civil War Interpretive Center Program Series

Historic Blenheim

Sat. Jan. 27, 2:00pm

*"Binding Wounds, Pushing
Boundaries: African-Americans in
Civil War Medicine."*

Sat. Feb. 24, 2:00pm

"Music in the Time of Lincoln"

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City of Fairfax Children's Events

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Mar. 26 - Zumba Kids



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Sherwood Family Movie Nights

Select Fridays

7:00pm

Sherwood Center



Free movies on the big screen!
Food drive donations accepted for Britepaths.

January 19 - Smurfs Lost Village

February 23 - Captain Underpants

March 23 - Despicable Me 3

Featured Events!

Mommy/Daddy & Me Classes



A variety of classes for preschool age children and an accompanying adult. Baby & Me, Toddler & Me, Dance Fit, Art Classes, Spanish, and Soccer are offered.

Check out the latest copy of the Leisure Times for more information on these classes.

Camp is Around the Corner!

Teacher Work Day and Summer Camps are both offered in the City. Traditional summer day camps, drama, cooking, LEGO, art, soccer, and tennis are all offered!



**Summer Camp Registration
Starts in February!**

Feb. 5 for returning campers; Feb. 20 for new campers

Northern Virginia Irish Ceili



Second Saturday of the Month

Jan. 13, Feb. 10, & Mar. 10

6:30-9:30pm - Green Acres

Family Irish Country Dancing with live music by Shepherd's Pie. Admission includes refreshments.

Chocolate Lovers Festival

February 2-4

Liquid Chocolate, Taste of Chocolate, Chocolate Challenge, Kiwanis Chocolate Chip Pancake Breakfast, and more great chocolate goodies!



Combined Properties Egg Hunt

March 31, 10am-Noon, Van Dyke Park

Free Egg Hunt with a visit from the Easter Bunny!



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SPECIAL EVENTS



NEW! HOLIDAY MARKET

The first Fairfax City Holiday Market was held December 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17. The hours of the event were Fridays, 5-9pm, Saturdays, 10am-6pm and Sundays, 1-5pm. The weather was as follows: December 1-3, cold but clear skies, some wind which necessitated taking tents down on a nightly basis. December 8-10, cold, snow showers on Saturday which necessitated a noon start. Tents were taken down on a nightly basis. December 15-17, warmer and tents were able to stay up all weekend. The market in its first year was a great success—we had good feedback from vendors, and attendees. We hope to grow the market next year and increase foot traffic. 43 different vendors participated 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 15 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. Next year we look to expand the market and do more advertising throughout the year. Recommendations for expanding the market include... Include a warming tent with mulled wine, adult beverages, seasonal foods, Increase the number of vendors and try to attract more artisans modeled on the Christkindl markets, more entertainment, and bringing more special attractions each weekend to increase foot traffic.



2018 CHOCOLATE LOVERS FESTIVAL



February 3-5, 2017—Historic Downtown Fairfax

Among the events planned are the Taste of Chocolate, featuring chocolate vendors selling their wares; the Chocolate Challenge, an arts extravaganza where the medium is chocolate; the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast featuring chocolate chip pancakes; the Chocolate Caper Mock Trial; Chocolate Covered Fairytales, children's activities, open houses at historic buildings and much more. We will also be continuing with hosting Cake Walks in Old Town Square as well—we have reached out to non-profits and local businesses that will help run these events throughout the day on Friday and Saturday. Liquid Chocolate will be returning to Old Town Square in a heated tent with chocolate wine pairings, chocolate beers, chocolate milk, chocolate martinis, hot chocolate, and more! The LOVE sign will be returning to Old Town Square weekend of Chocolate Lovers in 2018—this was a great addition to the festival in 2017 and the committee is very excited have it back again this year. NEW Chocolate Lovers Festival Souvenir Shirts will be sold at the Pancake Breakfast and Taste of Chocolate. Find out more information on all of our events visit www.ChocolateFestival.net.



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

January Statistics

Old Town Hall	2017	2018	Difference
Jan. Utilization Rate	51%	27%	-24%
Jan. Rentals	9	8	-1
	2016	2017	Difference
Revenue collected in Dec.	\$5,617.25	\$6,112.75	+\$495.50

Sherwood	2017	2018	Difference
Jan. Utilization Rate	*93%	52%	-41%
Jan. Rentals	20	24	+4
	2016	2017	Difference
Revenue collected in Dec.	\$13,975.25	\$32,054.25	+\$18,079

Historic Blenheim	2017	2018	Difference
Jan. Utilization Rate	29%	29%	0
Jan. Rentals	8	12	+4
	2016	2017	Difference
Revenue collected in Dec.	\$41.50	\$2,295.50	+\$2,254

*The reason the utilization rate is so high from 2017 at Sherwood is because the full Performance Space had to be blocked for three full weeks for the flooring replacement. By blocking out the space, it shows that the room is being utilized. The 93% from 2017 is not a good representation of how the building was actually being used.

Green Acres	2017	2018	Difference
Jan. Utilization Rate	62%	68%	+6%
Jan. Rentals	69	85	+16
	2016	2017	Difference
Revenue collected in Dec.	\$7,974	\$6,896	-\$1,078