



Parks & Recreation

Live Life Connected

Important Dates

April 6
Fishing Derby at Ashby
Pond, 9:30am-Noon

April 6, 7
Spring Used Book Sale,
Library

April 8, 15, 22, 29
Funday Monday, 10:30am,
Old Town Hall

April 11
Art & Lunch with Fairfax
Art League, 10:30am, Old
Town Hall

April 12
Old Town Hall
performance Series, 8pm,
Sherwood Center

April 18
Friday Morning Music
Club, Noon, Old Town Hall

EGG-Streme Teen Egg
Hunt, 8pm, Historic
Blenheim

April 19
Sherwood Family Movie
Night, 7pm, Sherwood

April 20
Animal Adoption Event,
11am-2pm, Pet Supplies
Plus

April 24
An Evening with Dr. Ed
Maibach, 7pm, Old Town
Hall

April 25
An Evening with Angie
Thomas, Author of The
Hate U Give, 7pm,
Sherwood Center

April 26-May 12
SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

April 27
Fairfax History Day

Parks and Recreation April 2019 PRAB Report

Budget Update

The Mayor and Council will be marking up the budget in the next two weeks to determine the final tax rate. Any recommended cuts in department budgets will be discussed at the Mayor and Council meetings on April 9th and April 23rd.

DOG PARK WORK PROGRESS

The park fencing and site amenities will go up in the next week. The park will then be open to the public. Formal dedication is scheduled for Fido Fest on June 15th @ 11am.



SHERWOOD PROGRAMS & CAMPS

KAREN LUSSIER

CAMP REGISTRATION 2019

2019 Camp Registration numbers continue to grow as we approach the summer. We currently have over 715 campers registered for various traditional and specialty camps which is more than one hundred more in the past month! Some sessions of Teen Camp and Sunshine Kidz are already on a waitlist.

Field Trip calendars for all the camps will be sent out by the end of the month. The hiring process has begun for camp staff and applications are posted online. Although we do have a wonderful staff of over 80% returning, this year we hiring a few new site leaders.

We are looking forward to another great summer!

Camp Site

% of Spaces Filled as of 4/3/19

Sunshine Daniels Run	91%
Sunshine Providence	78%
Providence Day Camp	55%
Daniels Run Day Camp	62%
Lanier Day Camp	58%
Teen Adventure Camp	97%



New Policies for 2019 Egg Hunt

We have set a few new policies that we will be advertising to the public this year to keep everyone safe and having fun at our annual city egg hunt.

1. All participants must have a wristband to participate!
2. Only 300 wristbands will be handed out PER AGE GROUP, starting at 10:00am.
3. Children are only permitted to participate in 1 egg hunt. If you miss your age group you will not be allowed to participate in another group.
4. Parents are NOT permitted in the egg hunt area with children over the age of 4 years old. Children in age groups 1-2 & 3-4 are allowed to have 1 parent with them during the Egg Hunt.
5. Parents and guardians are responsible for supervising their children at ALL times. This is a very busy event and our priority is to keep everyone safe!

Sherwood Movie Night

Friday, April 19 7:00pm

'Christopher Robin

FREE!

Perishable food donations are accepted for Britebaths at all movie nights!

SPRING BREAK 2019 PROGRAMS

The Sherwood Center will be running Spring Break programs during the FCPS Spring break, April 15-19. The programs will be offered for ages 3-14 (ages vary per program).

As of 4/3/19, we have over 45 kids enrolled in these programs.

- CFTC Spring Break Drama Camp (Comic Book Heroes Theme)
- Abrakadoodle Half/Full Day Art Camp
- Tiny Chef Cooking Camp (American Diner Challenge Theme)

GREEN ACRES & SENIOR CENTER

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GREEN ACRES

Second session of winter/spring Senior, Adult and Youth classes started successfully. The fitness classes continue to be popular with instructors teaching Monday – Friday mornings and afternoons; Line Dancing on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons; Tai Chi on Friday mornings; Aerobic Dancing and PM Pilates on Tuesday & Thursday evenings; Mommy & Me Dance Fit on Fridays; our Personal Fitness Trainer Teresa also teaches Monday morning Fit Ball and Cardio & Strength Circuit, leads Exercise Equipment orientations in the Fitness Room on select Saturdays as well as Small Group Fitness classes. Evening drop in Pickle ball numbers continue to grow.

MARCH ENROLLMENTS AT GREEN ACRES			
Type	2018	2019	Difference
Youth	41	23	-18
Adult	216	279	+63
Fitness Pass Usage (Non-Senior Member)	39	21	-18

The cancelation of basketball classes lowered our youth numbers in March.

SENIOR CENTER

MARCH SENIOR CENTER STATS			
	2018	2019	Difference
New Members	36	69	+33
Total Members	3327	3715	+388
Attendance	2425	2615	+190
Fitness Room	728	788	+60
Website Hits	1158	661	-497

SENIOR CENTER COUNCIL NEWS

Senior Center Advisory Members

Elections for new council members and PRAB member took place at the September meeting. Kim Chu, Jay Lamb, Jeanette Mason, Pete Pollak, Charles Spasaro and Roland Cyr, Frank Krempa, Sandy Moshos, Sam Crumpler and Pat Hyland will remain on this season. Sandy Mosho has replaced Jane Albro as their PRAB representative.

Senior Council Officers:

Frank Krempa– Chair
 Sam Crumpler -Vice Chair
 Sandy Moshos– Treasurer
 Charles Spasaro-Secretary

The senior council is currently revising the bylaws and working on the March 23 fundraiser.

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

Next meeting will be April 16 at 1pm in room 111. All are welcome.

APPRAISAL SHOW/ FUNDRASIER

The City of Fairfax Young at Heart Senior Center hosted the Annual Young at Heart Appraisal Show on Saturday, March 23. Aside from great team building opportunities for the seniors and community awareness, the Appraisal Event netted approximately \$1,000 to the Young at Heart fund.



PROGRAMS

St Patrick's Day Potluck The luck of the Irish stayed with the seniors as they enjoyed a traditional corn beef and cabbage meal on March 15th!

May is Older American's Month

Wednesday, May 1 the Senior Center will host an Open House. This event will be a FREE for Adult 55+ and highlight and celebrate Older American and build a sense of community. The Open House will take place from 10am- 2pm, however the center will be open all day for activities from 8am-5pm. We will highlight special activities throughout the month of May as well to include: Seniors Art Show, Knitting Demonstration, Vision Screenings with Fairfax Host Lions Club, Fitness Rooms Equipment Workshop with Personal Fitness Trainer, Painting Fun with Millennium Art Guild, Indoor Pickle ball Demonstration & Play, Fairfax County Sherriff's Office visit, Outdoor Pickle ball Demonstration & Play, Varsity of Lunch & Learns, Mother's Day Tea, Memorial Day Potluck Picnic and lastly Wednesday, May 30, National Senior Health & Fitness Day – 25th Anniversary!

Bocce Season Begins Thurs, May 2: 9am

Green Acres Center Parking Permit District Begins April 1

Earlier this year the mayor and Council approved a new parking permit district for the Green Acres Center. The enforcement times are Monday-Friday, 7am to 4pm.

Green Acres Center users/seniors will now be required to have a free parking permit pass in order to park while using the senior center. Pass distribution began March 15 which is one of the reasons we had an large increase in senior membership in March.



CULTURAL ARTS

MEGAN DUBOIS

You're Invited!

The Commission on the Arts invites you to the presentation of the John Mason Arts Achievement Award and the Business for the Arts Award for 2019. The Award Ceremony will happen immediately following the *Old Town Hall Performance Series featuring the Washington Chamber Orchestra on April 12th at 8:00pm.*

Joanna Ormesher, John Mason Arts Achievement Award

For her many years of arts advocacy, leadership, and coordination of all the many arts groups within the City and in connection with George Mason University, has enriched the cultural life and brought pleasure to so many residents.

Twins Ace Hardware, Business for the Arts Award

Through their business, Craig and Jeff Smith have generously brought various disciplines of art and creativity to members of the City's community, by providing book signings, painting projects for children, art shows, culinary fun, and home decorating and renovation.



Mason Speaker Series

An Evening with Dr. Ed Maibach

April 24 at 7:00pm
Old Town Hall

Dr. Edward Maibach will present an overview of the findings from public opinion polls regarding climate change conducted over the past decade. Recently there has been a sharp increase in the public's understanding of and concern about climate change. He will discuss Mason's efforts to increase public understanding of climate change. There will be an opportunity for questions following the presentation.

Fundraiser for Public Art in the new Dog Park!

Friday, April 26 to Wednesday, May 1 you can go to Paint Your Own Pottery and paint something pet related, and 10% of the sale will go to the Commission on the Arts for Public Art in the Dog Park.

On **Wednesday May 1** you can bring a picture of your pet, and you will be shown how to paint it on a piece of pottery of your choice. On that day 20% of the proceeds will go to the Commission on the Arts for Public Art in the Dog park!



APRIL 26 - MAY 12, 2019

FAIRFAX SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS presents AN AQUARIAN EXPOSITION in FAIRFAX, VA

3 WEEKS of PEACE & ARTS

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Spotlight on the Arts

SPECIAL EVENTS



INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

2019 Official Logo and Theme

This will be the logo for the 2019 Independence Day Celebration and the theme is “A Hometown Celebration”.

Parade Line-Up

The Independence Day Celebration Committee will hold the parade line-up meeting on April 24 at Green Acres Center. Approximately 10 members will spend 3 hours sorting through the multitude of parade applications and carefully placing them in the parade divisions to make for a very colorful, entertaining and musical parade. Parade participant confirmation letters are mailed in May.

UPCOMING EVENT DATES:

3rd Annual EGG-Streme Teen Egg Hunt—Thursday, April 18

Registration is now open!

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



1st Annual Beer in the Burbs—Saturday, June 1

Introducing Fairfax City’s first craft-beer festival: This celebration of suds will be one of the region’s biggest events that raises a mug to Virginia craft breweries — from Loudoun to Virginia Beach and from Roanoke to Richmond. Fairfax City beer makers like Chubby Squirrel and Ornerly will be on hand, too. We’re showcasing more than 25 breweries for this family-friendly event in the perfect Old Town Square setting, with plenty of food trucks, live music and more. Every year this festival will have a different theme – this year is celebrating the 50th anniversary of Woodstock! If you love Virginia craft beers, this is your Super Bowl.

2019 CRAFT SHOWS

The Fall Festival will be held October 12. Vendor spaces were assigned and notification sent in May. Confirmation packets to vendors will be mailed mid-August. Vendors are still calling to participate and are being accepted to the festival. The Holiday Craft Show will be held November 16 and 17. All vendor spaces were assigned and notification sent in May with payment due in June. Cancellations have been trickling in. Staff is filling vendor spaces from the waitlist. The show is full however applications are accepted on a waitlist basis.

Craft Show Applications Rec'd as of April 3, 2019	2018	2019	Difference
Fall Festival On-line Applications	81	68	-13
Fall Festival Paper Applications	152	130	-22
Holiday Craft Show On-line Applications	116	109	-7
Holiday Craft Show Paper Applications	161	170	+9
Total Applications	510	477	-33

SPECIAL EVENTS (cont.)

SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS 2019

Event permits and being submitted and approved for 2019—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 2019 due to the new Old Town Square regulations and the popularity of the Veterans Amphitheater at City Hall.

	2018	2019	Difference
Approved Permits to Date	21	18	-3
Applications Received to Date	23	20	-3
Pending Applications	0	1	+1
Denied Applications	0	1	+1

ATHLETICS & FIELDS

ATHLETICS

All winter gym and field permits have been issued. All grass fields are closed December 1st through February 28th. We will continue to process winter requests as they are received. Draper Drive Turf fields are closed for renovations December thru February. We received the Spring 2019 applications from groups and will start to process them over the next month.

The field users are the regular groups: FPYC and two adult groups. We are not able to issue permits to the other 6 adult groups because Draper is closed. The primary field space is Stafford and FHS Turf field. Stafford is not scheduled Monday thru Friday

because we do not have lights.

The gym permits are primarily issued to FPYC basketball with a couple spaces going to CYO.

Tournaments: None

Revenue: Will be much lower this year since Draper Drive is not available

ATHLETICS STATS			
WINTER	2018	2019	Difference
Revenue	\$2,703.00	\$427.50	-\$2,275.50
Pending Revenue	\$1,600.00	TBD	-\$1,600.00
Field Permits	20	7	-13
Gym Permits	15	16	+1
Applications Received	17	8	-9
Approved Applications	16	7	-9
Denied/Cx Applications	1	0	-1
Tournaments Scheduled	0	0	0
Adult Groups Scheduled	7	2	-5
Pending Application	0	0	0

FACILITIES

BRIANNE BAGLINI

APRIL STATISTICS

Old Town Hall	2018	2019	Difference
Utilization Rate for Apr.	64%	40%	-24%
Apr. Rentals	8	8	0
Mar. Revenue	\$5,633	\$18,374.50	+\$12,741.50

Sherwood	2018	2019	Difference
Utilization Rate for Apr.	57%	57%	0
Apr. Rentals	31	17	-14
Mar. Revenue	\$34,402.50	\$26,674.75	-\$7,727.75

Blenheim	2018	2019	Difference
Utilization Rate for Apr.	30%	36%	+6%
Apr. Rentals	10	10	0
Mar. Revenue	\$11,331	\$11,337	+\$6

Green Acres	2018	2019	Difference
Utilization Rate for Apr.	72%	77%	+5%
Apr. Rentals	95	90	-5
Mar. Revenue	\$15,691.50	\$10,418.50	-\$5,273

PARKS

New Park Supervisor—Arborist

Christopher Fleming, a certified arborist, recently started as a Park Supervisor. Chris has a degree from VCU in environmental science. He has previously worked in his families landscaping and tree service business and as a plant and tree specialist at Merrifield Garden Center. We are very excited to have a practicing arborist and plant specialist working for us. He will provide much needed expertise in our tree canopy and planting beds. He will also be working with the our Sustainability Coordinator on an Urban Tree Management Plan. This is a big step for the city as it will involve a tree inventory and recommendations for improving our tree canopy.

We will also be working with the Environmental Sustainability Committee on an invasive management program using volunteers with help and guidance from Chris.



Lamb Center Cleaning Up around Ashby Pond

