



Parks & Recreation

Live Life Connected

Important Dates

December 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22
Holiday Market @ OTS

December 7
Festival of Lights and Carols @ OTS
2pm-6pm

December 11
Mason Arts @ OTH - Beautiful String Ensemble, 7pm @ OTH

December 13
Old Town Hall
Performance Series - US Navy Band Brass Quintet, 8pm @ OTH

Sherwood Family Movie Night, 7pm @ SCSCC
Food donations accepted for Britepaths

December 14
Lunch with Santa @ OTH

December 16
Funday Monday, 10:30am @ OTH

December 21
Christmas in Fairfax, 7pm @ FHS

December 24 (1/2) & 25,
City offices and facilities closed

December 31
Fairfax Four Miler, 6pm
Register Online @ runpacers.com

January 1
City offices and facilities closed

January 6
Funday Monday, 10:30am @ OTH

Parks and Recreation December 2019 PRAB Report



**Vice Chair Brian Knapp
Celebrates 20 Years Serving on PRAB**

Updates

Stacy C Sherwood Community Center:

- * The brick entranceway was replaced . The commemorative bricks and concrete blocks were reinstalled.
- * The wood floors in the entire performance space, rehearsal room, art room, activity room and hallways were replaced.

Old Town Hall:

- * The roof is scheduled to be replaced with a metal roof later this month.

Dog Park:

- * The trees and shrubs were planted.

SHERWOOD PROGRAMS & CAMPS

KAREN LUSSIER

Sherwood Giving Tree 2019!

This is the third year of the Sherwood Giving Tree Program and we have had a huge outpour of community help. The City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Department partners with Fairfax City schools and helps provide them gifts and holiday cheer for underprivileged City families. We receive families from Daniels Run, Providence and Main Street Child Development Center—this year we are able to help over 50 families!

We have received very generous donations from members of the community, local businesses and city departments. The Fairfax City Fire Department has offered to assist a family in need with thanksgiving and Christmas by paying them a very special visit with the fire truck! They provided dinners, winter jackets and presents. Thank you to all who have contributed to this great cause to allow all Fairfax City families to have a happy and enjoyable holiday season. Staff are collecting the gifts and wrapping now, to be dropped at the schools the week of Dec 16th.



The 2020 Winter/Spring Parks and Rec Connected! Brochure had been published and mailed to Fairfax City residents. Information on programs, classes and events for January—April of 2020 are included in this issue. New classes include Preschool Math, Music Together for Babies, Freestyle Soccer, and a new event “Volunteer for Valentines” (see ad below). This brochure also includes information on Spring Break and Summer Camp programs for 2020.

VOLUNTEER FOR VALENTINE'S FAMILY EVENT

Saturday, February 8, 10am-Noon
Sherwood Community Center
\$15/family

Join 'Kids Give Back', a nonprofit organization, as we spend the morning making Valentine gifts for senior citizens. We'll provide the supplies, you and your family provide the creativity! Everything we make will be donated to an assisted living center in Fairfax County; projects will be appropriate for children ages 3 and up. Register ahead of time at www.fairfaxva.gov/parksrec

Sherwood Movie Night
Friday, December 14, 7:00pm



'Toy Story 4'
FREE!

Perishable food donations are accepted for Britebaths.

GREEN ACRES & SENIOR CENTER

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GREEN ACRES

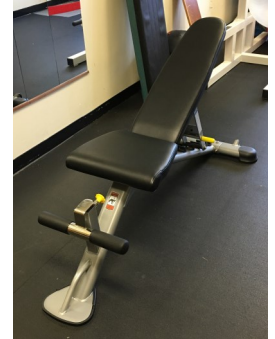
Green Acres News

The second session of Fall classes continued in November with winter/spring registration starting on Dec. 9. Our class offerings included, Irish Social Dance, Social Line Dance, Aerobic Dance, BFit, Clogging, Clock Repair, Cardio Strength Training, Fit Ball, Meditation, Okinawa Martial Arts, Yoga, Pilates, Stretch n Balance, Laughing Yoga, Yoga, Tai Chi, Your Way Fitness Plan, Evening Pickle ball, multiple level Bridge classes, Baby and Toddler Time, Fun Time Basketball, Exercise Equipment Orientations and Small group trainings with our personal trainer.

November ENROLLMENTS AT GREEN ACRES

Type	2018	2019	Difference
Youth	22	23	+1
Adult	287	335	+48
Fitness Pass Usage (Non Senior Member)	19	5	-14

To go along with our new tread mill we added an upgraded bench this month for the fitness room!



SENIOR CENTER

November SENIOR CENTER STATS

	2018	2019	Difference
New Members	19	22	+3
Total Members	3569	4024	+455
Attendance	2112	2455	+343
Fitness Room	670	589	-81
Website Hits	717	647	-70

SENIOR CENTER COUNCIL NEWS

2019/2020 Senior Center Advisory Members

Kim Chu, Sam Crumpler,

Susan DiMaina, Pat Hyland, Jayne Jackson, Jay Lamb, Jeanette Mason, Pete Pollak, Sigrid Schipper, Charles Spasaro, and Sandy Moshos.

Senior Council Officers :

Sam Crumpler – Chair Charles Spasaro-Secretary
Pat Hyland-Vice Chair Sandy Moshos– Treasurer

Meetings will now be held the third Tuesday of each month at 1pm. **No meeting in December.** Next meeting will be January 15 at 1pm.

The Annual Appraisal Event will be held at the Stacey C. Sherwood Community Center on March 21. The funds raised will go to the senior council to use through out the year to benefit our senior members.

Please see attached December activity calendar

Veteran's Breakfast

A record number of veterans were recognized on Friday, Nov 8 at 9am! We showed our appreciation to the senior members who served our country with a breakfast honoring their faithful service.



THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON



Our annual Thanksgiving luncheon and volunteer recognition was held on Friday, November 16th. This abundant luncheon featured a traditional turkey dinner, harp music, and a volunteer recognition ceremony. Fairfax City Councilmembers and the Mayor attended the festivities along with a record number of seniors. The Parks and Recreation staff gave their gift of time once again this year

to serve a delicious catered meal to our seniors and make it a memorable event for all. Back by popular demand, we continued our traditional thanksgiving entertainment with harp player Chris Van Dyke.

HOLIDAY PARTY The holiday ham potluck will be held on Friday, December 13 at 11am. Get in the spirit of the season with music, photo opportunities with Santa, and holiday favor stations. The senior council will hold a 50/50 raffle.

A NEW YEAR PARTY A pizza party is planned for Friday, December 27 to ring in the New Year! Registration required with a \$5 advanced fee for lunch– sponsored by the senior council.



Gloria Toner our oldest volunteer honored

CULTURAL ARTS

MEGAN DUBOIS

A WARM GESTURE (2019)

15 PAIRS OF GLOVES, 26 HATS & 91 SCARVES

The items on this tree were crafted with great care by volunteers and made from yarn generously donated by our community.

The scarves and hats will be distributed to the homeless in the Washington metropolitan area throughout the winter months.

Lovingly creating something by hand for someone else is such a warm gesture. During this Holiday Season and into the New Year, may we all remember that the greatest gifts we have to give each other are the gifts of our time and loving kindness.

Debra Wright, the artist, would like to thank the following people that helped make this happen:

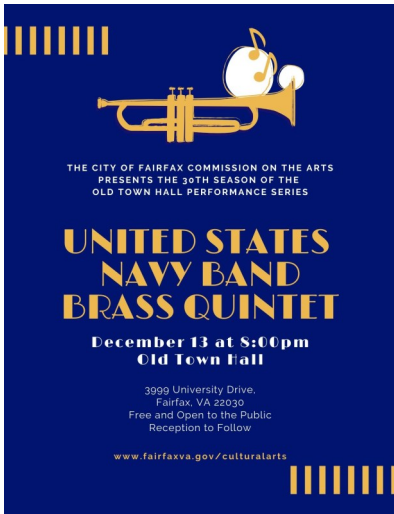
Megan DuBois, Cultural Arts Manager, City of Fairfax Parks & Recreation
The Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center
The Entire Staff of Parks & Recreation
Mr. Chris Townsend who contributed an amazing amount of yarn in memory of his Mother
The Fairfax City Community for donating supplies
Food Not Bombs D.C. for providing free food and beverages for our meetings

And, last but not least, the makers themselves:

Judy Ali, Stacie Bicknell, Carol Caputo, Cathy Carson, Anne Connaughton, Nancy Dubiell, Dori Freudiger, Dianet Giraldo, Mary Jane Page, Catherine Petrovich, Susan Steiner, Frank Taylor & Family, Ramona Weaver & Consuela Woodford



Upcoming Dec/Jan Events



**Friday, December 13 – Old Town Hall Performance Series:
US Navy Band Brass Quintet**

Old Town Hall, 8:00pm

Reception to Follow celebrating our 30th Season!

Sunday, December 15 –

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

Lanier Middle School, 4:00pm

Tickets are Free, but required



Saturday, December 21 –

**City of Fairfax Band Association:
Christmas in Fairfax**

Fairfax High School, 7:00pm

Tickets are Free, but required

Thursday, January 9 - Fairfax Art League: Art and Lunch

Old Town Hall, 10:30am – 2:30pm

**Friday, January 10 – Old Town Hall Performance Series:
The Hot Lanes Big Band with Bobby Jasinski**

Old Town Hall, 8:00pm

Thursday, January 16 – Friday Morning Music Club

Old Town Hall, 12:00pm

Friday, January 17 – ArtScreen: Loving Vincent

Sherwood Center, Doors at 7:00pm Movie starts at 7:30pm

Free Refreshments!



SPECIAL EVENTS



2019 HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

The 2019 Holiday Craft Show was held on November 16 & 17th 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 seemed slightly higher than last year but still slower than Saturday—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. Some customers and vendors mentioned noticing an increase in vendor quality. The growing crowds from year to year is very positive because the trend of craft shows generally seems to be dying down—yet our show 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.

2019 HOLIDAY MARKET



The Holiday Market kicked off on Friday, December 6 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 Zonta Club of Fairfax 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 16 tents and a market sponsor—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. The Facebook Event for the Holiday Market has 8.9K people interested in the event (approx. 4K more than last year). 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!



2019 FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND CAROLS & LUNCH WITH SANTA

The Festival of Lights was held this year on December 7th—from 12pm to 6pm. 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 free s'mores, crafts, cider, petting zoo and inflatables. This year's festival overlapped with the Holiday Market which was a great chance for families to walk around and check out all of the vendors. The Mayor and Santa counted down the lighting of the City tree which stands at 30ft tall this year while the Fairfax Choral Society Children's Chorus lead the crowd in Jingle Bells to finish off the night.



We continued with the separated Lunch with Santa and 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. This year Lunch with Santa will be on December 14th. Currently, the three seating time are not all full—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 2019

	2018	2019	Difference
Approved Permits to Date	21	12	-9
Applications Received to Date	22	15	-7
Pending Applications	1	3	+2
Denied Applications	0	0	0

Event permits are 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.

ATHLETICS & FIELDS

ATHLETICS

All grass fields are closed December 1st through February 28th. We will continue to process winter requests as they are received.

The field users are the regular groups: FPYC and adult groups. 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.

Spring 2019 applications are due February 1st.

Tournaments: None

Revenue: Difference is because Draper was closed for renovations last year. Therefore we could not schedule as many groups.

ATHLETICS STATS			
WINTER	2018	2019	Difference
Revenue	\$427.50	\$2,346.00	+1,918.50
Pending Revenue	TBD	TBD	0
Field Permits	7	13	+6
Gym Permits	16	17	+1
Applications Received	8	17	+9
Approved Applications	7	14	+7
Denied/Cx Applications	0	1	+1
Tournaments Scheduled	0	0	0
Adult Groups Scheduled	2	6	+4
Pending Application	1	2	+1

FACILITIES

BRIANNE BAGLINI

DECEMBER STATISTICS

Old Town Hall	2018	2019	Difference
Utilization Rate for Dec.	54%	42%	-12%
Dec. Rentals	13	10	-3
Nov. Revenue	\$6,548.50	\$5,856	-\$692.50

Sherwood	2018	2019	Difference
Utilization Rate for Dec.	54%	47%	-7%
Dec. Rentals	30	28	-2
Nov. Revenue	\$20,893.07	\$14,796.75	-\$6,096.32

Blenheim	2018	2019	Difference
Utilization Rate for Dec.	42%	32%	-10%
Dec. Rentals	17	11	-6
Nov. Revenue	\$4,864.40	\$2,259.63	-\$2,604.77

Green Acres	2018	2019	Difference
Utilization Rate for Dec.	59%	68%	+9%
Dec. Rentals	72	86	+14
Nov. Revenue	\$11,123.25	\$10,323.50	-\$799.75

PARKS

City Jobs Update

Mayor and City Council received an update from the Lamb Center's Executive Director on the City Jobs program. Their report shows the City is receiving a good value for the work being performed in exchange for making a huge difference in the lives of the participants. To date over a dozen City Jobs workers have transitioned to full-time employment.

10/15/19— OTS Gardening/Weeding



11/7/19— Clearing trails of leaves at Daniels Run



12/3/19— Working with crews to put up 120 wreaths in the Down Town

