



Parks & Recreation

Live Life Connected

Important Dates

October 1-31
Virtual Fall Festival

October 1
Little School @
Sherwood opens

October 5,19,26
Sunday Monday

October 16
Friday Morning Club

October 20
Senior Center Council
Meeting - Virtual

October 16-28
Great Pumpkin
Carving Contest -
Virtual

October 31
Trick or Treat Trail @
Police Station

Spooktacular Science
Show @ Veterans
Amphitheatre

Parks and Recreation October 2020 PRAB Report

HALLOWEEN FUN!

Despite COVID19 Halloween is alive and well in Fairfax City! Check out these exciting events and activities. For more details turn to pages 5 and 6.

October 16-28: Virtual Great Pumpkin Carving Contest

October 31: Spooktacular Science Show @ 1:30pm
Trick or Treat Trail @ 10-1pm



Pavilion Rental Comparisons 2019 vs 2020

As of 10/7/2020

	September 2019	September 2020	October 2019	October 2020
Small Pavilions	37	22	15	8
Large Pavilion	30	22	16	18

SHERWOOD PROGRAMS & CAMPS

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Fairfax City Connected Care

The Fairfax City Connected Care Program is a joint project between the Parks and Recreation department with help from the Fairfax City School Board & Superintendent and support from the Mayor and City Council. This is a school-age child care and virtual learning center for children ages K-6th grade that live in Fairfax City. The Parks and Recreation We are operating the program out of the south wing of the Green Acres Community Center has been up and running since the first day of school, September 8.

Currently have 7 classrooms running with 57 kids registered for the program with kids from both Daniels Run and Providence Elementary. We are currently enrolling more students and can take up to 80 children. About 80% of these children are provided financial assistance through the CARES Act money and come from homes where English is not the first or primary language.

These children are in classrooms of no more than 10 children and two staff. They remain in their small groups throughout the day to keep small classrooms with little to no cross over for health safety. While they are at the program they get assistance with their virtual learning, and participate in recreational activities both indoors and outdoors.

We have gotten lots of positive feedback from parents and the schools about how much the children are enjoying the program and how impactful that program has been for the families that really need the program.

We plan on running the program for as long as it is needed and students are not back in school full time. As FCPS changes its school schedules we will adjust our program to fit the needs of the enrolled families.

Fairfax City Connected Care Book Donation Program

Staff started a book donation program for the Connected Care program after assessing a need to access to books for the children at Green Acres.

Our program supports many families in Fairfax City who may not have access to books at this time because their school library is closed! Our goal is to have a small library at our site that children can borrow books from to read!

People can donate used books that they are no longer using in our non-contact book donation box at Green Acres or purchase books from our amazon wish list that get sent directly to us at the center.

The book donation program was featured on ABC7 News!

We have currently collected over 200 books in just 1 week!



Little School at Sherwood

The Little School at Sherwood will be reopening its doors on October 1! We are excited to have 9 kids enrolled at this time with our 2 returning preschool teachers. It will be operating 3 days a week, Tuesday-Thursday with a 3 day and 2 day option for families.

GREEN ACRES & SENIOR CENTER

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GREEN ACRES

Green Acres News

In person Fall class sessions started at the beginning of September at our new location Sherwood with restrictions following the CDC guidelines for Adults and Seniors. To start we have limited the class size to 15 students in the full performance space. Participants must pre register via active net - no drop ins accepted at this time.

Our limited class offerings included, Cardio Circuit, various levels of virtual Clogging, Seniorcise, Tai Chi, and Pickle ball lessons outside at Van Dyck Park.

We are offering a limited seniors classes as well at Sherwood. Attendance number is table above.

Community members and senior alike are enjoying the new Bocce courts and storage unit to access equipment.

SEPTEMBER ENROLLMENTS AT GREEN ACRES			
Type	2019	2020	Difference
Youth	17	0	-17
Adult	282	25	-257
Senior classes	NA	32	+32



SENIOR CENTER

SEPTEMBER SENIOR CENTER STATS

	2019	2020	Difference
New Members	55	0	-55
Total Members	3977	4141	+164
Attendance	2420	0	-2420
Fitness Room	663	0	-663
Website Hits	857	356	-501

Highlights

In person Senior Programs are offered

We received the green light and started limited *in person* programs in September using all the precautions to keep our seniors safe. The instructors and class participants are following all procedures set in place and enjoying the return of classes.

We advertised and tried the in person Bingo for the seniors: however due to the lack of enrollments the activity was canceled.

Next month we will offer an in person mental health workshop on Friday, November 20 lead by Lesley Abashian to include a box lunch.

Virtual Programs Continue

We had a productive virtual lunch and learn this month where the seniors signed up through active net and learned about Settling Estates from a local attorney and were able to interact and ask questions. The City's virtual website continues to offer seniors a variety of opportunities. The Virtual learning page had **239** hits in the month of September.

Fairfax County has enhanced their virtual learning site to include new partners and programs for our seniors to take advantage of this Fall. The goal of the Virtual Center for Active Adults is to enrich the lives of adults in Fairfax County and Fairfax City while combatting isolation. Here you can connect with your peers, engage in a variety of activities and discover useful resources.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/virtual-center-active-adults>



SENIOR CENTER COUNCIL NEWS

Senior Center Advisory Members

Senior Council Officers:

Sam Crumpler - Chair

Pat Hyland - Vice Chair

Sandy Moshos - Treasurer

Charles Spasaro - Secretary

Sandy Moshos - PRAB representative

2019/2020 Senior Center Advisory Members: Kim

Chu, Susan DiMaina, Jayne Jackson, Jay Lamb,

Jeanette Mason, Pete Pollak and Sigrid Schipper

The Senior Council continues to work on behalf of the senior members and staff while the center

is closed. During the June meeting, the board decided and voted unanimously to skip the Board Elections this year and continue with the present

Board until October 2021.

Next virtual meeting: October 20 at 1pm

The Annual Young at Heart Flea Market will be canceled this year due to COVID.

CULTURAL ARTS

MEGAN DUBOIS

Theatre Thursdays—Cabaret

Join City of Fairfax Theatre Company for their annual Cabaret.

Broadcast on City Screen 12—7pm

on October 22

Live In-Person on Oct 17 (Tickets Required)



Funday Monday!

October 5	Virtual	My Gym
October 12	NONE	None - Columbus Day
October 19	In-person	The Great Zucchini
October 26	Virtual	<p>Fall for the Book - The Extraordinary Educational Journey of Frederick Douglass</p> <p>In Shana Keller’s latest book, Bread for Words: A Frederick Douglass Story, she tells his Incredible story, teaching kids what it takes to learn a new and unfamiliar language. Follow along with his tale, and then try your own hand at learning letters in a new language just like Douglass.</p> <p>Program Available Oct 3 on YouTube. Watch On Demand!</p>

SPOOKTACULAR SCIENCE SHOW

VETERANS AMPHITHEATER

SAT, OCT 31ST

1:30PM

Come learn from a mad scientist, who will teach the little ghouls and goblins the magic behind Halloween. Bubbling potions, color-changing fire and more experiments will be showcased in the spirit of Halloween. Experiments performed by Mad Science of DC. This is a free event for the public.



Friday Morning Music Club

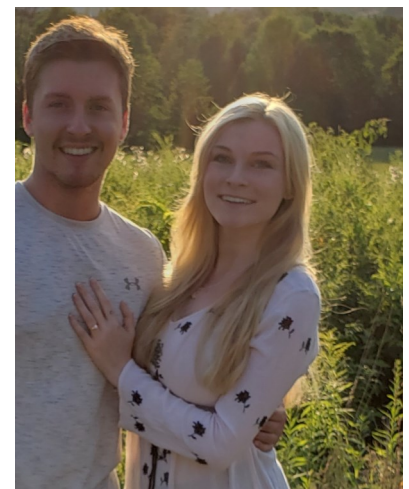
Virtual Chamber Music Series

Friday, Oct 16 Noon

Broadcast on Friday Morning Music Club's Facebook Page. Filmed at Old Town Hall!

Meet Hannah!

Hello! My name is Hannah Bremmer, and I grew up in Fairfax, VA. I'm working as an intern this Fall for Megan DuBois. I'm also currently finishing my last semester of studies at Liberty University where I'm earning my B.A. in Studio Arts. Fun fact: I recently got engaged, and will be starting a new life in PA once I'm married. I love anything to do with art and creativity, and am currently building my career as a freelance artist. I can't wait to meet you all!



SPECIAL EVENTS



CITY OF FAIRFAX FIRST EVER VIRTUAL FALL FESTIVAL

THE CITY'S FIRST EVER VIRTUAL FALL FESTIVAL! Our 44th Fall Festival will host all our wonderful artisans online this year at www.fairfaxfallfestival.com for the entire month of October. Never have enough time to see it all at our annual event? Well, now you can browse through the thousands of items that would typically be at our event, at your leisure! Be sure to check out our Facebook Stories during October to personally hear from some of our vendors!

Virtual Great Pumpkin Carving Contest

October 16- 28

Get your carving tools out and enter your pumpkin in our virtual carving contest! Register for free online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/.../Activity_Search/13738. The contest will run through Oct 16 - 28th, winners will be announced Oct 30th.

Categories: Most Creative, Spookiest, Most Artistic & Traditional Jack O' Lantern
Please email all photos to specialevents@fairfaxva.gov

TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 10 AM – 1 PM

Dressed in your Halloween best, stop by the City of Fairfax Police Department for our first ever Trick or Treat drive-thru! Together the City of Fairfax Police Department and Parks & Recreation will be handing out candy and giveaways (while supplies last).

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2020 HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

The 2020 Holiday Craft Show has been cancelled; however, staff is going to offer a Virtual Holiday Craft Show for the artisans. The show will be on the city's website through the month of November.

2020 HOLIDAY MARKET

Our Holiday Market will still be held in Old Town Square the first 2 weekends of December (Dec 4-6 and 11-13). There will be no live entertainment or non-profits this year but we hope to have the market since the vendors are social distanced.



SPECIAL EVENTS (cont.)

SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS 2019

	2018	2019	Difference
Approved Permits to Date	21	23	+2
Applications Received to Date	22	23	+1
Pending Applications	1	0	0
Denied Applications	0	0	0

ATHLETICS & FIELDS

ATHLETICS

We finalized all Fall permits and received Return Play Protocols (RTP) from all groups. All groups are adhering to COVID 19 rules as well as their own RTPs. We are staying aligned with Fairfax County and NCS and not authorizing tournament play this season. This impacted two tournaments that normally apply each season.

Requests:

Fields: We received 18 applications and were able to approve 13. One group was denied and the other 4 cancelled due to low participation numbers (COVID).

Gyms: Gyms are still closed throughout Fairfax County. No permits have been issued at this time. No updates area available.

Tournaments: Not allowed this season

Revenue: Difference in revenue is the mostly the tournaments

Pending Revenue: Does not include FPYC or FXLL

Note: Due to COVID we did not receive as many individual request as we normally receive. Several people emailed or called but stated they didn't have the commitment from families.

ATHLETICS STATS

Fall-September	2019	2020	Difference
Revenue	\$9,814	\$4,270.75	-\$5,543.25
Pending Revenue	\$1,581	TBD	
Field Permits To Date	85	79	-6
Gym Permits To Date	7	0	-7
Applications Received To Date	34	21	-13
Approved Applications To Date	27	13	-14
Denied/Canceled Applications	3	5	+2
Tournaments Scheduled	2	0	-2
Adult Groups Scheduled	7	7	0
Pending Applications	4	0	0

FACILITIES

BRIANNE BAGLINI

OCTOBER STATISTICS

Old Town Hall	2019	2020	Difference
Utilization Rate for Oct.	42%	22%	-20%
Oct. Rentals	11	2	-9
Sept. Revenue	\$10,742.50	\$2,650	-\$8,092.50

Sherwood	2019	2020	Difference
Utilization Rate for Oct.	65%	33%	-32%
Oct. Rentals	39	10	-29
Sept. Revenue	\$28,043	-\$210	-\$28,253

Blenheim	2019	2020	Difference
Utilization Rate for Oct.	51%	22%	-29%
Oct. Rentals	16	5	-11
Sept. Revenue	\$4,034.10	\$2,475	-\$1,559.10

Green Acres	2019	2020	Difference
Utilization Rate for Oct.	76%	89%	+13%
Oct. Rentals	101	36	-65
Sept. Revenue	\$14,235.50	\$920	-\$13,315.50

Utilization rate has gone up at Green Acres due to the City using the building for the Connected Care program throughout the weekdays.