



Parks & Recreation

Live Life Connected

Important Dates

November 1-30

Holiday Craft Show, VIRTUAL

November 9 & 23

Funday Monday, VIRTUAL

November 16 & 30

Funday Monday, @ OTH

November 11th

Veteran's Day
City Holiday

November 12

Community Knit/Crochet
Night 1
Old Town Hall, 7pm

November 14

Community Knit/Crochet
Night 2
Old Town Hall, 3pm

November 17

Senior Center Council Mtg
- Virtual @ 1pm

November 20

OTH Performance Series @
OTH, Dong Xi

November 22

Spotlight On You Too
Workshop

November 26 & 27

Thanksgiving
City Holiday

December 4-6, 11-13

Holiday Market @ OTS

December 10

OTH Performance Series @
OTH, Cathedral Brass

Parks and Recreation

November 2020 PRAB Report

Pumpkin Carving Contest Winners

Most Creative:

1st Place - Black Cat by Audra Hale-Maddox

2nd Place - Yoda by Toby Delrahim

3rd Place - Spider by Sophia McNair



Most Artistic

1st Place - Scary Tree by Toby Delrahim

2nd Place - Jack Skeleton by Christina Fontana

3rd Place - Bat by Aiden McNair



Most Spookiest

1st Place - Pennywise by Bobby Gibson

2nd Place - Monster by Christina Fontana

3rd Place - Scary Skeleton by Dorothy Bennett



Traditional

1st Place - Family Pumpkins by the Patel Family

2nd Place - Triangle Pumpkin by Ivan and Nathan Racadag

3rd Place - Frozen Pumpkins by Alison




SHERWOOD PROGRAMS & CAMPS

KAREN LUSSIER

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS!

Halloween masks may look a little different this year, but the fun and celebrations at the Sherwood Center and Green Acres are still just as fun! Our kids from the preschool programs and Fairfax City Connected Care dressed in their costumes and took turns safely went trick-or-treating around the centers. The Connected Care had a door decorating contest for each classroom and the kids had a wonderful time making spooky slime.



2020
Sherwood Center
GIVING TREE

Please support a Fairfax City family in need this holiday season!

Fairfax City Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with Fairfax City Public Schools in order to provide assistance for families in need in Fairfax City this holiday season.

The Parent Liaisons/School Counselors from Daniels Run, Providence Elementary have assisted in identifying these families each school. Additionally, this year, children in-need from Fairfax City Connected Care and Main Street Child Development Center will also be sponsored. These families completed a form with their information and wish list. This is a great opportunity for departments, companies, individuals or anyone who is looking to give back this season.


Donation Options:

Please commit by November 20th:

- A. Sponsor a small family*: Buy gifts for a family of 3 children or less
- B. Sponsor a large family*: Buy gifts for a family of 4 or more children
- C. Gift Card Donations: Local Grocery stores/ Target/ Walmart/VISA
- D. Check/Cash donation: Staff will buy the gifts to donate to the families.
(Online donations can be made at www.fairfaxva.gov)
- E. Amazon Wishlist (Link will be shared at a later date)
- F. Wrapping Supplies (Bags, Paper, Tissue Paper, Ribbon, Bows, Etc.)

*If you choose A or B, you will receive a form has information on the specific family. All gifts need to be delivered unwrapped to the Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, no later than Fri. Dec. 4th. The Parks and Recreation staff will wrap and deliver all presents to the families before Winter Break.

If you would like to donate to the Sherwood Giving Tree, please contact:
Karen Lussier, Recreation Manager
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Transition to FCPS In-Person Learning

The Fairfax City Connected Care program is preparing for the transition to back-to-school in learning. Staff have met with the School Superintendent and Elementary School Principals to devise a plan for communication as things change going forward. Starting Nov. 16 with kindergarteners, children will have the option to go back to in-person learning for two days a week. Connected Care will still operate but alter fees and schedules accordingly to meet the needs of the families on the day they are still doing virtual learning. This will be done safely and the goal is to continue to meet the needs of the community during this time.

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. Pickleball lessons was our most popular class.

New classes set to start first week of November.

Registration numbers reflective in table.

October ENROLLMENTS AT GREEN ACRES

Type	2019	2020	Difference
Youth	18	0	-18
Adult	325	25	-327
Senior classes	NA	20	NA

Our limited class offerings included, *in person* fitness classes, virtual Clogging classes, limited seniors programs as well as Pickle ball lessons outside at Van Dyck Park.



SENIOR CENTER

October SENIOR CENTER STATS

	2019	2020	Difference
New Members	25	0	-25
Total Members	4002	4141	+139
Attendance	2694	0	-2694
Fitness Room	700	0	-700
Website Hits	723	263	-460

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. The present

Board will stay in place until October 2021.

Next virtual meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 1pm.

The Annual **Young at Heart Craft and Flea Market** held at the Stacey C. Sherwood Community Center was canceled this year due to the pandemic. This event normally brings around \$1000 each year to the senior center to use through out the year to benefit our senior members.

October Happenings at the Senior Center

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. The *in person* senior offerings for November and December so far have low numbers as well.

This month we will offer an in person mental health workshop on Friday, November 20 lead by Lesley Abashian to include a box lunch. We plan to record this session and post on virtual website and possible channel 12 to reach more seniors that may be isolated at home.

Virtual Programs Continue

We continue to offer virtual lunch and learn sessions for our members.

The City's virtual website continues to offer seniors a variety of opportunities. The Virtual learning page had **70** hits in October down from **239** hits in the month of September.

<https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/new-virtual-center>

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>

CULTURAL ARTS

MEGAN DUBOIS

Halloween Fun!

We held a Spookacular Science Show with Mad Science DC for Halloween. We had 150+ in attendance!



Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series—Starts in November

Will be virtual for November and December. You can tune in on the Commission on the Arts Facebook Page or City Screen 12.

- November 20—Dong Xi
- December 11—Cathedral Brass



More Virtual Events for November



Warm Gesture 2020

We are seeking individuals of all ages to fabricate scarves for the homeless community in the Washington metropolitan area. We will be accepting finished scarves until January 29, 2021

Join us for Virtual Community Knitting Events

Please provide your own knitting needles/crochet hooks and yarn

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

VIRTUAL/GoTo MEETING

ENTRANCE CODE WILL BE EMAILED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

VIRTUAL/GoTo MEETING

ENTRANCE CODE WILL BE EMAILED

Friday Morning Music Club

Friday, November 20, Noon

Broadcast on the Friday Morning Music Club's Facebook Page

Spotlight On You Too – a 5 hour workshop covering more advanced storytelling lessons. Meant as a follow up workshop to Spotlight on You, this is also ideal for any experienced storyteller looking to delve deeper into a particular story, work on enhanced performance techniques, or play around a little more with form.

Led by Jessica Robinson

\$85 per registrant.

Sunday, November 22, 2020, 1pm – 5 or 6pm EDT

SPECIAL EVENTS



The Virtual Holiday Craft Show will go live on November 2 through November 30.

Festival of Lights and Carols

The Festival of Lights and Carols will have a different look in 2020. The event will not take place in person but virtually. City Council and Santa will be on Facebook Live and Channel 12 lighting the tree and wishing the community a Happy Holiday.



2020 HOLIDAY MARKET December 4-6 & 11-13, 2020

THE HOLIDAY MARKET WILL BE HELD THE FIRST 2 WEEKENDS IN DECEMBER – FRIDAYS 5-8PM; SATURDAYS 12PM-6PM AND SUNDAYS 12PM-4PM. DUE TO COVID, WE WILL NOT BE HAVING EXTRA ACTIVITIES JUST THE MARKET VENDORS. WE HAVE 21 DIFFERENT VENDORS FOR BOTH WEEKENDS.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT MARKET AND HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

SPECIAL EVENTS (cont.)

SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS 2020

Event permits and being submitted and approved for 2020 have been mostly new events. We have had several protest and rallies. The Veterans Amphitheater has become very popular these days due to COVID. The Amphitheater is being used for baby showers, meetings and entertainment.

	2019	2020	Difference
Approved Permits to Date	20	25 (8 cancelled)	+5
Applications Received to Date	20	29	+9
Pending Applications	0	3	+3
Denied Applications	0	1	+1

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. We received winter applications and will start issuing winter field permits starting the first week in November.

Winter Gym applications are on hold pending guidance from FCPS.

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.

ATHLETICS STATS

Fall-September	2019	2020	Difference
Revenue	\$9,814	\$4,357.00	-\$5,547.00
Pending Revenue	\$1,581	\$2,381.00	
Field Permits To Date	85	79	-6
Gym Permits To Date	7	0	-7
Applications Received To Date	34	18	-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

NOVEMBER STATISTICS

Old Town Hall	2019	2020	Difference
Utilization Rate for Nov.	58%	23%	-35%
Nov. Rentals	8	1	-7
Oct. Revenue	\$14,919	\$3,387.50	-\$11,531.50

Sherwood	2019	2020	Difference
Utilization Rate for Nov.	58%	38%	-20%
Nov. Rentals	33	16	-17
Oct. Revenue	\$24,552.25	\$12,312.50	-\$12,239.75

Blenheim	2019	2020	Difference
Utilization Rate for Nov.	48%	10%	-38%
Nov. Rentals	15	3	-12
Oct. Revenue	\$9,021	\$1,060	-\$7,961

Green Acres	2019	2020	Difference
Utilization Rate for Nov.	74%	87%	*+13%
Nov. Rentals	87	33	-54
Oct. Revenue	\$6,276.50	\$2,710	-\$3,566.50

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