

# Parks and Recreation January 2021 PRAB Report

The Multi-Use Trail Rehabilitation and Paving project will begin in early March. Seven bids were received and Veteran's Kitchen Maintenance (VKM Contracting) was the low bid. VDOT has reviewed the bids and deemed VKM responsive. The award will be reviewed for approval by the Mayor and Council on January 12th. A couple of changes were made to the trail maintenance map to include repaving the entirety of the Wilcoxon Trail and paving an additional portion through Dale Lestina Park.

The funding is provided by the federal government through the Regional Surface Transportation Pro-gram. It is anticipated the work will take approximately 1-2 months depending on weather.



## SHERWOOD PROGRAMS & CAMPS

KAREN LUSSIER

#### **SHERWOOD GIVING TREE 2020**

2020 Was an extremely difficult year for many, the Fairfax City Community was able to come together (socially distanced :)) in an amazing way this year for the Sherwood Giving Tree! This year we to Thank you to the MANY people who gave generously during the third year of the Sherwood Giving Tree. We were able to provide numerous gifts for **88 families** (*54 last year*) from Fairfax City Connected Care, Daniels Run, Providence and Main Street Child Development Center this year! We received **\$7,490** in monetary donations (compared to \$4,000 in 2019), **\$5,480** in **Gift Card Donations** as well over \$1000 worth Gifts from the Amazon Wishlist. We also had several groups hold gift wrap drive and donate that this year.

This program was a huge success thanks to many donations from the community, local businesses, city departments and many people's generosity.

A special thanks to National Asphalt for their extremely generous donations.

Many City Departments including the Board of Education in partnering on such a wonderful community program. We were able to help so many families in need, even during this very difficult year.



#### THANK YOU AGAIN FAIRFAX CITY!!



Classroom B with homemade masks from Councilmember Janice Miller!

#### FAIRFAX CITY CONNECTED CARE

On Jan 4th, Fairfax City Connected Care resumed the program after Winter Break. With the anticipate of some return to school in January, it was paused yet again on Jan 5th at the School Board meeting. Fairfax City Connected Care has been very successful in helping many families in our community since September. We will continue to operate while FCPS schools are operating virtually. At this time there are 50 children enrolled in the program and we have seven classrooms.

#### **SUMMER CAMP 2021**

We are in the very beginning stages of planning for 2021 Summer Camps. While there is still some uncertainty about what the next months will bring, staff are working diligently on several plans and back-up plans in hopes of getting some camps running this summer. While we most likely will still be running a lower capacity and have to be creative in the locations that are used. We are reaching out to local businesses and churches for space, in the case that school use is not available. More information should be available in February and registration will most likely begin in March or April for this year.

## **GREEN ACRES & SENIOR CENTER**

#### **ANNE CHASE**

#### **GREEN ACRES**

#### **Green Acres News**

Senior and Adult classes will begin in January 11, 2021 at winter classes.

Stacy C Sherwood Community Center.

December ENROLLMENTS AT GREEN ACRES						
Type 2019 2020 Difference						
Youth	24	0	-24			
Adult 420 30 -390						
Senior NA 27 27						

Registration began in December for winter classes

Fall classes concluded successfully in December without any complication due to our new safety guidelines.

The participants that sign up for these classes have successfully participated and appreciate the opportunity to safely engage in the classes for both their physical and mental well being.



#### **SENIOR CENTER**

#### **EACH NEW YEAR BRINGS Change TO THE SENIOR CENTER**

With Gov. Ralph Northam announced new targeted measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Virginia taking effect on Monday, Dec. 14, and will continuing through Jan. 31, 2021 we have made adjustments to our programs.

Classes and programs continue at Sherwood with the new guidelines. (Subject to change after Jan 31) In January we will offer limited classes of 9 students per class in the full performance space at Stacy C Sherwood Community Center.

Participants must pre-register via active net - no drop ins accepted at this time.

All Virginia Health Department mandates will continue to be met to provide you an opportunity to have in person activities/classes as you feel safe to participate.

Our limited class offerings this winter include, Cardio Circuit, Seniorcize, Tai Chi, Pilates/ Yoga, Zumba Gold, new Mediation Mondays start in January and various levels of virtual Clogging. Pickle ball lessons at Van Dyck Park will resume in March.

#### **Virtual Programs Continue**

The City's virtual website continues to offer seniors a variety of opportunities. The Virtual learning page had **78** hits in December down from **93** hits in the month of November https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/new-virtual-center

We have continued to offer virtual programs; however for various reason the senior members are not preregistering for the streaming programs and seem to prefer the on demand options. This past month we added a new seminar The Importance of Mental Health in Aging presented by Lesley Abashian LCSW, CPM Director of Human Services

#### n 200m Meeting nc://us02woh.zoom.us/i/87061712459 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfP5dBRnMio

Fairfax County has enhanced their virtual learning site to include new partners and programs for our seniors to take advantage of this winter. The goal of the Virtual Center is for Active Adults 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. <a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/virtual-center-active-adults">https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/virtual-center-active-adults</a>

December SENIOR CENTER STATS				
	2019	2020	Difference	
New Members	16	0	-16	
Total Members	4040	4141	+101	
Attendance	2108	0	-218	
Fitness Room	650	0	-650	
Website Hits	622	183	-439	

#### **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
Meeting information:

Next Zoom meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2020 at 1 p.m.

Special meeting February 16 at 1pm for members to join in the virtual meeting and say hi and offer any comments to the council

#### Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87061712459 Our dedicated Parks and Recreation Advisory Board representative, Sandy Moshos will be moving and not able to serve as our representative to the senior members.

Many thanks to Sandy for her time and service on behalf of the senior center!

## **CULTURAL ARTS**

MEGAN DUBOIS

## Galaxy Piano Installed at Old Town Square

Music can lift our spirits and spread joy, and a new temporary public art piece, the Galaxy Piano, was installed at Fairfax City's Old Town Square by the Commission on the Arts in the hopes of doing just that.

Public Art Committee Chair Carol Caputo envisioned a public piano that people would happen upon and play, or hear music played by others and be moved to stop and enjoy a song or two. A city resident donated a piano and Cultural Arts intern Hannah Bremmer painted it with a galactic theme.

#### **Artist's Statement**

"Inspired by Creation and the universe, I love to make art that reflects the beauty of the world around us. I chose to go with a galaxy/nebula design for this piano because I wanted to create something more ethereal. I used spray paint as my primary medium for its ability to make cloudy designs, holding down the nozzle gently to create the star cluster effect. Afterwards, I went in and added bigger stars with white paint and a little brush. I hope that this piano is used to its fullest capacity and that the starry design inspires musicians, trained or not, to release their creativity onto the keys!" Hannah Bremmer

The Galaxy Piano will remain in place until the elements take their toll. In the meantime, people are invited to play their favorite songs while in the park. The commission encourages social distancing and hand sanitization before and after playing the piano.



#### By the Numbers

## December 18, Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series—Cathedral Brass

On the Commission's Facebook Post – 46 people reached, 6 reactions/comments/shares

City of Fairfax Government Facebook Page – 418 people reached

YouTube (Cathedral Brass Channel) - 350 Views

YouTube (City of Fairfax) – 293 Views

#### December 19, City of Fairfax Band Association Holiday Concert

City of Fairfax Government Facebook Page—1,900 Views
YouTube (City of Fairfax) - 2,300 views

## **Upcoming January Events**



January 11—Funday Monday Oh Susannah

January 22- Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series (Virtual)

Featuring Clarinetist Albert Hunt

8:00pm on the Commission on the Art Facebook Page and City Screen 12

January 25—Funday Monday Drew Blue Shoes

January 29—Friday Morning Music Club (Virtual)

Watch on the Friday Morning Music Club Facebook Page

February 5—Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series (Virtual)

Featuring Bobby Jasinski

8:00pm on the Commission on the Art Facebook Page and City Screen 12

February 6—Fairfax Art League Artist Demonstration (Virtual)

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **READING WITH SANTA**

**December 24, 2020** 

#### 6PM—Facebook and Channel 12

Come gather around the TV on Christmas Eve and listen while Santa reads a classic holiday story, The Night Before Christmas, to families all around. Cozy up and feel the holiday spirit as you listen to Santa bring cheer into your homes. Check back on Facebook and Parks and Recreation website for more info.



#### Santa's Special Video Delivery

Since Lunch with Santa had to be cancelled due to COVID, staff created the opportunity for children to receive a personal videos from Santa.

The holiday season is here and Santa's Official Nice List of 2020 is complete! He checked it twice and is preparing videos from his workshop for all those who have been good this year! Though he will miss seeing everyone in person, he is doing his part and "Santa-tizing" while he works with his little helpers.

This was a huge success and received several emails from parents.

2021 Chocolate Lovers Festival is cancelled due to COVID.

## **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	+5
		(8 cancelled)	
Applications Received to Date	20	29	+9
Pending Applications	0	3	+3
Denied Applications	0	1	+1

## **ATHLETICS & FIELDS**

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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.

Tournaments: Not allowed this season

Revenue: Difference in revenue is the mostly the

tournaments

Pending Revenue: Does not include FPYC

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ATHLETICS STATS						
FALL 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**

### **JANUARY STATISTICS**

Old Town Hall	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Jan.	32%	19%	-13%
Jan. Rentals	4	2	-2
	2019	2020	Difference
Dec. Revenue	\$11,709	\$1,825	-\$9,884

Sherwood	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Jan.	46%	35%	-11%
Jan. Rentals	16	9	-7
	2019	2020	Difference
Dec. Revenue	\$20,373	\$312.50	-\$20,060.50

Blenheim	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Jan.	42%	3%	-39%
Jan. Rentals	15	1	-14
	2019	2020	Difference
Dec. Revenue	\$8,070	\$972	-\$7,098

Green Acres	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Jan.	68%	50%	-18%
Jan. Rentals	92	25	-67
	2019	2020	Difference
Dec. Revenue	\$13,450.75	\$2,922.50	-\$10,528.25