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# SHERWOOD PROGRAMS & CAMPS

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## SUMMER CAMP 2021

Fairfax City is excited to be offering in-person Camp Programs in 2021!

Traditional and Specialty Camps Camp Details for 2021 are published in the Summer Camp brochure which was emailed to past participants and posted at [www.fairfaxva.gov/summercamp](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/summercamp)

### FULL SUMMER TRADITIONAL CAMPS: Jun 28 - Aug 6 (six weeks)

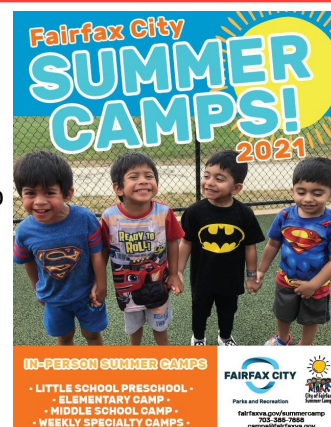
- **Little School Preschool Camp**, Ages 3– Rising K, 9am—1pm, Sherwood Center
- **Elementary Camps**, Rising 1-5th Grade, 8am-4pm, Daniels Run and Providence Elementary
- **Middle School Camp**, 8am-4pm, Rising 6-8th Grade, K Johnson Middle School

*There will not be Teen Adventure camp this summer*

### WEEKLY SPECIALTY CAMPS

- Camp Connected Care—*new weekly option for traditional camps at Green Acres*
- Abrakadoodle Art
- Hi– Five Sports Camp
- 360Skateboard Camp
- Michuchutren Spanish Immersion Camp
- Tiny Chef’s Cooking Camp
- CFTC Traditional Drama Camp
- CFTC Performing Arts Camp

Lower maximum numbers, staying with same staff and camper all summer, health checks, more cleaning protocols and frequent handwashing are just some examples of ways we will be keeping our children safe this summer.



## APPLICATION FOR 2021 SUMMER CAMPS

Due to limited capacity, camp applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. The following application start dates are for all camps:

- ◆ **April 12, 10 am:** **Fairfax CITY Residents who were Past Participants**  
*Participants who live in Fairfax City (not county) AND were registered for any Fairfax City camp in 2019 and/or 2020*
- ◆ **April 19, 10 am:** **Fairfax City Residents who are New Participants AND Past Participants who are not Fairfax City Residents**  
*New participants who live in Fairfax City (not county) and Participants who do not live in Fairfax City but were registered for any Fairfax City camp in 2019 and/or 2020*
- ◆ **April 26, 10 am:** **New Participants who are not Fairfax City Residents**

**Application will be emailed out and can be found at**  
**[www.fairfaxva.gov/summercamp](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/summercamp)**

## SPRING BREAK 2021 PROGRAMS

Fairfax City Parks and Recreation was able to successfully run three in-person Spring Break Camps in 2021!

During the week of Mar 29– April 2, **50 children** were able to enjoy programs at the Sherwood Center and Green Acres. With safety protocols in place, children were able to interact in a small group setting, while having a great time learning new skills.

**The following camps ran for Spring Break 2021:**

- **Abrakadoodle Art Camp**
- **Tiny Chef Cooking Camp (Restaurant Creation)**
- **Connected Care Spring Break Program**

## CONNECTED CARE

With the FCPS return to in-person school, there is still a need for the Connected Care to operate, but at lower capacity. There are currently **28 children attending on Tues/Wed. and 28 children attending on Thurs/Fri.** We are also still operating a Monday program with 18 kids. Staffing has been reduced in accordance with the lower attendance each day. The program now operates with only one Director, who also serves as our Spanish language liaison for the families. Connected Care staff continue to communicate closely with the schools, to ensure this program is still the best and safest place for these children to attend on their virtual learning days.

# GREEN ACRES & SENIOR CENTER

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## GREEN ACRES



### Senior and Adult classes continue at Stacy C Sherwood Community Center and Van Dyck Park

Second set of winter classes concluded in March. 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. Pickleball lessons resumed this month-pictured.

### March ENROLLMENTS AT GREEN ACRES

Type	2020	2021	Difference
Youth	0	0	0
Adult	32	33	+1
Senior Classes	NA	57	+57

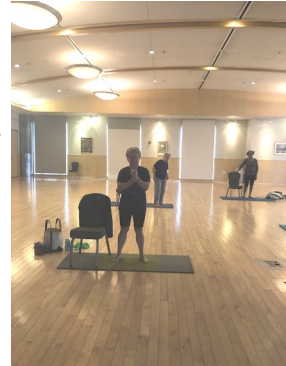
## SENIOR CENTER

### March SENIOR CENTER STATS

	2020	2021	Difference
New Members	14	0	0
Total Members	4135	4135	0
Attendance	1100	0	-1100
Fitness Room	na	0	0
Website Hits	na	250	250

### Programs

With Gov. Ralph Northam announcement of the extension of targeted measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Virginia continuing in April, we will keep our program adjustments in place. In person offerings at Sherwood included our second session of limited winter / spring class offerings to include, Cardio Circuit, Seniorcize, Tai Chi, Pilates/Yoga, Zumba Gold, Mediation Mondays and various levels of virtual Clogging and lunch and learn workshops. Our Pickle ball lessons are taking place at Van Dyck Park.



### COUNCIL NEWS

Even though the center has been closed for almost a year, these dedicated members continue to meet and discuss issues and opportunities regarding the senior center.

#### 2020/2021 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  
 PRAB– TBA

#### Meeting information:

The senior council continues their Zoom meetings monthly.

Next/Special meeting Tuesday, April 20 at 1pm.

Seniors are invited to join in the virtual meeting and say hi and offer any comments to the council.

For Zoom link contact [anne.chase@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:anne.chase@fairfaxva.gov)

### Senior Center

March marked the year anniversary of the closing of the physical senior center . Although it has been challenging, we continued to provide our services in innovative ways for our members. We created our virtual learning website with free classes to go along with the registered virtual program offerings . While technology proved a challenge for many, it also provided us an effective tool to stay connect and continue to bring programs and opportunities while reducing social isolation. The Senior Center Council continued to do business all year on behalf senior members and kept in touch with various groups. As the months have gone by many seniors have participated in virtual classes/workshops and in virtual meetings to keep the connection with each other and learn new skills. We also eased back in to the *in person* classes this past year following the Governors guidelines to provide recreational opportunities for those that felt comfortable to participate.

### Virtual Senior Programs

The City's virtual website learning page had **76** hits in March compared to **95** hits in the month of February <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/new-virtual-center>

### UPCOMING *In person* SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITES

Military History group will start meeting in April at Blenheim

### Cinco de Mayo Bingo in person

Location: Sherwood Full Performance Space

Wednesday, May 5: 1:30p- 2:30p- Check in time 12:45pm



# CULTURAL ARTS

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Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts announces the 2021 Festival will be held from April 23 – May 9, 2021. For over 35 years the Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts Festival has attracted accomplished visual and performing artists to the greater Fairfax community. Now, more than ever, we understand the importance of the arts in our lives. The arts do not just create community but they have the power to heal. That is why the theme for the 2021 Spotlight on the Arts Festival is *Art Heals*.

The 2021 Festival will look a little different than it has in the past. The festival will have both virtual and in person events, taking into account all of the latest COVID-19 guidelines from the CDC and Virginia Department of Health. The Fairfax community will still enjoy performances from George Mason University, City of Fairfax Theatre Company, Shoestring Theatre Company, art from your neighbors plus so much more.

Even in challenging times, Spotlight on the Arts will continue to put the “spotlight” on existing and emerging arts-oriented organizations and activities in the central Fairfax area!



## Spotlight Festival Highlights!

For more information go to [fairfaxspotlight.org](http://fairfaxspotlight.org)



**NATIONAL ANTHEM CONTEST**

Fairfax City Residents (14+) are invited to enter for a chance to sing the National Anthem at the 4th of July evening show.

For more info go to [www.fairfaxspotlight.org](http://www.fairfaxspotlight.org)

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS

The graphic features a hand holding a microphone, a red banner with white stars, and the Spotlight on the Arts logo.



Looking for Love in Old Town!

## Spotlight on the Arts Neighborhood Art Celebration

From April 23 – May 9 residents of Fairfax will be invited to create art displays in their front yard. The displays can be made of whatever you like. Create a sculpture out of your recycling for the week, turn your driveway into a work of art with sidewalk chalk, or buy some plywood and paint a mural! The options are endless.



## VMFA On the Road, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. May 1 and 2 at the Sherwood Center Parking Lot. Free

Each year, VMFA on the Road: An Artmobile for the 21st Century travels across the landscape of Virginia from the Eastern Shore to the mountains of the Southwest. This exhibition of paintings, photographs, woodblock prints, and engravings from the museum's permanent collection explores the diversity and beauty of these natural realms. The collection showcases artists of various styles and periods, who together record both the sublimity of unspoiled nature and the impact of human activity throughout the commonwealth.



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## UPCOMING EVENT DATES:

### Easter Bunny Bags—March 27, 2021

The Easter Bunny had a great time and handed out about 70 bags to lots of little ones.



### Eggs-plore Fairfax Scavenger Hunt

March 29—April 9, 2021

There is 21 large egg posters with QR codes on them that will have clues to the next locations. A fun game for the whole family since egg hunts are not possible. There are a total of 21 clues/eggs—10 City Locations and 11 City Businesses. It has been very popular thus far.

### 6th Annual Fishing Derby—April 3, 2021

Ashby Pond will be stocked with hundreds of trout! Fun for the whole family to enjoy. Bring your own Rod! Each time slot is completely full!



### Mayors' Fitness Challenge—April 3—May 29, 2021

Staff has put together a Mayors' Fitness Challenge between three jurisdictions (City of Fairfax, Town of Vienna and City of Falls Church). This event could become a yearly event. The plan is to get citizens involved in a healthy competition to determine the "Most Fit City/Town 2021". During this 8-week competition, it is important for everyone to track all minutes spent doing any physical exercise then log in the minutes to a google doc that will be sent to participants or just a sheet of paper. As of today (4/1/21) there are 85 people signed up!

### 2nd Annual Spring Wave Parade—April 10, 2021

The Bunny is going to make a surprise appearance in Fairfax Neighborhoods! Also The Woman's Club, The Ferns as well as Spotlight will have floats artfully decorated.



**WHISKEY  
BASICS**  
*at Blenheim*  
3610 Old Lee Hwy

**APRIL 17**  
**3-6 PM**

*Limited Seating*

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The banner features a central image of a wooden whiskey barrel with wheat stalks. The background is a dark blue gradient with gold and white text.

Registration is going well with the Whiskey Basics—there are only 10 slots available and 5 are reserved for both seating's.

# SPECIAL EVENTS (cont.)

## SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS 2021

Event Permits are coming in slower this year. Staff has created a new form that will go into effect on July 2021. We are anticipating seeing an increase in event requests in 2021 for Old Town Square and Veterans Amphitheater at City Hall therefore staff has request a rental fee for these locations.

	Feb 2020	March 2021	Difference
Approved Permits to Date	11	7	-4
Applications Received to Date	11	7	-4
Pending Applications	0	0	0
Denied Applications	0	0	0

# ATHLETICS & FIELDS

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We finalized all Winter 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. **Requests:**

**Fields:** Adult groups used the majority the turf field space this season. FPYC used Stafford and adult groups were provided Draper 1 & 2 since FPYC had a low number of participants.

**Gyms:** We issued 6 gym permits to FPYC and Burke basketball. Strict COVID 19 regulations are in place and signs have been posted on all gym doors.

**Tournaments:** Not allowed this season

**Revenue:** Any decline will be due to COVID

**Pending Revenue:** Does not include FPYC

**Note:** 2 applicants cancelled their requests because of low numbers (CYO and BRYC)

## ATHLETICS STATS

WINTER	2020	2021	Difference
Revenue	\$4,270.75	\$3,117.00	-1,153.75
Pending Revenue	TBD	TBD	
Field Permits	79	17	-62
Gym Permits	0	6	+6
Applications Received	21	14	-7
Approved Applications	13	12	-1
Denied/Cx Applications	5	2	-3
Tournaments Scheduled	0	0	0
Adult Groups Scheduled	7	7	0
Pending Application	0	0	0

# FACILITIES

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## APRIL STATISTICS

Old Town Hall	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Apr.	0%	11%	+11%
Apr. Rentals	0	1	+1
Mar. Revenue	-\$8,909.50	-\$445	-\$8,464.50

Sherwood	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Apr.	0%	42%	+42%
Apr. Rentals	0	12	+12
Mar. Revenue	-\$13,829.75	\$9,616	+\$23,445.75

Blenheim	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Apr.	0%	33%	+33%
Apr. Rentals	0	3	+3
Mar. Revenue	-\$1,785	-\$388	-\$1,397

Green Acres	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Apr.	0%	65%	+65%
Apr. Rentals	0	4	+4
Mar. Revenue	\$5,860.50	\$1,250	-\$4,610.50