



# Parks and Recreation December 2021 PRAB Report

## ARPA Spending Decision Possible on December 14th

The City Council will consider the approval of a spending plan for 1/2 of the \$29 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding. Some of this funding is currently proposed to be for park improvements. IF approved by the City Council the first project to proceed will be the replacing of synthetic turf at Stafford Park. A contract with FieldTurf has been reviewed and will be ready for implementation on December 15th. The turf replacement will begin in March 2022.

The next project to move forward will be the hiring of consultants to proceed with a site plan and design for Thaiss Park and Van Dyck parks. It is likely that an Request for Proposal will be issued for both of these projects.

The main goals for Thaiss Park is to improve the park layout which may mean relocating the existing fields and condensing from 5 fields to 3 or 4 fields. Very preliminary work (see next page) was completed to see how many diamonds could fit at the park while improving the layout and appearance. This project may coincide with the construction of the Pickett Road Connector Trail.

Van Dyck Park has an adopted Master Plan. However, during the design process the Master Plan will be reviewed and updated . In addition to the park design the developers of Northfax West have started the design work on the stream restoration along the northern side of the park near University Drive. As part of the approval of Northfax West they agreed to restore the Accotink adjacent to Van Dyck Park.



## Lamb Center Celebrates 3 Years with the City Jobs Program

Last month marked the 3rd anniversary of the City Jobs program, a collaboration between the City and the Lamb Center to provide work for the homeless with the goal of transitioning to full-time employment in the community. To celebrate the Parks Crew cooked a lunch for the City Jobs Crew at Van Dyck Park. Here they are helping to put the City tree up at Old Town Square

# Thaiss Park Ideas



# Sherwood Programs and Camps



This is the fifth 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 have received very generous donations from members of the community, local businesses and city departments. So far, we are able to help over 100 families with a multitude of gifts. 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 get them to families

## Winter Break Camps

**WEEK 1**

**HI-FIVE SPORTS**  
 DATES: M-W || 12/20-12/22  
 TIMES: 9AM - 3PM  
 AGES: 6-12  
 LOCATION: DANIELS RUN ES  
 COST: \$225

**CFTC THEATRE**  
 DATES: T-TH || 12/21-12/23  
**THEMES**  
 T: FAIRYTALE KINGDOM  
 W: UNDER THE SEA  
 TH: WINTER ADVENTURE  
 TIMES: 9AM - 3PM  
 \*EXTENDED CARE AVAILABLE 3-5PM\*  
 AGES: 6-12  
 LOCATION: OLD TOWN HALL  
 COST: \$70 PER DAY

**TINY CHEFS**  
 EVERYDAYS A HOLIDAY  
 DATES: M-TH || 12/20-12/23  
 TIMES: 9AM - 3PM  
 AGES: 5-12  
 LOCATION: SHERWOOD CENTER  
 COST: \$300

**ARTBUG ART CAMP**  
 DATES: M-TH || 12/20-12/23  
 TIMES: 9AM - 3PM  
 AGES: 6-12  
 COST: \$350

**WEEK 2**

**HI-FIVE SPORTS**  
 DATES: M-TH || 12/27-12/30  
 TIMES: 9AM - 3PM  
 AGES: 6-12  
 LOCATION: DANIELS RUN ES  
 COST: \$300

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 EVERYDAYS A HOLIDAY  
 DATES: M-W || 12/20-12/22  
 AGES: 6-12  
 LOCATION: DANIELS RUN ES  
 COST: \$225

**PLAY-WELL**  
**TEKNOLOGIES STEM**  
 WITH LEGO MATERIALS  
 DATES: M-TH || 12/27-12/30  
 SESSIONS:  
 9-12PM: STEM FUNDAMENTALS  
 1PM-3PM: JEDI MASTER ENGINEERING  
 AGES: 5-12  
 LOCATION: SHERWOOD CENTER  
 COST: \$143 PER SESSION  
 \*CAMPER REGISTERED FOR BOTH SESSIONS ARE PROVIDED SUPERVISED LUNCH FROM 12NOON-1PM

**REGISTRATION**  
**OPENS 10/15**  
[APP.CAMPDOC.COM](http://APP.CAMPDOC.COM)

## PARKS AND REC CONNECTED! Winter/Spring 2022

The 2021/22 Winter Parks and Rec Connected! Brochure had been published and sent virtually to Fairfax City residents. Information on programs, classes and events for December 2021—April 2022 are included in this issue. A new printing company, HBP, Inc through a contract with Fairfax County Print shop was used for this issue. This is a new contract for all printing services for the City of Fairfax.



# Green Acres

## GREEN ACRES

### Green Acres News

The second session of *in person* Fall classes continued in November at Sherwood and Green Acres following the CDC guidelines for Adults and Seniors.

Winter/ Spring registration open Monday December 6 at 8:30am.

New classes set to start first week of January.



### November ENROLLMENTS AT GREEN ACRES

Type	2020	2021	Difference
Youth	0	0	0
Adult	36	94	+58
Senior classes	27	179	+152

## SENIOR CENTER

### November SENIOR CENTER STATS

	2020	2021	Difference
New Members	0	23	+23
Total Members	4141	4225	+84
Attendance	0	944	+944
Fitness Room	0	416	+416
Website Hits	145	657	+512

### November Happenings at the Senior Center

The senior center has had an increase in both memberships and participation in November with the biggest one day total for our Thanksgiving luncheon. Twenty-three first-time seniors enrolled for memberships and returning members are coming to their *drop-in* activities with more consistency. Lunch and Learns, Military History and Bridge continue to be the most attended drop-in activities. Aside from their senior center activities, senior members enjoyed day trips and partnering with FX County to learn about Medicare options this month.



### 2021/2022 Senior Center Advisory Members

Kim Chu, Sam Crumpler, Susan DiMaina, Pat Hyland, 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– Chuck Pacey

### Election of new Senior Advisory Council Members

Due to the unusual circumstances created by Covid, a decision was made to extend the existing council positions through summer 2022. The council plans to hold the election in August 2022.

The Senior Council's next meeting will be held *virtually* on **Tuesday, January 18 at 11:30am– new time.**

Since we reopened the senior center in September, we successfully hosted our first big event with our traditional Thanksgiving luncheon. Our Parks and Recreation staff served over 110 seniors and special guest including the Mayor and City Manager a turkey dinner with all the fixing.



### Virtual Programs

We continue to offer virtual opportunities for our senior members through the City and County 's virtual learning website and send out a virtual newsletter to over 8,000 seniors in the community.

The City's virtual learning page had **30** hits in November consistent with the **30** hits in the month of October.

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

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

### Upcoming Programs

**HOLIDAY PARTY Friday, December 17** at 11:30am in the Green Acres cafeteria.

# Cultural Arts

## The Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series

8 p.m. on December 10 Kadencia - "La Parranda"  
A Puerto Rican Christmas Eve Celebration!

Reservations are required for this event

Sponsored by the Fairfax City Commission on the Arts.



## Virtual Artist Demo with Fairfax Art League

Fairfax Art League is proud to present Phil Levine, Oil Painter, as part of its virtual Art Education Series, 2021-2022 . This event is generously sponsored by the Fairfax City Commission on the Arts.


10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 11.

Zoom Info:

Meeting ID: 840 9518 9450

★ JOHN HARDY TOURING THEATRE  
PRESENTS

*A Christmas Carol*




A ONE-MAN PLAY  
FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

"...YOU WILL BE TRANSFIXED FROM THE FIRST MOMENT"  
THE ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL

OLD TOWN HALL  
3999 UNIVERSITY DRIVE  
FAIRFAX, VA 22030

DECEMBER 19, 2021  
2:00 PM  
FREE ADMISSION



CITY OF FAIRFAX BAND  
AND FAIRFAX CHORAL SOCIETY

*Christmas in Fairfax*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021, 7:00 PM

FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL  
3501 LION RUN, FAIRFAX

TICKETS FREE, BUT REQUIRED - LIMIT 4  
[WWW.FAIRFAXBAND.ORG](http://WWW.FAIRFAXBAND.ORG)

Concert Sponsored by  
THE GINGRICH  
FOUNDATION

# New Public Art Experiences in Old Town

## Augmented Reality

EngageART is pilot program from the Economic Development Office and Economic Development Authorities' Smart City Challenge 2021. There will be two interactive augmented reality public art experiences in Old Town Fairfax. The first will be with "Girl with Dog" an existing piece of public art in Old Town Square. Users will be amazed when the dog comes life and starts to play in Old Town Square.



The second piece of art will be a virtual mural in Old Town Plaza near The Wine Shop. This mural will come to life in front of you and tell the love story of a couple who meet at GMU and build their life in Fairfax. Both experiences will go live in the middle of December. Look for an email with information on how to download the ap and participate in the fun!

## Murals on Drapers

The Economic Development Authority issued a Call for Art in August for two murals on the Drapers Site. One was asked to be a Postcard mural celebrating Fairfax. The other a selfie location near the front door of the restaurant. We had 15 artists submit their designs for the murals. Members of the Economic Development Authority, Parry Restaurant Group, City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts Public Art Committee and City staff sat on the selection committee and chose the two finalists. Then the full EDA and Commission on the Arts approved of the art. The BAR also meet and approved of the location of the murals in September.

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# SPECIAL EVENTS



## Festival of Lights and Carols

**Saturday, December 4, 2021** Holiday Festivities • 12noon - 6pm

Come listen to live holiday music, crafts and enjoy s'mores and hot cider at Old Town Square. Come enjoy caroling and lighting of the Christmas at Old Town Square at 5:30pm. Tree Lighting Ceremony • 6pm



## Lunch with Santa

The maximum numbers for each seating will be 50 children due to COVID. Staff will be putting lunch items in individual boxes for each child.



## 2021 HOLIDAY MARKET December 3-5 & 10-12, 2021

The Holiday Market will be held the first 2 weekends in December. —Fridays 5-8pm; Saturdays 12pm-6pm and Sundays 12pm-5pm. We have some exciting new activities added this year. We are looking forward to a great market and hope to see you there.

Currently both weekends are full. Weekend 1, will have 26 vendors and Weekend 2 will have 21 vendors. Various volunteer entertainment groups will be performing throughout the Market. Sometime new this year, Santa will be taking photos with children on Sunday, December 5th and then with four-legged friends on Sunday, December 12 at Old Town Square.

# 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.

	2020 Cancelled due to COVID	2021	Difference
Approved Permits to Date	0	11	
Applications Received to Date	0	12	
Pending Applications	0	1	
Denied Applications	0	0	

# ATHLETICS & FIELDS

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Last year we did not have field/gym use due to COVID. We continue to accept and process requests for the Fall season. All applications have been processed. We are receiving Winter applications now.

Requests:

**Fields:** 98 field permits have been issued to date. We approved 23 of the 27 applications received.

**Gyms:** We issued 7 gym permits to FPYC and one adult drop in group

Tournaments:

WAGS Tournament Oct 9 & 10

**Pending Revenue:** Does not include FPYC, Fairfax Little League, or 6 other applications.

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**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

November	2020	2021	Difference
Revenue		\$5,640.00	
Pending Revenue		\$2,121.00	
Field Permits To Date		98	
Gym Permits To Date		7	
Applications Received To Date		27	
Approved Applications To Date		23	
Denied/Canceled Applications		4	
Tournaments Scheduled		1	
Adult Groups Scheduled		9	
Pending Applications		0	



## DECEMBER STATISTICS—FACILITIES

Old Town Hall	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Dec.	21%	35%	+14%
Dec. Rentals	1	6	+5
Nov. Revenue	\$1,047	\$1,618.26	+\$571.26

Sherwood	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Dec.	39%	79%	+40%
Dec. Rentals	8	34	+26
Nov. Revenue	\$6,504.50	\$32,083.50	+\$25,579

Blenheim	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Dec.	9%	19%	+10%
Dec. Rentals	4	9	+5
Nov. Revenue	\$1,392	\$5,194.30	+\$3,802.30

Green Acres	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Dec.	85%	59%	-26%
Dec. Rentals	40	77	+37
Nov. Revenue	\$4,760	\$8,159	+\$3,399