



Parks and Recreation

November 2021 PRAB Report

On-Line Registration Software Changing to Vermont Systems in 2022

Later this winter our on-line management system which includes program registration and facility reservation software will be switching to Vermont Systems, otherwise known as RecTrac and WebTrac. The new system will provide user-friendly interface for your patrons with just one information source for us to manage. The software will provide real-time transactions and automated nightly deposits instead of bi-weekly paper checks our current software provider uses. In addition, CampDocs, which we have used from the last 4 years is part of RecTrac. The new software will save the City money for each transaction adding up to over \$50,000 in additional revenue to the City annually.



New Staff!



Deanna Payne joined the Fairfax City Parks and Recreation Department team as the new Special Events Coordinator in the fall of 2021. Deanna is a native and was born and raised in the City of Fairfax with her two younger siblings. She graduated from Ithaca College, NY with a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance and Dance Minor. After college, she headed out west and performed with Opera San Jose in San Jose, CA for three years. During this time, Deanna also worked as a receptionist and a music teacher. Recently, she moved back to the area to be closer to family and began working as an intern at the Parks and Recreation department under the Cultural Arts division before being hired for the Special Events Coordinator Position. Deanna Enjoys

spending time with her family while playing card games, exploring in nature, dancing, art projects, and snuggling down with her cats, a hot cup of tea, and a good movie!

We are very excited to have Deanna Payne as a part of the team and she is excited to be able give back to her hometown community!

SHERWOOD PROGRAMS & CAMPS

KAREN LUSSIER

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS!

The Sherwood Center had help from City Police this Halloween handing out candy to the little ones! Our kids from the preschool and afterschool programs dressed in their costumes and took turns safely went trick-or-treating around the center. Parks and Rec staff dressed as characters from Toy Story for their annual Halloween brunch celebrations!



FAIRFAX CITY

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

TINY CHEFS
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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'S REGISTERED FOR BOTH SESSIONS ARE PROVIDED SUPERVISED LUNCH FROM 12NOON-1PM

REGISTRATION
OPENS 10/15
APP.CAMPDOC.COM

2021 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 and Providence Elementary have assisted in identifying families from each school. 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 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 fairfaxva.gov/givingtree)
- E. Amazon Wishlist: Link will be on fairfaxva.gov/givingtree starting Nov 15
- 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. 3rd. 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
karen.lussier@fairfaxva.gov | 703-591-3689

DONATIONS NOW BEING ACCPETED FOR THE SHERWOOD GIVING TREE

There are many options for donations for the Sherwood Giving Tree. Let's make 2021 even better than our HIGHLY successful year in 2020! Options include adopting a family, gift cards, cash, wrapping paper, or buying items off of an amazon wishlist. Last year, we were able to sponsor 87 Fairfax Families and hope to continue to support them in conjunction with the schools again this year.

GREEN ACRES & SENIOR CENTER

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GREEN ACRES

Green Acres News

The Fall class sessions successfully continued in October offering a variety of class options for Adult and Seniors. Pickleball classes remain the most popular with waitlists on all sessions.

All previous virtual classes are transitioned back to *in person*; a few programs continue to offer a hybrid option.

We continue to offer our senior fitness plan at the Sherwood location.

October ENROLLMENTS AT GREEN ACRES

Type	2020	2021	Difference
Youth	0	0	0
Adult	25	98	+73
Senior classes	20	132	+112



SENIOR CENTER

October SENIOR CENTER STATS

	2020	2021	Difference
New Members	0	28	+28
Total Members	4141	4202	+61
Attendance	0	888	+888
Fitness Room	0	354	+354
Game Room	NA	53	+53
Website Hits	263	1246	+983

SENIOR CENTER COUNCIL NEWS

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– vacant looking for a replacement

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, November 16 at 1:00pm.**

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.

October Happenings at the Senior Center

The senior center has had an increase in both memberships and participation in October. Twenty-eight first-time seniors enrolled for memberships and returning members are coming to their *drop-in* activities with more consistency. Currently, Lunch and Learns, Military History and Bridge are the most attended drop-in activities. In October, we also had enough seniors register to enable us to launch our day trips for the first time since we reopened.

Aside from their senior center activities, senior members enjoyed participating in the Fall Festival and the intergenerational Halloween trick or treat parade with the Main Street children.

Bocce season concluded with an End-of-Season Awards ceremony on October 7th. Congratulation to first place team of Charlie Williams and Chuck Pacey.

Virtual Programs Continue

The City's virtual website continues to offer seniors a variety of opportunities. The Virtual learning page had **30** hits in October down from **70** hits in the month of September. <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/new-virtual-center>

Upcoming Programs

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON Friday, November 19 at 11:30am –Traditional Thanksgiving luncheon. Look for our Parks and Recreation staff to serve the meal!

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



CULTURAL ARTS

MEGAN DUBOIS

Dance in the Parks

Next Reflex Dance Collective presents *Flight, A Migratory Performance Series* taking place at parks and historical sites throughout Fairfax City. This project is sponsored in part by a grant from the Commission on the Arts.

Performances include a sampling of art mixed into the landscape of Van Dyck Park, Historic Blenheim, and Ashby Pond Conservatory Site.

Each performance is unique in the site and art presented. This performance is free to the public — just bring your own seating and pack a picnic.

Performances start at 5 p.m.

The first performance of *Flight* was on Oct 2 at Van Dyck. We had about 40 in attendance. The final performance of *Flight* for the Fall will be on November 13 at Ashby Pond. The series will pick up again in April of 2022.



Too Soon for the Holidays?

A Preview of a packed Cultural Arts December!



Cathedral Brass Home for the Holidays

December 3, 8 p.m.

Location: Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center

Home for the Holidays

Main Street Community Band

Dec 5, 4 p.m.

Location: Katherine Johnson Middle School

December 10, 8pm

Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series

Kadencia - "La Parranda"

A Puerto Rican Christmas Eve Celebration!



Christmas in Fairfax

City of Fairfax Band

Dec 18, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fairfax High School

Featuring the City of Fairfax Band and the Fairfax Choral Society

"A Christmas Carol"

A one-man show performed by John Hardy

Sunday, Dec. 19, 2 p.m.

Location: Old Town Hall



SPECIAL EVENTS

2021 HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

The Holiday Craft Show will be held November 20 & 21—Saturday from 10am-5pm and Sunday from 10am-3pm. The show still continues to get waitlist applications everyday from vendors at this time we have filled the show with some beautiful artisans. We are looking forward to a great show and invite you all to join us!



Festival of Lights and Carols

Holiday Festivities • 12noon - 6pm

Come listen to live holiday music, crafts and enjoy s'mores and hot cider at Old Town Square

Tree Lighting Ceremony • 5:30pm

Come enjoy caroling and lighting of the Christmas at Old Town Square at 5:30 pm.



Lunch with Santa

December 11, 2021 at Old Town Hall
3999 University Drive, Fairfax
Seatings 11am, 12noon and 1pm
\$8 per ticket (max. 10 tickets per purchase)
Ages 10 & Under
Pre-Registration Required

More information call 703-385-7858 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov/specialevents

FAIRFAX CITY
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The graphic features a red and blue background with white snowflakes. On the right, there is a 3D illustration of Santa Claus in his red suit, white beard, and red hat, carrying a large red sack of gifts. The text "Lunch with Santa" is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below the title, the event details are listed in a clean, sans-serif font. The Fairfax City Parks & Recreation logo is in the bottom right corner.

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.

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

ATHLETICS

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.

Pending Revenue: Does not include FPYC

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

October	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	

FACILITIES

BRIANNE BAGLINI

NOVEMBER STATISTICS

Old Town Hall	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Nov.	23%	31%	+8%
Nov. Rentals	1	6	+5
Oct. Revenue	\$3,387.50	\$21,041.88	+\$17,654.38

Sherwood	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Nov.	38%	71%	+33%
Nov. Rentals	16	38	+22
Oct. Revenue	\$12,312.50	\$33,443.25	+\$21,130.75

Blenheim	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Nov.	10%	26%	+16%
Nov. Rentals	3	6	+3
Oct. Revenue	\$1,060	\$3,815.50	+\$2,755.50

Green Acres	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Nov.	*87%	67%	-20%
Nov. Rentals	33	74	+41
Oct. Revenue	\$2,710	\$7,549.50	+\$4,839.50

*Utilization rate was this high in 2020 due to Green Acres hosting the Connected Care program that utilized every classroom.