



Parks and Recreation

March 2022 PRAB Report

Willard Sherwood Health and Community Center Project Update

Public outreach for the concept phase of the Willard Sherwood Health and Community Center Project continued over the last several weeks. Outreach meetings were conducted with the Senior Center, Commission on the Arts, Board of Architectural Review, Fairfax Police Youth Club, Environmental Sustainability Committee, area schools and churches and adjacent HOA's. In addition approximately 500 surveys have been completed on Engage Fairfax. Grimm & Parker, the project architect, is working on providing the city and county with three concepts later this spring. Additional public outreach meetings will be scheduled once the concepts are complete.

Parks and Recreation staff have been involved with providing programming information, facility adjacency recommendations and collecting public input.

Thaiss Park Redevelopment Moves Forward

The City has entered into a contract with Gordon to provide plans for Phase 1 of the Thaiss park redevelopment. This phase includes professional landscape architecture, preliminary engineering, conceptual architecture, and survey services. Design considerations include:

- Existing five (5) fields may be reduced to three (3) to provide appropriately sized fields to meet today's standards
- Propose improvements to field accessories such as batting cages, dugouts, netting etc.
- Improve and increase the size of the existing playground
- Renovate or propose a new press box, restrooms, and storage facility
- Improve traffic circulation and parking
- Make the park ADA accessible
- Address lighting of the fields
- Take site constraints into account such as the existing Resource Protection Area (RPA), 100 Year Floodplain (from city GIS information), severe runoff originating on land south of the park, and close proximity to nearby residential homes

SHERWOOD PROGRAMS & CAMPS

KAREN LUSSIER

SUMMMER CAMPS 2022!

This year, traditional camps will run for six weeks, Jun 20 - Jul 29. Due to construction at Providence Elementary, that school will not be able to be utilized for camps in the summer.

That camp will run at reduced numbers at Kathrine Johnson Middle School.

The Camp Brochure has been published and sent to all past participants. Field Trips are back! The camps will go on one local field trip a week and private busses due to FCPS bussing not being available for use. We plan to have a safe and fun summer with a little less restrictions than the past two summers.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2022 SUMMER CAMPS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY TO ENSURE YOU APPLY ON THE CORRECT DAY

Due to limited capacity, camp applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Once your application is accepted, you will receive an email with more instructions.

All families who meet the following criteria may start applying at 12noon on this day...

<p>TIER 1 MARCH 7 AT 12 NOON</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live in the Fairfax CITY <li style="text-align: center;">+ • Attended any Fairfax CITY summer camp in 2021 	<p>TIER 2 MARCH 14 AT 12 NOON</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New campers that live in Fairfax CITY (not county) <li style="text-align: center;">OR • All other returning campers that went to camp in 2021 	<p>TIER 3 MARCH 21 AT 12 NOON</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">OPEN TO EVERYONE!</p>
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Specialty Camps Offered 2022:

- ◆ Artbug Art
- ◆ Incredifix
- ◆ MiChuChuTren Spanish Immersion
- ◆ Play-well Teknologies Engineering with Lego
- ◆ Hi-Five Sports
- ◆ Tiny Chef's Cooking
- ◆ Tekker Laboratory Soccer
- ◆ Teen Chef's Cooking
- ◆ Fairfax Surf Shop/360 Ride Skate Camp
- ◆ Fairfax Theatre Company Drama
- ◆ Next Reflex Dance

SPRING BREAK 2022 PROGRAMS

<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">APRIL 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LOCATION: SHERWOOD CENTER</p> <p>Tiny Chefs: Nailed IT! (Disguised Cupcakes) 9am-3pm • Ages 5-12 • Fee: \$75</p> <p>Play-well TEKologies: Pokémon Engineering using LEGO® Materials *9am-12pm • Ages 5-12 • Fee: \$36</p> <p>Play-well TEKologies: Pokémon Master Engineering using LEGO® Materials *1pm-4pm • Ages 7-12 • Fee: \$36 <small>*If registered for morning and afternoon session, there is a supervised lunch from 12-1pm</small></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">APRIL 4 - 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LOCATION: SHERWOOD CENTER</p> <p>Tiny Chefs: The Great Food Truck Race 9am-3pm • Ages 5-12 • Fee: \$340</p> <p>Play-well TEKologies: MARVELous Engineering Using LEGO® Materials *9am-12pm • Ages 5-12 • Fee: \$178</p> <p>Play-well TEKologies: MARVELous Engineering Using LEGO® Materials *1pm-4pm • Ages 7-12 • Fee: \$178 <small>*If registered for morning and afternoon session, there is a supervised lunch from 12-1pm</small></p> <p>City of Fairfax Theatre Company: Adventure Island! 9am-3pm • Ages 5-13 • Fee: \$300 Location: Old Town Hall</p> <p>Hi-Five Sports Camp 9am-3pm • Ages 5-13 • Fee: \$300 Location: Providence Elementary</p>
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NEW SHERWOOD SPRING PROGRAMMING

For the Spring of 2022, we will be adding in two new programs. Tekker will be offering youth soccer skills classes on Sat. morning. Next Reflex Dance Collective will be offering new dance adult dance classes on Sat. mornings. The new Parks and Rec Connected! will be published in late March and include all details for these and all other classes and programs for April—August of 2022.

GREEN ACRES & SENIOR CENTER

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GREEN ACRES



Senior and Adult second session of winter/ spring classes continues at Green Acres with Darlene's senior fitness classes remaining at Sherwood Community Center with growing attendance.

New Addition to the Fitness Room

Announcing the **StepOne™** Recumbent Stepper. Seniors now have the option of a seated elliptical! This **StepOne** provides a smooth, total body functional movement. It features low starting resistance, adjustable arm length and handle angle, and customizable programs. This piece also has direct wheelchair access and grab bar to allow for easy on and off.

February ENROLLMENTS AT GREEN ACRES

Type	2021	2022	Difference
Youth	0	0	0
Adult	39	99	+60
Senior Classes	44	131	+87

SENIOR CENTER

February SENIOR CENTER STATS

	2021	2022	Difference
New Members	0	28	+28
Total Members	4139	4296	+157
Attendance	0	1030	+1030
Fitness Room	0	325	+325
Website Hits	192	1,272	+1080

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 next election in August 2022.

Fundraisers in 2022: A discussion about the difficulties in planning such events because of Covid restrictions/limitations was held at the last meeting the Council voted to cancel our reservation at Sherwood for the March /April Fundraiser. The Senior Council's next meeting will be held *virtually* on Zoom **Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.**

Senior Programs

As we are coming out of the winter months, more senior members are returning *in person* for their meetings and drop in activities as well as classes. The *Lunch time Learning* series continues to be popular. The most attended program this month was the Willard-Sherwood Health and Community Center outreach meeting for the seniors.



Willard Sherwood Outreach

60+ seniors, Mayor and City Council member attended the program which provided lively and productive feedback from the seniors for the project team members.

Virtual Senior Programs

The City's virtual website learning page had **37** hits in February compared to **95** hits in the month of January. Fairfax County has enhanced their virtual learning site to include new partners and programs for our seniors to take advantage of this spring.

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

UPCOMING SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

March St Pat's Party with catered lunch
Thursday, March 17: 11:30am

Lunchtime Learnings!

Mark your calendar for learning opportunities:
March 11,21,25,28– see newsletter for details.



The Winter /Spring senior center newsletter has been distributed and posted on the website.

[Senior Center Newsletter March 2022 \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/new-virtual-center)

CULTURAL ARTS

MEGAN DUBOIS

March Events

Join Better Said Than Done in March for our 3rd Annual Women's Storytelling Festival, both in-person in the City of Fairfax, VA, and live streaming online!

The 2022 Women's Storytelling Festival starts on Friday March 18, 2022, at 7:00pm ET, and runs through Sunday March 20, 2022 at the Old Town Hall in the City of Fairfax, VA.

www.bettersaidthandone.com/womens-festival-2022

Joining us for the festival are storytellers Sheila Arnold, Noa Baum, Margaret Burk, Mary D'Alba, Lyn Ford, Heather Forest, Bonnie Gardner, Lindsey Lange-Abramowitz, Carol Moore, Miriam Nadel, Vijai Nathan, Laura Packer, Denise Page, Jessica Robinson, Linda Schuyler Ford, Susanne Schmidt, Ria Spencer, Jude Treder-Wolff, Diana Veiga, Kim Weitkamp, Cyndi Wish, and Andrea Young! Read more about the storytellers here: <https://tinyurl.com/women-storytellers-22>

Virtual Only Tickets are \$40 In-Person Tickets are \$55

Tickets Here: <https://tinyurl.com/women-story-fest-22>



The Commission on the Arts has your Friday nights planned!

March 11 — Alma Ensemble

Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series

8 p.m. @ Sherwood



March 18 — Art and Craft

ArtScreen

Doors open at 7 p.m. movie starts 7:30 p.m. @Sherwood

March 25 — t.l.a.o.o.

Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series

8 p.m. @ Old Town Hall



April 1 — Strictly Ballroom

ArtScreen

Doors open at 7 p.m. movie starts 7:30 p.m. @ Sherwood

April 8 — Nataly Merezhuk

Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series

8 p.m. @ Sherwood



SPECIAL EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENT DATES:

Mayors' Fitness Challenge—March 19—May 7

City of Fairfax is competing again in the Mayors Challenge and is going to win this year! The format will be very similar to last year but staff will be posting weekly updates on Facebook about different trails within the City as well as a reminder to log in minutes.

Check out the Mayor's video!

Egg-streme Night Egg Hunt—April 7 at Blenheim

Enjoy an evening searching for eggs and prizes in the dark! Please bring a flashlight and a bag/basket so you can find and collect eggs. Visit with the Easter Bunny beginning at 7pm and test your agility on the obstacle course.

7th Annual Fishing Derby—April 16—Ashby Pond from 9:15

Ashby Pond will be stocked with hundreds of trout! Fun for the whole family to enjoy. Bring your own Rod! Registration is available now.

2nd Annual Whiskey Basics—April 16

Come get schooled in Whiskey Basics. MurLarkey's Distiller will educate you through the various tastings offered as you on the grounds of Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center.

Earth Day Event —April 24

Learn about recycling and composting crafts, games, trail clean up, plantings & more!

NEW EVENT: Fairfax Uncorked - Jazz and Wine Festival –May 7

This event will be held on the beautiful historic grounds of Historic Blenheim. You will be able to taste and experience local wines and food vendors while you enjoy the smooth sounds of live jazz musicians!

2022 CRAFT SHOWS

Craft Show applications were emailed to vendors through Constant Contact which saves the city hundreds of dollars in shipping. There were about 200 vendors who do not have emails: therefore we mailed them applications. Applications are slowly coming in and the deadline is March 17th. Jurying will take place from April 4-7th at Green Acres. The Fall Festival will be held October 8. The Holiday Craft Show will be held November 19 and 20.

Craft Show Applications Rec'd as of March	2021	2022	Difference
Fall Festival On-line Applications	12	20	+8
Fall Festival Paper Applications	60	95	+35
Holiday Craft Show On-line Applications	26	32	+6
Holiday Craft Show Paper Applications	111	96	-15
Total Applications	209	243	+34

SPECIAL EVENTS (cont.)

SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS 2022

Event Permits are coming in slowly this year. Once the weather starts to warm up staff is anticipating seeing an increase in event requests for Old Town Square and Veterans Amphitheater at City Hall. The Cultural Arts Division uses the Veterans Amphitheater for several events during the summer months.

	March 2021	March 2022	Difference
Approved Permits to Date	3	4	+1
Applications Received to Date	3	6	+3
Pending Applications	0	3	+3
Denied Applications	0	0	0

ATHLETICS & FIELDS

ATHLETICS

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

BRIANNE BAGLINI

MARCH STATISTICS

Old Town Hall	2021	2022	Difference
Utilization Rate for Mar.	13%	22%	+9%
Mar. Rentals	1	2	+1
Feb. Revenue	\$1,550	\$775	-\$775

Sherwood	2021	2022	Difference
Utilization Rate for Mar.	62%	87%	+25%
Mar. Rentals	10	29	+19
Feb. Revenue	\$6,253	\$22,785.53	+\$16,532.53

Blenheim	2021	2022	Difference
Utilization Rate for Mar.	9%	16%	+7%
Mar. Rentals	0	6	+6
Feb. Revenue	\$666	\$6,924.50	+\$6,258.50

Green Acres	2021	2022	Difference
Utilization Rate for Mar.	67%	68%	+1%
Mar. Rentals	11	92	+81
Feb. Revenue	\$3,690	\$8,068	+\$4,378