

city scene

JUNE 2022

Hello Summer

What's happening in the City of Fairfax



Federal Funding Secured for Old Town Hall Rehabilitation



The Community Project Funding will help the city rehabilitate and improve the 122-year-old building for future generations. A comprehensive examination of the structure was completed following the collapse of one of the columns in August 2020. Planned improvements include ADA accessibility, safety and sustainability upgrades, and historic preservation.

From left to right: City of Fairfax Council-member Jon Stehle, City of Fairfax Mayor David Meyer, Congressman Gerry Connolly, and Councilmembers Janice Miller and Tom Ross visit Old Town Hall on March 22.

The Old Town Hall rehabilitation project received \$2.1 million in federal Community Project Funding. Old Town Hall was one of seven local projects to receive funding in the FY22 omnibus appropriations package requested by Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (VA-11), who serves as chairman of the House Subcommittee on Government Operations.

“Fairfax City’s Old Town Hall has served our community for more than a century,” said Connolly. “As a meeting place to foster our democracy, as a venue to celebrate with loved ones, and as a cultural center to showcase the beauty of our city, Old Town Hall continues to bring our community together for timeless celebrations.”

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CITY NEWS

City Government Offices Holiday Closures

Monday, June 20, Juneteenth (observed)

- Closed: City government offices, DMV Select, General District Court
- CUE Bus: modified weekday service

Holiday Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

- June 20: no service
- June 21: Monday and Tuesday routes collected

Please note: there may be a delay in yard debris collection citywide June 20-25. Please leave items at the curb until they are collected. Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Refuse Holiday"), 703-385-7837

Real Estate Taxes Due June 21

Payments postmarked later are subject to a penalty and interest charge. Those who directly pay real estate taxes but have not received a bill should call 703-385-7900. Those who receive a bill, even though their mortgage company escrows for the payment, should forward it to the mortgage company. Sign up for Fairfax City Alert to receive reminders on tax payment dates and more: fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert

Community Farmers' Markets, Saturdays and Sundays

Fresh fruits and vegetables are among the many attractions for this

twice-weekly market sponsored by the Downtown Fairfax Coalition at 10500 Page Ave. (adjacent to the historic Fairfax Court House). The Saturday Market is held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 29, and the Sunday Market is held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 23.

Info: fairfaxsaturndaymarket.com, fairfaxsundaymarket.com.

Graduation Ceremonies at Mason

Many area schools hold commencement ceremonies on George Mason University's Fairfax campus in June. These events may affect traffic in and around the university. *Info: gmu.edu, 703-993-1000*

City's Annual Budget Adopted, Published July 1

The City Council has adopted the FY23 operating budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The budget will be published online July 1 at fairfaxva.gov/budget, and a limited number of printed copies will be available. *Info: 703-385-7870*

Heads Up, Helmets On in Fairfax City

Not only is it a great safety tip, it's the law: Bicyclists and passengers age 14 and younger in Fairfax City must wear protective helmets. *Info: 703-385-7924*

Volunteer to Help at Special Events

Put yourself in the middle of Fairfax fun: volunteer to assist the city during one (or more) of our special events! Choose from many events year-



VILLAGE IN THE CITY

Become a member; it's free!
Become a volunteer;
it's invaluable!

*Info: fairfaxva.gov/village,
703-385-5738*

round, including the Independence Day Parade, Fall Festival, Holiday Craft Show, Festival of Lights and Carols, and more. *Info: [special events @fairfaxva.gov](https://twitter.com/fairfaxva), 703-385-1710*

Get Fit at the Green Acres Fitness Center

City residents age 16 and older may work out at the Green Acres Fitness Center, 4401 Sideburn Road. Open daily, the center offers cardio equipment, free weights, and a stretching area. Drop in for \$5 — or purchase a Fitness Pass for \$15 per month or \$96 per year. (Senior Center members may use the center fee-free.) *Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Green Acres Fitness")*

Changes to 2022 Evening Show July 4

The Fairfax High School stadium is closed for construction, so the city's 2022 Independence Day Evening Show (fireworks and concert) will be held in the school parking lot.

To attend the evening show, please use the fully accessible shuttle bus service from Woodson High School, which has accessible parking. Please note: at FHS, accessible parking will be very limited, and there will be no public parking. Please bring your own seating. *Info: fairfaxva.gov/july4, 703-385-7858*



**Glass is no longer allowed
in curbside recycling!**

To properly dispose of glass, use the regional glass only drop-off program, the **Purple Can Club!**

fairfaxva.gov/recycling

COUNCIL REPORTER

PLEASE NOTE: summaries have been edited. To read the full Council Reporter, visit fairfaxva.gov and click on "City Meetings."

COUNCIL ACTIONS OF APRIL 12, 2022

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of proclamations: acknowledging the Mayor's Monarch Pledge in Recognition of the Importance of Saving Monarch Butterflies in the City of Fairfax; acknowledging April 22, 2022, as Earth Day and April as Spring Clean-up Month in the City of Fairfax; and acknowledging April as Diversity Month in the City of Fairfax.
- Presentation by Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Executive Director Chuck Bean on *A Region United: Goals and Actions for 2030 and Metropolitan Washington Planning Framework to Advance Equity, Transportation, Housing and Climate Goals*.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously the adoption of the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the presented resolution consenting to the proposed Stormwater Utility Credit Program.
- Approved, unanimously: Introduction of a supplemental appropriation resolution in the amount of \$1,343,607 for FY22 third quarter non-discretionary and Council-authorized expenditures; Introduction of an appropriation resolution in the maximum amount of \$12,000 allocated to Adaptive Fitness Legion; Introduction of an ordinance amending and readopting City Code Chapter 90, Article II, Division I, Section 90-33 pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the city used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes, and to establish a separate tax rate on such real property effective as of January 1, 2022, revenues from which would be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the City of Fairfax; Introduction of an appropriation resolution for the General, Capital, Wastewater, Transit, Stormwater Utility, Cable, Old Town, and Transportation tax funds for the FY23 budget year; Introduction of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 90, Article X, pertaining to the additional tax imposed upon real property and improvements located within the Old Town Service District.
- Approved, 4-2, introduction of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-31 to increase the rates for wastewater service by 6.0%. Further moved to waive the first reading and set the public hearing for April 26, 2022. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Miller, Stehle, and Ross. Opposed: Councilmembers Lim and Yi.)*
- Approved, 4-2, introduction of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 102, Article V, Section 102-203 to set the rate for stormwater utility service furnished by the city at \$28.80 per BU (billing unit) effective July 1, 2022. Further moved to waive the first reading and

set the public hearing for April 26, 2022. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Miller, Stehle, and Ross. Opposed: Councilmembers Lim and Yi.)*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Public hearing on the proposed FY23 budget. *(No action. Budget adoption scheduled for May 3, 2022.)*
- Approved, unanimously, the request of a special use permit to allow a family home daycare with up to 12 children maximum in the RM Residential Medium Zoning District at 10105 Farmington Drive, subject to conditions.
- Approved, 5-1, a resolution establishing a street naming and renaming policy effective immediately. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Miller, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmember Yi.)*
- Approved, 5-1, a resolution approving the City of Fairfax - Historic Fairfax City, Inc. local historical markers program policy and procedures revised as of April 12, 2020. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Miller, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmember Yi.)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approved, 5-0-1, the March 22, 2022, regular meeting minutes. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Miller, Ross, Stehle, and Yi. Abstained: Councilmember Lim.)*
- Approved, unanimously, the April 5, 2022, special meeting minutes.

COUNCIL ACTIONS OF APRIL 26, 2022

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentations: of a proclamation acknowledging April 26, 2022, as a Stroke Smart Awareness Day in the City of Fairfax; acknowledging May as Bike Month in the City of Fairfax; acknowledging May 15-21, 2022, as National Public Works Week in the City of Fairfax.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, consideration of a resolution approving an amended and restated legal services agreement with the city attorney.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, the request for a special use permit to allow drive-through windows/facilities as an accessory use to a restaurant in the CR Commercial Retail Zoning District and Architectural Control Overlay District at 10869 Fairfax Boulevard, with conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, the request for consideration of two special exceptions to modify the minimum side yard setback and modify the parking lot landscaping requirements.
- Approved, unanimously, the request for consideration of a Major Certificate of Appropriateness at 10869 Fairfax Boulevard, subject to conditions *(as may be amended by City Council)*.
- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation resolution in the amount of \$1,343,607 (net fiscal impact of \$269,073) for FY22 non-discretionary and Council authorized expenditures.
- Approved, unanimously, a supplemental appropriation

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Celebrate the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center's 30th Anniversary July 4

On July 4, 1992, then-Mayor John Mason cut the ribbon the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center. Ever since, the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center has guided countless visitors to city and area attractions and played host to numerous traveling exhibitions from the Library of Virginia, Virginia Museum of History and Culture, the National Archives, the Smithsonian, the Gilder Lehrman Institute, and other museums.

For this year's 30th anniversary, entertainer Matthew Dodd will present "Songs of the Red, White, and Blue" at 1:30 p.m. Following the performance, current and retired volunteers will be recognized for their service. Visitors will enjoy free lemonade; family activities on the lawn; and Parades of the Past, a game in which you may try to guess the year of past Independence Day Celebrations based on clues.

Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center Timeline

1985 City of Fairfax purchased the Fairfax Free Public School No. 1, built in 1873

1990 Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (chartered in 1983) raised funds and partnered with the city to renovate and open the former school building as local history museum and tourism information center



1992 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center opened July 4

1992 – Feb. 2000 HFCI operated the Museum and Visitor Center with one part-time staff member and 40 volunteers

1996 Visitor center and second floor renovated; elevator installed

2000 City of Fairfax established Office of Historic Resources; hired full-time director, and two part-time staff, and two additional part-time staff hired in 2001

2003 First floor gallery renovated using HFCI and city funds

2005 Second floor gallery renovated

"Second Sunday" monthly program series inaugurated

2002 – 2022

Major Exhibitions Curated by Staff:

Treasures of Fairfax, 2002

Raids, Romance and Writings: The Civil War in Fairfax Court House, 2003

The Fairfax Story, 2005

Celebrating the Arts, 2010

Crossroads of Conflict: Fairfax Court House in 1861, 2011

Collecting Fairfax: The First 20 Years, 2012

1863: A Pivotal Year for Fairfax Court House, 2013

Dressed for the Occasion, 2015

Chalkboards to Smartboards: The History of Fairfax County Public Schools, 2016

Ode to Flanders Field: World War I Quilts and Textiles, 2017

Images of Fairfax, 2018

World War II Quilts: Patriotism in Stitches, 2019



LIVE LIFE IN THE ARTS

Upcoming programs and performances are listed in the events calendar at fairfaxva.gov.

8 p.m. June 3 – Bonita Lestina
Old Town Hall Performance Series:
Washington Saxophone Quartet,
Old Town Hall

10:30 a.m. June 11 – Kidz Korner,
Saturdays, Old Town Square

7:30 p.m. June 16 – Main Street
Community Band, Old Town Square

COUNCIL REPORTER

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resolution in the total maximum amount of \$12,000 for a donation to Adaptive Fitness Legion, a non-profit entity, as set forth in the staff report.

- Public hearing on the real estate tax rate of \$1.035 per \$100 of assessed value based upon an assessment ratio of 100% of fair market value, and a personal property and machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.13 per \$100 of assessed value based upon an assessment ratio of 100% trade-in value. *(No action. Council action scheduled for May 3, 2022.)*
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- Public hearing on an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 90 (Taxation), Article X (Old Town Service District Tax) pertaining to the additional tax imposed upon real property and improvements located within the Old Town Service District. *(No action. Council action scheduled for May 3, 2022.)*
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Filing for Local Office, June 21

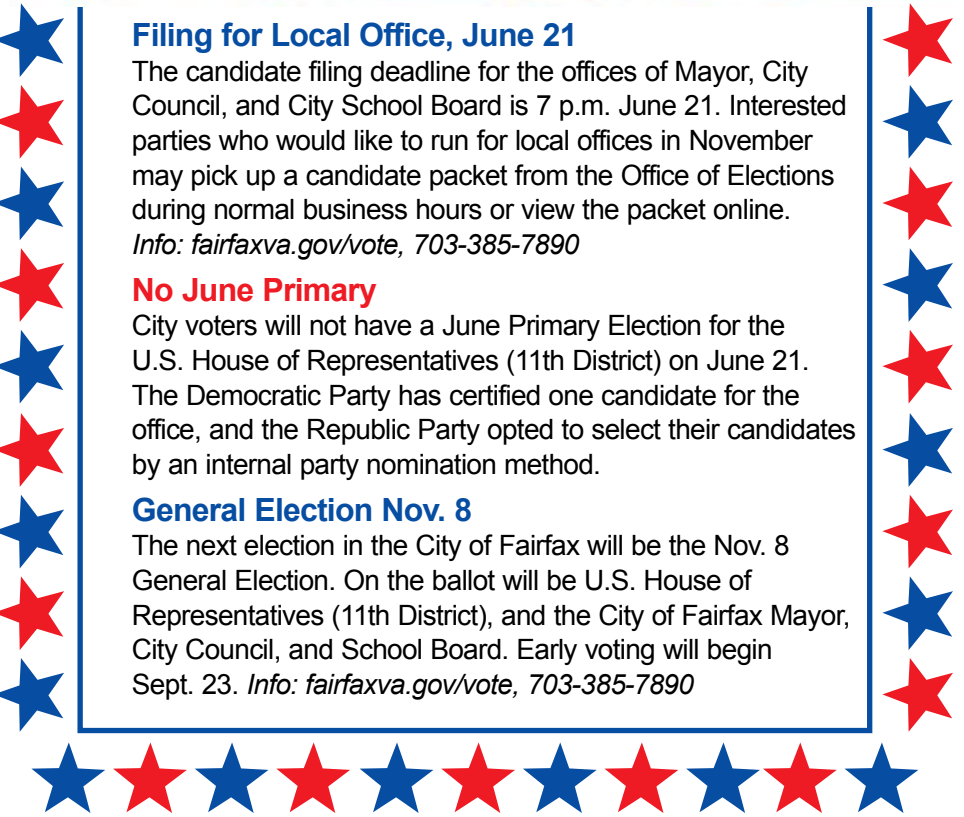
The candidate filing deadline for the offices of Mayor, City Council, and City School Board is 7 p.m. June 21. Interested parties who would like to run for local offices in November may pick up a candidate packet from the Office of Elections during normal business hours or view the packet online. *Info: fairfaxva.gov/vote, 703-385-7890*

No June Primary

City voters will not have a June Primary Election for the U.S. House of Representatives (11th District) on June 21. The Democratic Party has certified one candidate for the office, and the Republic Party opted to select their candidates by an internal party nomination method.







General Election Nov. 8

The next election in the City of Fairfax will be the Nov. 8 General Election. On the ballot will be U.S. House of Representatives (11th District), and the City of Fairfax Mayor, City Council, and School Board. Early voting will begin Sept. 23. *Info: fairfaxva.gov/vote, 703-385-7890*



Extreme Heat Safety

Take a moment to review these summer safety tips, and take the extreme heat preparedness exercise at PlanetReady.com/FairfaxCity.

HEAT EXHAUSTION	OR	HEAT STROKE
Faint or dizzy		Throbbing headache, confusion
Excessive sweating		No sweating
Cool, pale, clammy skin		Body temperature above 103° Red, hot, dry skin
Nausea or vomiting		Nausea or vomiting
Rapid, weak pulse		Rapid, strong pulse
Muscle cramps		May lose consciousness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get to a cooler, air conditioned place • Drink water if fully conscious • Take a cool shower or use cold compresses 	CALL 9-1-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move person to cooler place • Cool using cool cloths or bath • Do not give anything to drink

1 Learn to recognize the signs of heat illness.

2 Prepare for extreme heat.

3 Practice sun safety.

MAKING *History*

FAIRFAX MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER

Musical Styles Along the Crooked Road: Crooked Road Royalty, through Sept. 6
This traveling exhibition from the Blue Ridge Institute and Museum showcases the long history of picking and singing in the mountains, highlighting the careers of the western Virginia powerhouse groups that helped build the American country music industry.
Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Crooked Road")

Fairfax, Virginia — A Seventh-Generation African American, June 25

Marion Ransell Cohen is a seventh-generation Northern Virginian whose roots tie directly into Fairfax County. The historian, living history interpreter, and oral history ethnographer for museums has spent a lifetime researching and presenting historical information on her African American family's history and others in the local community. She presents the narrative of the enslaved community and gives a voice to those who had no voice.
Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Ransell"), 703-691-0560

Tour the Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Free docent-led tours. View the new exhibit, *Kitty of the Roses*.
Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Pozer House"), 703-385-8414



CURIIOUS CITIZENS

Can I leave my glass next to the purple container if it's full?

No, please don't leave any material on the ground. The roll-off containers are picked up and transported to Lorton by a specialty truck that has no storage for material left on the ground. This requires a separate refuse vehicle and crew to be dispatched to clean up the area. If your preferred container is full, please try another location. Check out the Purple Can location map at fairfaxva.gov/purplecan. Thank you.



SOLARIZE VIRGINIA

Soak Up the Sun and Savings with Solarize NOVA

Adding solar power to your property is easier and more affordable than ever, thanks to Solarize NOVA, a program offering solar system discounts and free solar site assessments for Virginia homes and businesses. This grassroots, community-based outreach initiative is sponsored by the Local Energy Alliance Program in partnership with the City of Fairfax.

Through June 30, homeowners and businesses can sign up to receive a free solar satellite assessment, take advantage of streamlined installation and financing processes, and gain access to discounted prices and vetted installers. LEAP will provide ongoing customer support and education throughout the process.

The Solar Income Tax Credit is decreasing from 26% to 22% at the end of 2022, so residents considering

solar should take advantage of the higher rate before it expires. Install your system by the end of the year to receive the higher credit.

When combined with Fairfax City's solar energy equipment tax exemption (approx. 10% savings over 10 years), property owners can save as much as 36% on their solar energy system installed in 2022. As an additional incentive to install solar energy systems, the city will waive its building and electrical permit fees.

Since 2014, 714 contracts have been signed across the state through LEAP's Solarize program, generating more than 6.3 megawatts of solar capacity!

Visit SolarizeNOVA.org to sign up for a free solar site assessment and register for a free virtual information session on June 7.

Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "energy")



HELPING HANDS

THE CITY NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU

BOARD VACANCIES

Board of Architectural Review (two vacancies: one business representative and one city resident); **Board of Building Code Appeals** (one mechanical or plumbing vacancy); **Board of Equalization** (one alternate member); **Environmental Sustainability Committee** (one vacancy). Vacancies are subject to change.

To apply, visit fairfaxva.gov and search "boards and vacancies," or call 703-385-7935.



The effort, which included Fairfax City's contributions, was successful and will help people displaced by the war. The campaign by the numbers:

55K lbs. of donated clothing

400+ volunteers sorted and packed donated clothing

1,800 boxes of donations (if stacked on top of each other, the stack would be six times taller than the Washington Monument)

6 Paxton Van Lines tractor trailers filled with donations and delivered to Wilmington, Del.

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FAIRFAX CITY BY THE NUMBERS

6.3 square miles

24,146 population

\$109,708 median household income

2,178 tons of single-stream recycling collected

4 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

27 parks

52 buildings on National Register of Historic Places

10 miles of streams

490 feet highest point (west)

276 feet lowest point (east)

10 locations with public electric vehicle charging stations

See the 2022 *City of Fairfax Fact Book* for more information and trends.

Info: fairfaxva.gov/factbook

Fleet Management Division and Personnel Recognized

NAFA *FLEETSolutions* magazine included the City of Fairfax in its list of *The 100 Best Fleets* in the Americas for the second time in three years. The program recognizes peak-performing fleet operations and encourages innovation in the public fleet industry.

One of the fleet division team members that helps keep city vehicles on the road is Jesse Beach. The fleet technician II was the runner-up in the 2021 *Best Young Tech Award program* and was featured in *Motor Age* and *PTEN* articles.

"This is such a significant career accomplishment for Jesse," said Lee Hall, fleet manager for the city. "Jesse is a problem solver. He takes on specialty jobs that used to get sent to a vendor. This saves the city money and minimizes downtime for department vehicles."

Beach holds five ASE certifications and is a VA Safety Inspector and DEQ Emission Inspector. He works on a wide variety of fleet vehicles, from lawnmowers to refuse trucks. Beach has helped implement technology upgrades and process improvements.

"These accomplishments are just the beginning of what Jesse will achieve in his career with the city!" said Hall.



FLEET TECH
 JESSE BEACH