

# city scene

JULY 2022

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Independence!



FAIRFAX CITY ★ JULY 4, 2022



**BOLD STRIPES**  
**BRIGHT STARS**  
**BRAVE HEARTS**

## 56th Annual Independence Day Parade – July 4

The parade begins at 10 a.m. July 4, at 4100 Chain Bridge Road, rain or shine. The parade loops around Old Town Fairfax; along Chain Bridge Road, Main Street, University Drive, and Armstrong Street. Among the entries in this year's parade are six high school marching bands, large inflatable parade balloons, floats, and clowns.

## Independence Day Evening Show – July 5

Enjoy music and dancing starting at 6:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School (3501 Lion Run). On-stage entertainment includes rockin' music, presentation of parade awards — and, of course, a spectacular fireworks display after dark. Please note that the following items are not permitted in the spectator area: smoking, alcohol, and animals (except service animals).

Due to ongoing construction at Fairfax High School's stadium, the evening show has been moved to the school's front parking lot. There will be **NO ON-SITE PARKING AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC**, except for a limited number of accessible parking spaces. Fully accessible shuttle buses will run between Fairfax High School and Woodson High School throughout the evening. Lion Run will close to traffic during the evening show.

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# CITY NEWS

## City Government Offices Holiday Closures

### Monday, July 4, Independence Day

- Closed: City government offices, DMV Select, General District Court
- CUE Bus: no regular service

## Holiday Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

- July 4: no service
- July 5: Monday and Tuesday routes collected

*Please note: there may be a delay in yard debris collection citywide July 5-9. Please leave items at the curb until they are collected. Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "Refuse Holiday"), 703-385-7837*

## Keep Fireworks Safe

Fireworks are as dangerous as they are beautiful, and their misuse can cause fires, injury, property loss, and death. If you light fireworks at home, purchase them only from licensed merchants, and handle them with care. Not all fireworks are permitted in the city, so avoid fireworks that explode, emit a flame, spark higher than 15 feet or are projectiles. Please end home fireworks displays by 11 p.m., per the city's noise ordinance.

## Fight the Bite: Tip and Toss Standing Water

As warm weather arrives, so do mosquitoes, which can spread viruses such as Zika and West Nile. "Fight the bite" by implementing a household mosquito control program. Tip and toss standing water — or treat standing water with safe larvicides — and carefully treat the yard with safe insecticides. Also, keep butterflies, honeybees, and other outdoor friends in mind when treating yards. Info: [fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite), 703-246-2201

## Replace Worn, Broken Recycling Bins

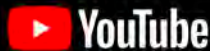
Replace broken city-issued recycling bins with new ones, courtesy of the Operations Division. Please mark broken bins for removal and place them at the curb on your regular curbside collection day. Info: [RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:RefuseRecycling@fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-7837

## Election Officers Sought; Earn \$200

Registered voters may earn \$200 serving in a myriad of roles as Fairfax City officers of election for the November 8, 2022, General Election. Duties include checking in voters, issuing ballots, and monitoring voting equipment. Apply online at [fairfaxva.gov/EOApp](http://fairfaxva.gov/EOApp). Info: [Registrar@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:Registrar@fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-7890

## Community Farmers' Markets, Saturdays and Sundays

Discover this weekend gem in Fairfax City! Fresh fruits and vegetables, baked good, and more are available at the Saturday Market and Sunday Market, sponsored by the Downtown Fairfax Coalition at 10500 Page Ave. (adjacent to the historic Fairfax Court House). Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through late October. Info: [fairfaxSaturdayMarket.com](http://fairfaxSaturdayMarket.com), [fairfaxSundayMarket.com](http://fairfaxSundayMarket.com)



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(arts, performances, concerts)

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(arrests and crime reports)

**Transportation**  
(transportation projects and news)

**Museum**  
(exhibits, programs)



## 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](http://fairfaxva.gov/recycling)





# COUNCIL REPORTER

**PLEASE NOTE:** summaries have been edited. To read the full Council Reporter, visit [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) and click on "City Meetings."

## COUNCIL ACTIONS OF MAY 3, 2022

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Public hearing on the proposed FY23 budget (final).
- Public hearing on an appropriation resolution for the General, Capital, Wastewater, Transit, Stormwater Utility, Cable, Old Town, Transportation and ARPA tax funds for the FY23 budget year.

### ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, 4-2, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-31 to increase the rates for wastewater services by 6.0%. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Miller, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Lim and Yi.)*
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance readopting City Code Chapter 90, Article II, Division 1, Section 90-33 pertaining to classification and taxation of certain real property in the City of Fairfax used for or zoned for commercial and industrial purposes. Such ordinance shall include a tax rate for such real property for calendar year 2022 at \$0.125 per \$100 of assessed value, revenues from which to be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the City of Fairfax.
- Approved, 5-1, an ordinance amending and readopting Chapter 90, Article X, Section 90-422 pertaining to the additional tax imposed upon real property and improvements located within the Old Town Service District. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Lim, Miller, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmember Yi.)*
- Approved, 4-2, 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. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Miller, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Lim and Yi.)*
- Approved, 4-2, to adopt the General fund, Capital fund, Wastewater fund, Stormwater Utility fund, Cable Grant fund, Old Town Service District fund, Transit fund, Transportation Tax fund and ARPA fund FY23 budgets, as presented by the city manager, together with the proposed FY23 Schedule of Rates and Levies, FY 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program, the FY23 health benefit contribution rates, a 3.5 merit increase effective January 1, 2023, and a 2.6% market rate adjustment to employee pay scales effective July 1, 2022, for the City of Fairfax and eligible employees, as amended. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Lim, Miller, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Ross and Yi.)* The motion previously had been amended, 5-1, as follows: (i) to incorporate all changes included in the budget change document as of the start of the budget meeting (referenced as Attachment #1); and (ii) to amend the budget change document to incorporate all changes included in the

alternative referenced as Attachment #2. *(For the amendments, the 5-1 vote was: In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Lim, Miller, Stehle, and Yi; Opposed: Councilmember Ross.)*

- Approved, 4-2, to (in each case effective as of January 1, 2022):(i) set the real estate tax rate at \$1.01 per \$100 of assessed value; (ii) set the personal property tax rate at \$4.13 per \$100 of assessed valuation based upon the assessment ratio of 86% of fair market value; (iii) set the machinery and tools tax rate at \$4.13 per \$100 assessed valuation based upon the assessment ratio of 100% of fair market value; and (iv) set the personal property tax rate for those members of volunteer fire departments or volunteer rescue squads qualifying under the city code at \$.01 per \$100 assessed valuation. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Lim, Miller, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Ross and Yi.)*
- Approved, unanimously, the appropriation resolutions for the general, capital, wastewater, transit, stormwater utility, cable, old town, transportation tax funds, and ARPA funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, reflecting all changes approved as part of the FY23 budget adoption, immediately prior to this action.

## COUNCIL ACTIONS OF MAY 10, 2022

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of the agenda. *(Mayor Meyer and Councilmember Yi were absent.)*

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of a resolution to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the city and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for a bus network redesign project; Introduction of an ordinance to enhance certified micro-business participation in City procurement practices; Introduction of an ordinance approving a Van Dyck Park Stream Restoration Agreement between Northfax JV LLC and the City of Fairfax, together with associated documentation necessary for the approval, construction and maintenance of the referenced stream restoration project, including but not limited to a deed of easement between the parties. *(Mayor Meyer and Councilmember Yi were absent.)*

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously to adopt a resolution establishing the process for renaming those streets resulting from the City Council initiated Connecting Fairfax City for All Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) recommendations. *(Mayor Meyer and Councilmember Yi were absent.)*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approved, unanimously the April 12, 2022, regular meeting minutes. *(Mayor Meyer and Councilmember Yi were absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously the April 26, 2022, regular meeting minutes. *(Mayor Meyer and Councilmember Yi were absent.)*

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*Field Training with Technology*

## Stormwater Utility at Work



Following the adoption of the stormwater utility, the City of Fairfax Public Works Department began developing an asset management program for maintaining existing stormwater infrastructure, optimizing available funding, and prioritizing investment in improvement projects.

The stormwater maintenance crew, led by Dante Bumbray, has begun the important task of data collection in the field. Condition assessment of existing assets aids in the prioritization of stormwater infrastructure rehabilitation and restoration. Asset information is collected and assessed by the crew in a consistent manner, and in real-time. Their techniques simplify data collection and improve overall data quality, which will result in better drainage and cleaner streams.

A guide on how to save a life

# CPR



**CITY OF FAIRFAX FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## Free Hands-Only CPR/AED Training

Performing CPR while waiting for medical assistance can greatly increase a person's chance of survival from cardiac arrest.

**JULY 23, 2022**

**9 AM - 10 AM**

**FIRE STATION 403 - 4081 UNIVERSITY DR.**



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**SECOND FRIDAYS**

## June - September

**8 PM** *Movie Starts at Dusk*

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**VAN DYCK PARK**  
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## COUNCIL REPORTER

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### COUNCIL ACTIONS OF MAY 24, 2022

#### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging June 4- 12, 2022, as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week in the City of Fairfax.
- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging the month of May as Poppy Month in the City of Fairfax.

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of the agenda. (*Councilmember Miller was absent.*)

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously: Introduction of an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$147,558 for FY22 federal, state, other grants, contributions, and donations; Consideration to approve the Virginia Career Works - Northern Region (Area #11) Consortium Agreement for the period from July 2022 through June 2024. (*Councilmember Miller was absent.*)

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, to enact an ordinance to enhance certified micro-business participation in city procurement practices. (*Councilmember Miller was absent.*)
- Approved, unanimously, to enact an ordinance approving a Van Dyck Park Stream Restoration Agreement between Northfax JV LLC and the City of Fairfax, together with associated documentation necessary or the approval, construction, and maintenance of the referenced stream restoration project, including but not limited to a Deed of Easement between the parties. (*Councilmember Miller was absent.*)

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approved, unanimously, the May 3, 2022, special meeting minutes. (*Councilmember Miller was absent.*)



### Willard-Sherwood Health and Community Center Update

Fairfax City and Fairfax County are redeveloping the Joseph Willard Health Center and Stacy C. Sherwood Center sites into a single destination for health, wellness, fitness, child care, and the arts. This facility will provide integrated health and human services to city and county residents.

We compiled community feedback received thus far into an easy-to-read report organized by major themes of what we heard, such as amenities, programming, indoor/outdoor features, security, traffic and parking, and construction concerns. Visit [engage.fairfaxva.gov](https://engage.fairfaxva.gov) to read the summary of public feedback and new FAQ.



**ANNUAL LABOR DAY  
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**8 AM - 3 PM**

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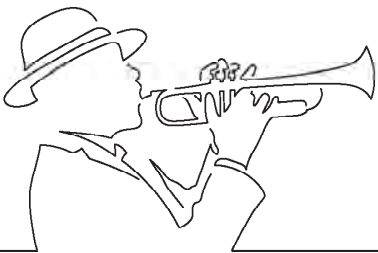
## Public Comment Period on Street Names Closes Sept. 30

City Council adopted the *Street Naming and Renaming Policy* on April 12, 2022, which provides for a specific, consistent, and quantifiable process for street naming and renaming conventions for new and existing streets. At the July 12 meeting, City Council will decide if any of the 14 recommended street names will change.

The public is encouraged to submit ideas for new street names, using one of these two ways:

- Complete the survey on [engage.fairfaxva.gov](https://engage.fairfaxva.gov)
- Submit printed surveys via drop boxes in the City Hall Atrium and at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center

Street name submissions will be evaluated to ensure they comply with the policy. Accepted names will be forwarded to the Connecting Fairfax City for All subcommittee for further review, and to refine the list further. The final list of recommended names will be forwarded to council for consideration and possible adoption.



Upcoming programs and performances are listed in the events calendar at [fairfaxva.gov](https://fairfaxva.gov).

### Summer Under the Stars with the City of Fairfax Band Association

- 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Veterans Amphitheater
- July 7: Alte Kameraden
- July 14: City of Fairfax Band Children's Concert
- July 21: Main Street Community Band
- July 28: City of Fairfax Band Summer Concert

# MAKING History

## Celebrate as Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center Turns 30 on July 4

Drop by the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center (10209 Main Street) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 4 to celebrate its 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 guess the year of past Independence Day Celebrations based on clues.

## Cedar Mountain to Antietam: A Civil War Campaign History of the Union XII Corps, July to September 1862; July 23

At this free history talk and book signing held in honor of Juneteenth, author M. Chris Bryan will discuss the experiences of the XII Corps, Army of Virginia during the summer of 1862. The talk will be held at 2 p.m. July 23 at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. Books available for purchase. *Info: fairfaxva.gov, search "Cedar Mountain"*

## Tour the Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, 10386 Main St. Free docent-led tours. View the new exhibit, *Kitty of the Roses*. *Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Pozer House"), 703-385-8414*

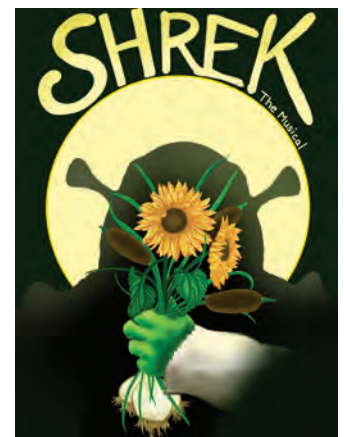
## Musical Styles Along the Crooked Road: Crooked Road Royalty, through Sept. 11

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")*

## Shrek the Musical

City of Fairfax Theatre Company  
 July 15-23, Katherine Johnson Middle School, \$25/adults, \$15/kids  
 Showtimes: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays; 2 p.m. Saturdays; 3 p.m. Sunday

Join the City of Fairfax Theatre Company for the musical version of the beloved animated movie, *Shrek*, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary.



## Rock the Block

- 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Old Town Square
- July 22: Bridge Brothers
- August 26: Ocho de Bastos

## Movies Under the Moon

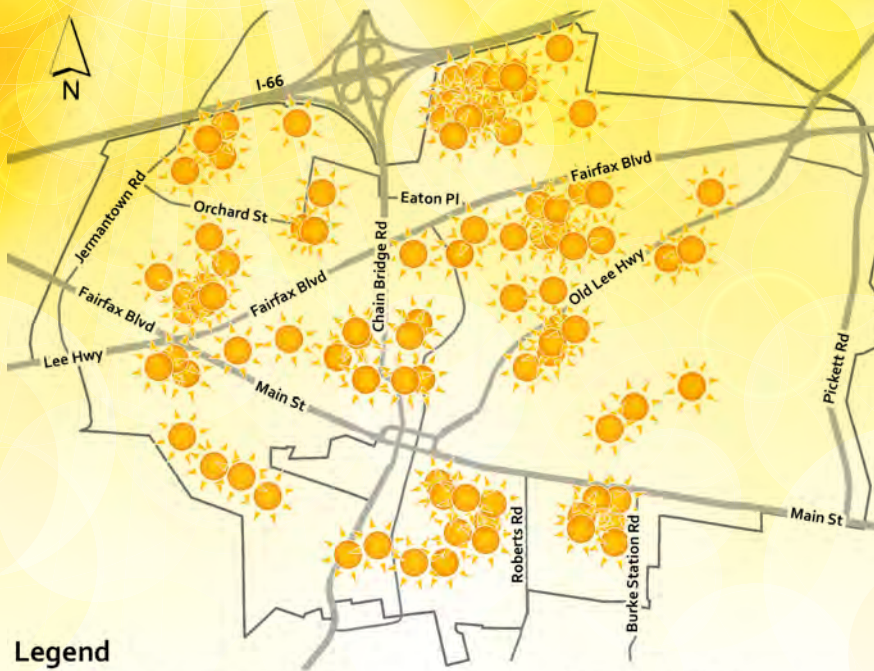
- 8 p.m., Van Dyck Park
- July 8: *Up*
- August 12: *Encanto*



# 2022 FACT BOOK

# FUN FACT!

More than  
**70**  
Building Permits  
for Residential  
Solar Panels  
Issued through  
Dec. 2021



### Legend



Building Permits for Residential Solar Panels Issued Through December 2021

Source: Fairfax City GIS and Code Administration Building Permits 2/2022



## CURIOUS CITIZENS

### Is it okay to place yard waste in the street?

Yes, yard waste may be placed in the street, along the curb, so long as it doesn't block traffic or pedestrian access. Remember to use paper yard waste bags or reusable containers. Yard waste set out in plastic bags will not be collected. Thanks.



## 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](http://fairfaxva.gov) and search "boards and vacancies," or call 703-385-7935.



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### Saturdays:

- April 16
- May 28
- June 25
- July 30
- August 27
- September 24
- October 29



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## The June 2022 real estate tax bill was the last time your stormwater service will be included with your real estate property taxes.

Beginning in December, stormwater service will be listed as a separate line item on your real estate tax bill, and will be based on each property's demands for stormwater management. Stormwater services improve drainage and reduce flooding throughout the city; they protect private property, local streams, and the Chesapeake Bay and much more.

To learn more about this program and apply for a credit to your December bill, visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/stormwaterutility](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/stormwaterutility). Credit applications are due October 1.



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## Economic Development Office's New Home in Northfax



Fairfax City's business community is growing, and so is our Economic Development Office. If you're considering opening a business in Fairfax City, or relocating here, schedule a meeting with EDO staff in their new Northfax office located at 10300 Eaton Place, Ste. 235. Learn how they can help you at [fairfaxcityconnected.com](http://fairfaxcityconnected.com).