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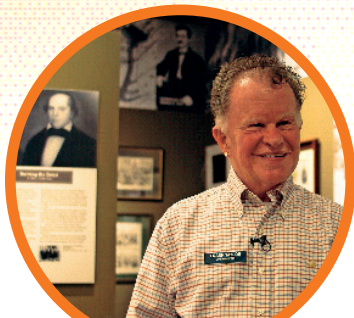


AUG 29-SEP 4, 2022

RESTAURANT WEEK

SUMMER

Help Tell the City's Stories as a Historic Resources Volunteer



FRANK TAYLOR

interesting thing I get to do is explain history to folks, explain where Fairfax started, and that's exciting and interesting," he said.

Volunteers fill diverse roles at the three historic sites managed by Historic Resources: Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center, and RAP House. Volunteers greet visitors, lead tours, conduct research, and provide tourism information for the D.C. metropolitan area.

"The most gratifying thing about volunteering has been that I'm able to reach people that are interested in history and sometimes even the ones that you don't think are interested in history," said Robyn Jackson, a volunteer at Blenheim.

"Our sites wouldn't be able to open without volunteers. And having folks that live here in Fairfax be able to show their passion for local history, welcoming visitors from down the street or around the world, is what makes people really connect to us," explained Cami St. Germain, historic research specialist with Historic Resources.

If you're interested in volunteering, please complete the application available at fairfaxva.gov/government/historic-resources/volunteer



ROBYN JACKSON

Every person, place, and object of interest in Fairfax City has a story to tell. If you'd like to help tell those stories, the Office of Historic Resources is looking for new volunteers to share their passion for history and showcase the city to residents and visitors.

Frank Taylor, a volunteer at the Fairfax Museum and Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House, encourages people to volunteer. "I think that the most

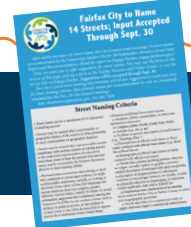


Rain Barrel Workshop

Offered Sept. 10

Make a difference in only two hours: build a ready-to-roll rain barrel to conserve water and earn stormwater utility credits in the Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 10 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road. The workshop and all materials cost \$55 per person — about half the retail cost of a rain barrel. This workshop is sponsored by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water

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CITY NEWS

National Night Out, Aug. 2

The 39th Annual National Night Out will be held from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 2, rain or shine. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to help make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Neighborhoods host block parties, cookouts, and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, and more. *Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "National Night Out")*

Virginia Sales Tax Holiday, Aug. 5-7

Virginia's annual tax holiday is here! From Aug. 5-7, purchase qualified items tax-free: clothing and footwear; school supplies; hurricane and emergency preparedness items; and Energy Star™ and WaterSense™ products. See what items qualify at tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday.

Back to School, Aug. 22

Students return to Fairfax County Public Schools, Northern Virginia Community College, and George Mason University Aug. 22. Be sure students are properly immunized. Find information on Fairfax County Public School immunization requirements at fcps.edu (search "immunization"). Fairfax County Health Department provides free immunizations for FCPS students. *Info: fairfaxcounty.gov/health/immunization*



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703-385-5738*

Farmers' Markets

Shop for fresh fruits and vegetables, baked good, and more at the Saturday Market and Sunday Market at 10500 Page Avenue (adjacent to the historic Fairfax Courthouse). Sponsored by the Downtown Fairfax Coalition, the markets are held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through late October. *Info: fairfaxsaturndaymarket.com, fairfaxsundaymarket.com*

Jermantown Cemetery Legacy Day

Learn more about the Jermantown Cemetery from 3-6 p.m. Aug. 28 at Truro Anglican Church, 10520 Main St. Descendants of people buried in the cemetery will meet, greet, share, and discover legacies. Sharing information will help uncover common heritage. RSVP by Aug. 1 to Connie Smith at 571-334-4935 or constancesmith3@comcast.net.



Rain Barrel Workshop

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Conservation District. Space is limited. *Registration required: nvsxcd-velocitypayment-com.3dcartstores.com/Build-Your-Own-Rain-Barrel-Workshop_p_14.html*



Tree Trimming Safety

Dominion Energy states that you should never attempt to trim any vegetation touching or inside the minimum 10-foot safe distance to power lines. Untrained individuals should not attempt to trim trees near power lines for risk of serious or fatal injury. Approaching power lines is not only deadly, it's against the law. Call Dominion at 866-366-4357 to help determine a safe way to remove trees or limbs. Dominion employs trained professionals and contractors to trim trees around power lines.

Info: www.dominionenergy.com/safety/electric-safety/trees-trimming-and-powerlines



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 JUNE 14, 2022

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging the month of June as LGBTIQQ+ Pride Month in the City of Fairfax.
- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging the month of June as CPR Month in the City of Fairfax.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of an award of construction contract for Culvert Rehabilitation, Plantation Parkway; Consideration of an award of construction contract for concrete-in-place and brick layering services.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved unanimously, the appropriation resolution in the amount of \$147,558 for FY22 federal, state, and other grants as amended.
- Held public hearing on the 14 streets recommended for name change by the Connecting Fairfax City For All Stakeholder Advisory Group. City Council will hear public input on whether or not to change following street names: Confederate Lane, Plantation Parkway, Ranger Road, Raider Lane, Reb Street, Scarlet Circle, Singleton Circle, Traveler Street, Mosby Woods Drive, Mosby Road, Lee Street, Lee Highway, Old Lee Highway, Stonewall Avenue.
(No action taken.)

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, unanimously, to defer consideration of an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 90 (Taxation) to add a new Article XIII, regarding a Local, Disposable Plastic Bag Tax to July 12, 2022.
(Councilmember Lim was absent.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approved, 4-0-1, the May 10, 2022, regular meeting minutes. (Councilmember Yi abstained. Councilmember Lim was absent.)
- Approved, 4-0-1, the May 24, 2022, regular meeting minutes. (Councilmember Miller abstained. Councilmember Lim was absent.)

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- Approved, unanimously, to reappoint: Alice Lippert to the Environmental Sustainability Committee; Caryn Perrelli Trivett to the Personnel Advisory Board; Suzanne Levy to the Fairfax County Public Library Board of Trustees; Jamil Ahmed to the Retirement Plan Administrative Committee. (Councilmember Lim was absent.)

COUNCIL ACTIONS OF JUNE 28, 2022

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of adoption of the City of Fairfax purchasing requisition; Consideration of a resolution to endorse the city’s submission of the South Street Extension Project to the Virginia Department of Transportation for FY26 Smart Scale Funding; Consideration of a resolution to endorse the city’s submission of the George Snyder Trail Extension to the Virginia Department of Transportation for FY26 Smart Scale Funding; Consideration of a resolution setting the allocation percentage for Personal Property Tax Relief (PPTR) in the City of Fairfax for the 2022 Tax Year at 37.75%; Consideration of an award of construction contract for drainage improvements, Fairfax Boulevard & Meredith Drive. (Councilmember Lim was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, to introduce an appropriation in the amount of \$75,000 to the Economic Development Authority resulting from an award by the Virginia Tourism Corporation for Tourism Specific Programming. Further moved to waive the first reading and set the public hearing for July 12, 2022. (Councilmember Lim was absent.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, the request for consideration of an amendment to a special use permit to allow private clubs in the CR Commercial Retail Zoning District and Architectural Control Overlay District, and for consideration of a major certificate of appropriateness at 3529 Chain Bridge Road, with conditions.
(Councilmember Lim was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, the request for consideration of an amendment to a special use permit to allow private clubs in the CR Commercial Retail Zoning District and Architectural Control Overlay District; and for consideration of a major certificate of appropriateness at 3529 Chain Bridge Road, subject to conditions (as may be amended by City Council). (Councilmember Lim was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, a resolution adopting and replacing the official seal of the City of Fairfax, Virginia.
(Councilmember Lim was absent.)

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- DEFERRED TO JULY 12, 2022: Consideration of those street names recommended for change by the Connecting Fairfax City for All Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG). (Councilmember Lim was absent.)



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LIVE LIFE IN THE ARTS

7 p.m. Thursdays:
New Brass on the Square performances in Old Town Square

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

2022 SUNDAY SESSIONS

Old Town Plaza
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3rd Sunday
July - October
1:00 - 3:00PM

July 17
August 21
September 18
October 16

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Parks and Recreation

Tips to Avoid Penalties for Late Tax Payments

The Treasurer's Office has received a much higher than normal number of taxpayer complaints in recent months, such as:

- No paper tax bill was received in the mail.
- Mailed payments did not make it to City Hall.

Late pay penalties are severe and it is the goal of the Treasurer's Office to minimize them.

To avoid problems caused by lost mail, consider the following:

1. Mail checks early and check your account online (fairfaxva.gov/mytaxes) to verify it was received.
2. Use the 24-hour dropbox in front of City Hall next to the flagpoles. You do not have to park to drop payments in the drop box. **Checks only, no cash.**
3. If you use a bank bill payer service, please pay early and verify that your payment has been received. Bill payer envelopes are not postmarked, meaning if the city receives your payment after the due date, there is no way to verify that you paid in time.
4. If you mail your payment at the post office, use the counter and request proof of mailing.

Please sign up for Fairfax City Alert. If you don't get a bill, an alert sent by email or text will remind you to call the city. If you've paid, the alert will prompt you to verify that your payment has been received.
Info: fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert

Unrelated to lost or delayed mail, the Treasurer suggests those who pay by e-check make sure their bank account gets debited. Many a penalty has been levied because of typos. Pay early and verify receipt of payment.



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); **Commission for Women** (one vacancy); **Commission on the Arts** (one vacancy); **Economic Development Authority** (one vacancy for a George Mason University rep); **Environmental Sustainability Committee** (one vacancy); **Fairfax Village in the City Advisory Board** (one vacancy). Vacancies are subject to change.

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

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CityPD

(arrests and crime reports)

Transportation

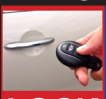
(transportation projects and news)

Museum

(exhibits, programs)



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ELECTION NEWS YOU CAN USE

Nov. 8, 2022, General Election Candidates

Member House of Representatives, 11th District: Gerald E. "Gerry" Connolly (D), James G. "Jim" Myles (R), Write-In

Candidates for Mayor: Sang Yi, Catherine S. Read, Write-In

City Council Candidates: D. T. "Tom" Ross, Jon R. Stehle Jr., Billy M. Bates, Kate G. Doyle Feingold, Joseph D. Harmon, So P. Lim, Jeffrey C. Greenfield, Anahita N. "Ana" Renner, Craig Salewski, Write-In

School Board Candidates: Carolyn S. Pitches, Stacy R. Hall, Sarah Kelsey, Amit S. Hickman, Rachel McQuillen, Write-In

VOTER NOTIFICATIONS AND DEADLINES

In-person early voting begins Sept. 23. The Election Office (City Hall Annex Room 300) is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and on Saturday, Oct. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 5, for in-person voting.

Voters may cast ballots by mail, and applications are required to vote by mail. Ballots will be mailed Sept. 23 for applications received before that date; after that date, ballots will be mailed within two to three days of receipt of the application. The final day to request a ballot by mail is 5 p.m. Oct. 28. Info: fairfaxva.gov/vote, 703-385-7890

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July 30

August 27

September 24

October 29

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Parks & Recreation

Your Ideas for Improving Fairfax City

Fairfax City received \$29.6 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding last year. City staff shared the draft spending plan with various stakeholders, boards and commissions, and the public. The plan was adjusted based on feedback received and adopted following a public hearing on Dec. 14, 2021. The FY23 budget was adopted May 3.

During that process, the city asked residents to share ideas on how best to spend the relief funding. Residents submitted 42 ideas on Engage Fairfax, the city's online engagement platform, and 262 people completed the survey. Many of the suggested ideas were not eligible uses for ARPA funding; however, the spirit in which they were offered was commendable.

The city is already doing, or has plans to do, several of the actions suggested, and there are practical reasons for not pursuing other ideas. Here some of the ideas that were submitted for consideration.

Buy property next to Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center – preserve forest as open space

- Good news! The city agreed to purchase this 2.7-acre property on Feb. 22.

Brighten downtown with festive lighting and murals

- The Economic Development Office received \$60K in ARPA funding through the Virginia Tourism Corporation for artistic light installations.
- Old Town Fairfax is illuminated with festive lighting throughout the holiday season; however, there are no existing electrical outlets along Main or North streets.
- Two murals were painted on the south-facing wall of Draper's Steak and Seafood restaurant.
- Have you seen the interactive augmented reality mural next to the parking garage on University Drive?

Close Main Street between 123 and University to make Old Town walkable; add permanent outdoor dining; make Old Town walkable and vibrant

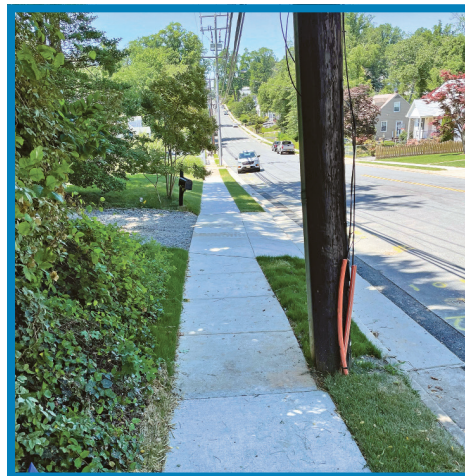
- The Capital Improvement Program includes money for an Old Town transportation study to evaluate ideas such as these.

Build a performing arts center

- The architects designing the new Willard-Sherwood Health and Community Center will prepare an option that includes space for performing arts.

Stormwater management improvements; reduce flooding on Fairfax Boulevard

- A project to improve drainage at Fairfax Boulevard and Meredith Drive was approved in FY21, and construction is expected to begin this summer. Information is available on Engage Fairfax.



Build the sidewalks for which there are petitions

- The city recently installed 100 linear feet of sidewalk on Woodland Drive (pictured, above). This project was requested through the Residential New Concrete Sidewalk Program. A pedestrian plan is proposed for FY24, which would (in part) guide citywide priorities for completing missing sidewalks.

Secure the power grid – underground utilities

- Undergrounding utilities is extremely expensive, but the city looks for opportunities to do this during projects that require excavations and/or relocating utilities.

Replace private sewer laterals

- The city has a lateral repair and replacement program to help offset the costs of repair and replacement.

Fix wastewater bills

- City Council adopted a winter quarter limit for wastewater billing at its Feb. 22 meeting.

Start curbside collection of glass recycling

- Collecting glass at the curb is not financially sustainable. Please continue to take your glass to one of the purple containers in the area.

Add compost stations in parks

- Compost is unavailable; however, the city will deliver 30 cubic yard loads of wood mulch to designated common areas at the request of homeowner and civic associations.

Build a homeless shelter

- The city has an agreement with Fairfax County that provides the city access to the county's continuum of homeless services, including emergency shelters and hypothermia shelters. The city also works closely with the Lamb Center, a drop-in center within the city.
- The Lamb Center has submitted a proposal to construct a supportive housing complex at the site of the Hy-Way Motel on Fairfax Boulevard.

Subsidized housing for the elderly; property tax reductions for seniors who aren't eligible

- Tax deferral/exemptions are ineligible uses of ARPA funding; however, the FY23 budget includes an increase to the city's tax relief program to help a greater number of older and disabled residents. Up to

30 applications will be positively impacted, and 22% of existing applicants will see increased benefits.

- The city has an agreement with Fairfax County's Redevelopment and Housing Authority, which manages an array of housing services, including the Housing Choice Voucher and the Affordable Dwelling Unit programs. Older residents may be eligible for both programs.



Low-cost yard maintenance for disabled and elderly; assist seniors with snow removal

- The new Fairfax City in the Village was created to support healthy aging in-place by sharing useful information, strengthening personal connections between neighbors, and providing opportunities for social interaction. The Village utilizes community volunteers to help with household tasks including yard work and snow removal.

Drop-in workspaces with Wi-Fi

- Office Evolution offers low-cost options for membership. The Mason Enterprise Center will provide low-cost flexible space at its new location in Northfax.

Support locally owned businesses affected by pandemic

- The Economic Development Office and Economic Development Authority implemented *Fairfax City ReConnected* programs and initiatives to assist the business community with pandemic recovery efforts. Hundreds of businesses benefited from these programs.

Build a trail behind Fire Station 33 to connect neighborhood to Fairfax Boulevard

- A trail is funded, with design expected to begin in FY23.

Connecting trail from Mosby Woods to I-66 trail

- There will be two options to connect from Mosby Woods to the I-66 trail: via the George Snyder Trail/Route 123 trail spur to the west, or over Blake Lane to the east via the Plantation-Five Oaks path.

Capital Bikeshare and protected bike lanes in Old Town

- Thirteen Capital Bikeshare stations have been proposed. The University Drive bike lanes project is funded.

Build missing Chain Bridge Road sidewalk between Taba Cove and Center Street

- This sidewalk project is funded. Design will begin in FY23.

Install EV charging stations

- The city has installed four EV chargers at two locations: City Hall and Old Town Hall – both are free to use! Additionally, there are at least 10 privately operated EV chargers in the city available for public use.

Hold a flea market

- The Funky Flea Market is held on the last Saturday of the month from April through October at City Hall. See page 5.

Preserve green space and enhance parks

- The city is using approximately \$20 million in ARPA funding to enhance park and recreation facilities.

Improve athletic fields for younger kids

- The city is making improvements at several fields to include dugouts and spectator seating.

Open a community garden

- The city provides community gardens at City Hall (recently expanded) and Kutner Park.

Clean energy initiatives

- The city participates in many energy and environmental initiatives.
- Earned the SolSmart Bronze Award for advancing solar energy growth.
- Adopted a goal to reduce green-

house gas emissions 80% from 2005 levels by 2050.

- Converting electric streetlights to LED technology, which will save taxpayer dollars, provide better lighting quality, reduce energy use, increase street light reliability, reduce light pollution, and decrease greenhouse gas emissions.
- Residents may apply for home improvement loans for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects through the Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation program.
- Considering joining the statewide Commercial PACE program to offer clean energy financing to commercial property owners.
- Planning to design the new Willard-Sherwood Health and Community Center to LEED Gold and Net Zero standards.
- Plans to conduct feasibility studies and subsequent plans for government operations to achieve 100% renewable electricity by 2035 and community-wide 100% renewable electricity by 2050.



Thank You
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Engage Fairfax
(engage.fairfaxva.gov)
to interact with city leadership.

Fund a recycling plan

- The city's Solid Waste Management Plan outlines how to manage solid waste and recycling during the next 20 years.

Install solar panels on city-owned buildings

- Conducting a solar feasibility assessment of city facilities to inform budget development for renewable energy installations on city facilities over time.

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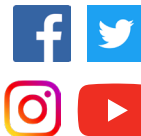
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Your Ideas for Improving Fairfax City

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Add animals at Blenheim

- This would require a long-term funding commitment from the city for the purchase of and future replacement of animals; designing, building, and maintaining barns; employing animal caretakers, and recurring costs for vet visits, food, and other supplies.

Sell postcards featuring city locations

- Historic Resources sells postcards and notecards featuring historic buildings and landscapes at city gift shops. The selection grows each year.

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MAKING History

Civil War Veterans and Opioid Addiction; Aug. 27

Jonathan Jones, Ph.D., assistant professor of history at Virginia Military Institute, uncovers the tragic history of America's first opioid crisis.

Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "opium")

Tour the Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays through October. Free docent-led tours. View the new exhibit, *Kitty Barrett Poser: A Life to Honor*. 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 & 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")