

city scene

SEPTEMBER 2022

LABOR DAY CAR SHOW
8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 5



Meet the artists at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 at Green Acres Center

Colorful New Mural Encourages Recycling



WINNING DESIGN BY MONICA TUCKER-HARLEY AND SARAH BERRY



Last year, the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts solicited designs for an indoor recycled art project called *The Plastic Cap Mural*. The art project was conceived as a way to encourage residents to recycle and make a positive difference in the world.

The winning design was submitted by local artists Monica Tucker-Harley and Sarah Berry, who were drawn to the project and the eco-awareness theme because nature informs their work. Their mural, *Renew*, made up of 3,000

colorful plastic caps and lids, has been installed on an interior wall at the Green Acres Center.

The artists applied for the project through Persimmon Project, which was founded by Berry to produce murals that pair art and biology to create lasting aesthetic and educational placemaking. Tucker-Harley and Berry have been working together since 2016 when they met during an exhibition by the Art Connection in the Capitol Region at the Pozez Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia's Bodzin Art Gallery. Tucker-Harley was an ACCR board member, and Berry is the gallery curator.

Tucker-Harley and Berry say they feel extremely fortunate to work well together. "Good partners are hard to find, and we did," they said. Both artists have shared their artwork in galleries around the country. The previous mural, *Love and Unity*, is on display inside the Manassas Mall.

Renew measures 12-foot by 4-foot and consists of three 4-foot-square wood panels. Caps and lids were sourced from the community at collection sites arranged by the Commission on the Arts, along with caps Tucker-Harley had left over from a mural her Girl Scout Brownie troop

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Labor Day Car Show Drives Fundraising

From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 5, more than 300 vehicles will line University Drive in front of Fire Station 3 for the 23rd Annual Labor Day Car Show. Admission is free to this family-friendly event organized by Clifton Lions Club and the City of Fairfax, but every dollar you spend will be donated to local charities.

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CITY NEWS

City Government Offices Holiday Closures

Monday, Sept. 5, Labor Day

- Closed: City government offices, DMV Select, General District Court
- Open: Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center
- CUE Bus: Saturday service

Holiday Refuse & Recycling Collection Schedule

- Sept. 5: no service
- Sept. 6: Monday and Tuesday routes collected

Please note: there may be a delay in yard debris collection citywide Sept. 6-10. Please leave items at the curb until they are collected. Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Refuse Holiday"), 703-385-7837

VOTE

Early and By-Mail Voting Begins Sept. 23

Early voting for the Nov. 8 General Election begins Sept. 23 in the Office of Elections (City Hall Annex, Room 300). **Please bring your ID.** Request by-mail ballots by Oct. 28 via elections.virginia.gov/vote. By-mail ballots may be returned by mail, in person by the voter, or in the secure ballot drop box at City Hall Atrium. Info: fairfaxva.gov/vote, 703-385-7891

New Suicide Prevention Lifeline Number, 988

All individuals who dial 988 are connected with Suicide & Crisis Lifeline counselors for emotional support and other services. Online chat services are available at 988lifeline.org. Service members, veterans, and their families can reach the Veterans Crisis Line by pressing 1, by texting 838255, or online at veteranscrisisline.net.

Arts Grant Applications, Sept. 23

Fairfax artists: you may apply for the Commission on the Arts grant! Grant applications are accepted for projects or events that occur between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. Deadline is 5 p.m. Sept. 23. Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "grant information"), 703-273-6097

Personal Property Tax Payments Due Oct. 5

Personal property and vehicle registration fee payments are due by Oct. 5. Late payments will incur a 10% penalty, plus interest. Payment options:

- **Secure drop box** outside City Hall (off Armstrong Street)
- **Mail** checks only (and early)
- **Online** via the Payments button on the city homepage

Confirm tax payments online via fairfaxva.gov/mytaxes. To request a copy of your bill, call 703-385-7900 (then press 1). To make changes to your bill, call 703-385-7885. *Reminder: decals are issued only for vehicles registered at addresses in Residential Parking Permit Districts. Info: fairfaxva.gov, search "Personal Property Tax"*

Slow Down in School and Work Zones

The city's photo speed cameras are active around schools and in work zones. Please follow the posted speed limit or risk receiving a fine. Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "photo enforcement")

Street Naming Survey

On July 12, the Fairfax City Council voted to change 14 street names as recommended by the Connecting Fairfax City for All Stakeholder Advisory Group. Please use the survey tool on Engage Fairfax to submit new street names for consideration through Sept. 30. Info: engage.fairfaxva.gov



CITY OF FAIRFAX
STORMWATER
MANAGEMENT

Stormwater Utility Fee Appeals

The new Stormwater Utility fee equitably distributes the cost of the city's stormwater management services across eligible properties based on the amount of impervious cover. The SWU fee is assessed on every eligible property in the city. Residential and non-residential properties with at least 500 square feet of impervious cover are assessed a SWU fee.

Property owners may request an adjustment to the fee by submitting an appeal application within 30 calendar days after the date the bill is mailed or otherwise issued. Grounds for an adjustment of the fee are limited and must be approved by the director of Public Works.

One example of an appeal or adjustment would be for a wood-slatted deck that is built over ground cover that allows for rainwater absorption. Once an appeal is approved, the updated billing unit information will be carried forward each year and property owners would not need to reapply. Additional information about the SWU and a copy of the SWU appeal application is available online at fairfaxva.gov/stormwaterutility.



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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 JULY 12, 2022

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously the adoption of the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, introduction of an ordinance repealing City Code Chapter 2, Article V, Division 3, pertaining to the Community Appearance Committee.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation of \$75,000 to the Economic Development Authority resulting from an award by the Virginia Tourism Corporation for tourism-specific programming.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Consideration of those street names recommended for change by the Connecting Fairfax City for All Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG):
 - Confederate Lane: Approved, 5-1. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Lim, Miller, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmember Yi.)*
 - Lee Highway: Approved, 5-1. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Lim, Miller, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmember Yi.)*
 - Lee Street: Approved, 4-2. *(In favor: Councilmembers Miller, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Harmon and Yi.)*
 - Mosby Road: Approved, 4-2. *(In favor: Councilmembers Miller, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Harmon and Yi.)*
 - Mosby Woods Drive: Approved, 4-2. *(In favor: Councilmembers Miller, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Harmon and Yi.)*
 - Old Lee Highway: Approved, 5-1. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Lim, Miller, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmember Yi)*
 - Plantation Parkway: Approved, 5-1. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Lim, Miller, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmember Yi)*
 - Raider Road: Approved, 4-2. *(In favor: Councilmembers Miller, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Harmon and Yi.)*
 - Ranger Road: Approved, 4-2. *(In favor: Councilmembers Miller, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Harmon and Yi.)*
 - Reb Street: Approved, unanimously.
 - Scarlet Circle: Approved, 4-2. *(In favor: Councilmembers Miller, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Harmon and Yi.)*
 - Singleton Circle: Approved, 4-2. *(In favor: Councilmembers Miller, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Harmon and Yi.)*
 - Traveler Street: Approved, 4-2. *(In favor: Councilmembers Miller, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Harmon and Yi.)*
 - Stonewall Avenue: Approved, unanimously.

- Approved, unanimously, to direct staff to begin the renaming public engagement and selection process for any streets that have been approved for renaming.
- Approved, 4-2, to enact an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 90 (Taxation), to add a new Article XIII, pertaining to a new local disposable plastic bag tax. *(In favor: Councilmembers Lim, Miller, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Harmon and Yi.)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approved, unanimously, the June 14, 2022, regular meeting minutes.
- Approved, 5-0-1, the June 28, 2022, regular meeting minutes. *(In favor: Councilmembers Harmon, Miller, Ross, Stehle, and Yi. Abstained: Councilmember Lim.)*

CLOSED MEETING

- Closed meeting to discuss personnel matters.

COUNCIL ACTIONS OF JULY 26, 2022

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of appreciation by Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of American Revolution.
- Approved, unanimously (4-0), remote participation by Councilmembers Ross and Yi.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the consent agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance repealing City Code Chapter 2, Article V, Division 3, pertaining to the Community Appearance Committee.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 110 (Zoning), to amend portions of articles and sections contained therein, including introductory provisions, zoning districts and regulations, site development standards, development review and definitions with all changes incorporated during tonight’s meeting.



Managing Grass Clippings

Blowing grass clippings into the street, against the curb, or into storm drains,

channels, and inlets can cause problems, such as:

- Backups and flooding due to clogged stormwater structures
- Poor water quality in our streams
- An unkempt look that some community members find objectionable

Improper disposal of grass clippings is considered an illicit discharge in the City Code and can be referred to the Fire Marshal’s office for enforcement.

To help keep our storm drains clear and our neighborhoods clean, please place grass clippings in a paper yard waste bag or a reusable container for curbside collection. (Yard waste set out in plastic bags or in loose piles will not be collected.) *Info: fairfaxva.gov (search “refuse”)*



Labor Day Car Show

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The 2021 show, which featured vehicles from 34 different manufacturers and drew more than 4,000 spectators, raised more than \$40,000 for Life with Cancer and the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program. Proceeds from the 2022 show will support both charities again, as well as Fairfax Cares, the city’s child hunger initiative.

There will be lots of fun things to do in addition to seeing the amazing collection of antique vehicles, muscle cars, and hot rods. Watch teams race to assemble an engine and see old-fashioned steam engines. Meet a horse which helps children with disabilities and recovering veterans at Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding

Program’s O’Shaughnessy Farm. Purchase lunch from premier sponsor Capital Ale House or burgers and hot dogs served by the Clifton Lions Club. Rita’s Ice and Inside Scoop will have frozen treats available for purchase.

“I am looking forward to seeing a 1938 Packard convertible at the show for the first time,” said former city councilmember and event organizer Jeff Greenfield.

For those who are unable to attend but want to support the charities’ missions, tax-deductible donations can be made online at labordaycarshow.org, or by sending a check made payable to the Clifton Lions Club, P.O. Box 41, Clifton, VA 20124. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Email carshowmgmt@gmail.com to learn more or visit labordaycarshow.org.



Membership in Fairfax Village in the City is free!

IN THE CITY

Fairfax Village in the City was created in response to social isolation and other challenges faced by older city residents and those with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The city’s effort is part of a nationwide Village Movement started in 2002, when a group of older neighbors in Boston organized to help each other stay in their homes as they aged.

The mission of Fairfax Village in the City, a joint effort of city staff and community volunteers, is “to help residents ages 55 and older and those with disabilities to age in place within the City of Fairfax community. To that end, the Village works to build personal connections between neighbors, share useful information, and facilitate access to area resources.”

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Encourage older residents and adults with disabilities to become members.

Although someone may not need help now, circumstances can change quickly. Family members living outside this area might be happy to have contact with Village staff and volunteers, knowing their loved one is already in the database.

Volunteer. Potential services Village volunteers may assist with include:

- driving to medical/other appointments
- grocery shopping
- friendly check-in calls/visits
- basic yard work
- technology support
- emergency pet care
- organizing/downsizing
- handyman services

Member and volunteer application forms are available online at fairfaxva.gov/village. Printed forms can be obtained at the Young at Heart Senior Center, Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, City Hall, and City of Fairfax Regional Library.

Info: Jason Scadron, coordinator: 703-385-5738, village@fairfaxva.gov



CURIOUS CITIZENS

Do I need a permit to remove a tree on my property?

Yes, in most cases a permit is required and usually involves replacement. Trees that have been identified as an immediate hazard by the city's enforcement officer do not require a permit in advance. Permits may be obtained online. To apply for a permit (and avoid a \$200 fine), visit fairfaxva.gov (search "tree removal") or call 703-385-7820.



HELPING HANDS

THE CITY NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU

SERVE ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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); **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** (one vacancy). Vacancies are subject to change.

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



Be Prepared for Disasters and Emergencies

National Preparedness Month is celebrated every September to remind us of the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. Here are some useful actions you can take now to ensure you're ready when disaster strikes.

MAKE A PLAN

- Talk to friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after disasters.
- Make sure your plan includes evacuation routes and meeting points.
- Practice your plan so you know what to do if you ever need to respond to disaster.

BUILD A KIT FOR YOUR HOME AND CAR

- Gather enough supplies to last for several days after a disaster.
- Consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you must evacuate quickly.
- Monitor expiration dates and update your kits when necessary.

STAY INFORMED

- Sign up for **Fairfax City Alerts** (fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert) and be first to know of any dangers and disruptions.

PRACTICE PREPAREDNESS

- Visit PlanetReady.com/FairfaxCity and complete the short exercises created for the city.



Kamp Washington Small Area Plan



After more than a year of research, analysis, meetings, and revisions to address community input, the Kamp Washington Small Area Plan is almost complete. This plan will make recommendations for the Kamp Washington study area, located around the intersections of Fairfax Boulevard, Lee Highway, and Jermantown Road, providing specific guidance for the desired mix of uses, residential density, building density, design aesthetic, street locations, multimodal connections, infrastructure improvements, parking, and open space.

The small area plan sets five goals for the Kamp Washington study area: cultivating memorable places, designing high quality transitions from the commercial corridor to neighborhoods, improving the multimodal environment, creating quality and sustainable open spaces, and allowing land uses to evolve to meet future needs.

The project consultant team, led by Cunningham Quill Architects, is scheduled to present the final draft of the plan at public hearings with the Planning Commission and City Council on Sept. 12 and Sept. 27, respectively. More information, including the final draft of the plan, can be found on Engage Fairfax: engage.fairfaxva.gov.

Colorful New Mural

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made a few years ago. The artists used social media to crowdsource specifically colored caps as needed to complete the design, which was painted on the wood panels with acrylic paint. According to the artists, clear water bottle caps, black and silver Coca-Cola caps, and snack pouch caps were the most common donations.

“We hope viewers are pulled into the shapes and textures of the multitude of caps, which make for a fascinating medium,” the artists said. “They might be reminded of the myriad of products we use each day, many

of which end up in the landfill unless we make the effort to recycle or reuse, or, especially, to reduce our consumption of these products.”

Renew aligns with Persimmon Project’s mission to feature native flora and fauna in murals. “The elements of earth, air, fire, and water emerge of the recycling symbol, representing how the community can renew our commitment to protecting the environment by reducing, reusing, and recycling,” the artists wrote in an email. Mural viewers may notice familiar black-eyed Susan flowers, a northern red oak tree, a swimming brook trout, and butterfly pea plants.

“With all of the earth’s elements represented in *Renew*, we hope that

viewers will appreciate the beauty of a healthy ecosystem: clean air and water that support life, bright sunlight, tall trees, and vibrant flowers and vines,” said the artists.

The artists spent about 60 hours on the mural. One of the most memorable days during the project was the Art Walk on Main event, where community members helped sort caps by color and the artists began screwing the caps to the painted background.

“We have had the joy of watching children and adults engage with the mural, trying to pick out where the caps came from, and pointing out what they represent,” said the artists. “We love that the community is getting inspired by eco art.”



HOW DO YOU WANT OLD LEE HIGHWAY TO LOOK AND FEEL?

As the next step in the Old Lee Highway Multimodal Project, we are exploring how to create a meaningful user experience on the redesigned corridor.

What elements would you like to see as you walk, bike, drive, or ride the bus along Old Lee Highway? This could include signage, landscaping, public art, interactive activities or other elements that create a sense of place on the street.

Scan the QR code to take the survey and provide your input on this question.

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LIVE LIFE IN THE ARTS

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

National Dance Day

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 17, Old Town Square
 This family-friendly event will showcase different dance groups from the surrounding area. Many of these groups will offer mini dance lessons after their performances, so bring your dancing shoes!

ArtScreen

Yesterday
 7 p.m. Sept. 30
 Sherwood Center
 ArtScreen celebrates the arts with a free film series on Friday evenings in the City of Fairfax



City of Fairfax Theatre Company

Macbeth
 Performances at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, Veterans Amphitheater

MAKING History

Thomas Nelson Conrad, Confederate Spy; Sept. 24
 Join historian Walter A. Wilson for a presentation at 2 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Civil War Interpretive Center on one of the Confederate Army's most flamboyant spies: Thomas Conrad Nelson. *Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Conrad")*

Musical Styles Along the Crooked Road: Crooked Road Royalty — EXTENDED to Sept. 11
 This traveling exhibition at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 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")*

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 Pozer: A Life to Honor*. *Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Pozer House"), 703-385-8414*