



Parks & Recreation

Live Life Connected

# Parks and Recreation September 2021 PRAB Report

## Important Dates

**Sept. 2nd & 3rd**  
Shoestring Theatre Company's The Frenchman (Rain Dates): 7-9pm, @ Sherwood

**Sept. 6th**  
City Offices Closed, Labor Day Holiday

22nd Annual Labor Day Car Show: 8am-3pm @ University Dr. between Sager Ave. & Armstrong St.

**Sept. 7th**  
Senior Center Reopens Open House, 10am @ GA

**Sept. 9th**  
PRAB Meeting: 7pm @ Online and in-person

**Sept. 10th**  
Movies Under the Moon, The Rescuers: 8pm @ Van Dyck Park

**Sept. 13th, 20th, 27th**  
Funday Monday, 10:30am, @ Virtual/ OTH

**Sept. 18th**  
National Dance Day

**Sept. 24th**  
Rock The Block, Sudden M Pac Band: 6:30pm @ OTS

**Sept. 18th - 30th**  
Northern Virginia Senior Olympics



## Community Center Update

- Joint City/County Interviews with 12 firms.
- Blue Heron and City/County staff continue work on a Communications Plan. A draft will be discussed with the Mayor and Council on the morning of September 18th and at the October PRAB meeting.
- City staff completed a facility programming matrix for Blue Heron.
- City Staff and Blue Heron will be touring facilities September 8th. The facilities toured are the Wheaton Neighborhood Library and Community Center (Operated by Montgomery County Recreation Department), Southern Area Regional Community Center (Operated by Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission) and Edgewood Community Center (Operated by DC Parks and Rec).
- Additional tours of other facilities include Lubber Run Community Center (Arlington County) and The St. James (private) will be scheduled for later this fall.

# SHERWOOD PROGRAMS & CAMPS

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## SUMMER CAMP 2021!

Despite the restrictions and limited numbers, 2021 turned out to be an amazing summer for the City of Fairfax Summer Camps!! Camps were held successfully at Daniels Run, Providence, Katherine Johnson, Green Acres and Sherwood. Our traditional camps were held for a six week time and were completely full with a waitlist. Specialty camps such as Art, Cooking, Sports, Skateboarding, Spanish Immersion and Drama were also all almost completely full from Jun 13-Aug 20. Although we did not go on any fieldtrips this summer, children enjoyed in-house entertainment such as magic shows, laser tag, animal and bubble shows, and more! Visits from the City Police, Fire and Cue bus were also a big hit! The whole community worked together to make this a very safe and fun summer for the families of Fairfax City. With safety protocols in place, there were zero COVID cases this summer.

**2021 Total: 851 campers**



## PRESCHOOL 2021/2022

Preschool Programs will begin on Tues. Sept 7th for the 2020/2021 preschool programs. These programs will include Little School for ages 3-5yrs at the Sherwood Center, and MiChuChuTren Spanish Immersion Preschool for 2 1/2 -5yrs which will be held at Green Acres Center this year.. All programs have a two day, three day or five day option available. Because of the location change, the Spanish Immersion Preschool is offering a full day option this year. These are VA State Child Care licensed preschools and financial assistance is available for City of Fairfax residents in need. As of now, there are 14 kids enrolled in Little School and 10 in the Spanish Immersion Preschool with some limited space still available.

## **SHERWOOD BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

This school year, the Sherwood Afterschool Program began again successfully this year on the first day of school, Aug. 23rd. This year, a before school option was added for Daniels Run students. The programs have 23 kids in the afternoon and 14 in the morning program. The program will run on every day there is school and is a supplemental program to the SACC program. We are very happy to have these children back this school year at Sherwood.

## **FALL PROGRAMS 2021**

The Fall 2021 *Parks and Rec Connected!* was published and mailed out to Fairfax City residents August. This brochure includes many programs that will begin again for the first time in person in almost a year and half. These include Ballet, Piano lessons, Nia, Yoga, Music Together, Preschool and more!





# GREEN ACRES & SENIOR CENTER

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## GREEN ACRES

### Green Acres Program News

Senior and Adult classes continued at Van Dyck Park , Old Town Hall and Blenheim through August

A successful Summer season of classes are winding down this month. After many months, Fall classes are due to start the week of Sept 6th *in person* at Green Acres and Sherwood for the

Seniors and Adults. Registration for Fall classes began August 9.

The 2021 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics Games will be held September 18-30. Registration opened July 31 and closes September 6. Green Acres will host Bocce and Horseshoes on Thursday , Sept 30.

<https://nvso.us/>

August Class ENROLLMENTS			
Type	2020	2021	Difference
Seniors	51	113	+62
Adult	32	58	+26
Fitness Pass Usage (Includes Sr Members)	0	0	0



## SENIOR CENTER

### August SENIOR CENTER STATS

	2020	2021	Difference
New Members	0	1	+1
Total Members	4141	4142	+1
Attendance	0	0	0
Fitness Room	0	131	+131
Website Hits	NA	628	+628

### SENIOR CENTER COUNCIL NEWS

2020/2021 Senior Center Advisory Members

Kim Chu, Sam Crumpler, Susan DiMaina, Pat Hyland, Jayne Jackson, 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– currently *vacant looking for a replacement*

#### Election of new Senior Advisory Council Members

Due to the unusual circumstances created by Covid, a decision to extend the existing council positions for a few more months and tentatively hold an election in January 2022 was made during the June meeting.

The Senior Council's next meeting will be held *in person* on **Tuesday, September 21 at 1:00pm**

### Summer Fun

As we look forward to the full fall season at Green Acres, we reflect on the fun the seniors had together this summer at venues throughout the City. The seniors marched in the 4th of July parade, sang with the KENA SHRINE band, played Bingo at Old Town Hall, danced away in Zumba class, found their balance in Tai Chi, enjoyed the lectures at Blenheim with the military history group, learned the history of the City on a guided historic walk and enjoyed the outdoors playing Bocce and pickleball.



### Getting Back to *In person* Senior Programs

Prior to opening the senior center, at the beginning of August we opened our fitness room with limited hours from 8am– Noon. (numbers reported in table)

On Tuesday, September 7, we welcome our seniors back to the center with an Open House. Seniors will be able to enjoy the center again and check out the upgrades and new additions, including a game room located in room 112.

### Senior Center Staff are back!

We are fortunate to have our familiar staff returning with one new face– Laurie Basalyga

**Virtual Senior Programs** (*Numbers continue to trend down each month*)

The City's virtual website learning page had **12** hits in August compared to **98** hits in July.

We plan to offer virtual program opportunities for the seniors moving forward.



# CULTURAL ARTS

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## National Dance Day

Fairfax City will celebrate National Dance Day from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 18, in Old Town Square** (10415 North St.). This family-friendly event will showcase different dance groups from the surrounding area, some of whom will provide mini dance lessons after their performances. Per tradition, at the end of the event, everyone is encouraged to learn this year's routine; so bring your dancing shoes!

Featuring!

- Reflex Dance;
- McGrath Morgan Academy of Irish Dance;
- Children of the Light Dancers;
- Fairfax High School Dance Academy;
- World Dance;
- Virginia Ballet Company and School;
- C4 Performing Arts;
- The Fairfax Ballet Company and School;
- Sundays on Tap;
- and Dance Art Theatre.



## Mason Arts at Old Town Hall

Join us for a monthly showcase of spectacular students from George Mason University's College of Visual and Performing Arts.

7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, Old Town Hall



**Oct 13** - Dewberry School of Music

**Nov 10** - Film and Video Studies at the Sherwood Center

**Student Film Showcase** – Award-winning films from Film at Mason illustrate our shared need for connection and community. Students featured in this showcase produced their films virtually during the pandemic last fall and spring semesters. This program of inventive shorts highlights directors innovatively working across genres including documentary, drama, and comedy.

**Dec 8** - Dewberry School of Music

### Upcoming Commission on the Arts Events

#### The Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series

8pm, Fridays, Old Town Hall

Oct 15—Calvin Earl

Oct 29—Project Locrea

Nov 12—ROMEZ3arts

Dec 10—Kadencia



#### ArtScreen

7:30pm, Fridays, Sherwood Center

Nov 5—Big Night



# SPECIAL EVENTS



## ANNUAL LABOR DAY CAR SHOW

**Monday, September 6, 2021**

8 a.m.—3 p.m.

Cruise into Fairfax City's Labor Day Car Show

Put the pedal to the metal and come check out hundreds of cars, trucks, and motorcycles at the 22nd Annual Labor Day Car Show on September 6. The high-octane event will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. behind Fire Station 3 in Old Town Fairfax. From sleek imports to classic muscle cars and every vehicle in between, the biggest car show in the region will indulge your passion for speed, power, and style. Free admission!



## Movies Under The Moon

**Van Dyck Park staring at dusk**

Movies Under the Moon has been going on during August and September. Staff draws 10ft distancing circles on the ground for families to enjoy an evening outside watching a movie.

**September 10** The Rescuers

## Fall Festival Returns to Fairfax City Saturday, October 9, 2021



The dog days of summer are behind us, and cooler autumnal weather has arrived. It's time to celebrate the changing of the seasons! On Saturday, Oct. 9, the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Fairfax City. The Fall Festival is a family-friendly event, but please leave your pets at home.

University Drive, Main Street, and Sager Avenue will be lined with more than 400 vendors selling artwork, crafts, and gourmet food. Shop for clothes, dolls, needlework, floral arrangements, glass and ceramic creations, jewelry, and all kinds of artwork.

Enjoy live music and performances on three different stages: the main stage sponsored by Fair City Mall, the Old Town Square stage sponsored by HB Home Services, and the children's stage sponsored by Lidl. The Perfekt Band will close the event with a concert from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Old Town Square.

The popular All American Lumberjack Show is back! Watch competitors throw axes, race across floating logs, and wield a variety of very sharp saws. Show times are 10:30 a.m., noon, and 3:30 p.m., with an interactive camp at 1:30 p.m.

In addition to festival activities, the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House, and Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center all hosting open houses. Stop by to see why these historic properties are so dear to so many. Fire Station ....

Limited parking is available for the event. Free shuttles will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at George Mason University's Rappahannock parking garage and Fairfax High School.

Masks are strongly encouraged but not required. Please do your part to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

# SPECIAL EVENTS (cont.)

## SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS 2021

Event Permits are coming in slower this year. Staff has created a new form that will go into effect on July 2021. We are anticipating seeing an increase in event requests in 2021 for Old Town Square and Veterans Amphitheater at City Hall therefore staff has request a rental fee for these locations.

	2020 Cancelled due to COVID	2021	Difference
Approved Permits to Date	0	11	
Applications Received to Date	0	12	
Pending Applications	0	1	
Denied Applications	0	0	

# ATHLETICS & FIELDS

## ATHLETICS

Majority of Fall applications have been approved. Last year we did not have field/gym use due to COVID. We continue to accept and process requests for the Fall season.

### Requests:

**Fields:** 75 field permits have been issued to date. We approved 14 of the 23 applications received.

**Gyms:** We issued 6 gym permits to FPYC.

### Tournaments:

WAGS Tournament Oct 9 & 10

**Revenue:** Only includes two adult groups

**Pending Revenue:** Does not include FPYC, Fairfax Little League, or the tournament

**Pending Apps:** These are adult groups awaiting returned/unused space from FPYC. FPYC will return final space the first week of September. We schedule these 6 groups on a weekly basis through August.

## ATHLETICS STATS

FALL—September	2020	2021	Difference
Revenue		\$686.00	
Pending Revenue		\$5,345.40	
Field Permits To Date		75	
Gym Permits To Date		7	
Applications Received To Date		23	
Approved Applications To Date		14	
Denied/Canceled Applications		3	
Tournaments Scheduled		1	
Adult Groups Scheduled		3	
Pending Applications		6	

# FACILITIES

BRIANNE BAGLINI

## SEPTEMBER STATISTICS

Old Town Hall	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Sept.	26%	26%	0
Sept. Rentals	1	4	+3
<b>Aug. Revenue</b>	-\$283	\$5,509	+\$5,226

Sherwood	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Sept.	27%	48%	+21%
Sept. Rentals	5	28	+23
<b>Aug. Revenue</b>	\$2,950	\$41,170	+\$38,220

Blenheim	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Sept.	13%	33%	+20%
Sept. Rentals	4	9	+5
<b>Aug. Revenue</b>	\$506	\$10,958.75	+\$10,452.75

Green Acres	2020	2021	Difference
Utilization Rate for Sept.	87%	51%	-36%
Sept. Rentals	12	22	+10
<b>Aug. Revenue</b>	\$1,510	\$3,532	\$2,022