

MAY 2023 cityscene



City of Fairfax Band Director Takes His Final Bow

With an emphatic wave of his conductor's baton, Bob Pouliot will conclude his final concert as City of Fairfax Band director on May 13. Since his appointment in 1994, audiences have looked forward to seeing the accomplished conductor stride to his podium to lead the band, tuxedo coattails streaming behind him. People of all ages have been enraptured by his arrangements over the years, delighted by the skillfully played songs and the sense of community experienced at each concert.

As he steps away from the spotlight, Pouliot will conclude his final performance the same as always: with a deep bow toward the crowd, an acknowledging wave to the band members, and a smile that radiates the joy he feels every time his band delivers a memorable musical experience.

Pouliot said he hopes audiences will remember his time as music director fondly. "I hope that I've been able to give them something that they'll always remember," he said.

Fans of American composer John

Williams' movie scores were treated to an amazing performance at Fairfax High School on March 25. Every seat in the 1,146-seat auditorium was filled, and the audience was moved by familiar songs arranged in clever ways and awed by three exquisite soloists. The sold-out show was a testament to how much the band means to the community.

"Bob's leadership of the City of Fairfax Band has been extraordinary," said Jon Stehle, Fairfax City council member. "His focus on connecting with our entire community has been key in solidifying the important role the band plays in the unique character of our city. From annual holiday concerts to the children's concert in our Veterans Amphitheater to representing our city and nation at D-Day remembrances, the City of Fairfax Band has shown the entire world what makes the City of Fairfax so special."

Pouliot grew up in a very musical household. "I don't remember a time when I wasn't surrounded by music," he said. All of his older brothers and cousins played instruments, and his

BOB POULIOT'S ACCOLADES

- 2019 Outstanding Conductor Award from the Association of Concert Bands
- 2015 John Mason Arts Achievement Award from the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal

first music teachers were his aunt (piano) and his cousin (trumpet). His mother kept the TV tuned into the PBS station for the *Evening at Pops* and the Boston Symphony programs. At Christmas gatherings, family members created brass groups and played carols.

Pouliot received his bachelor's and master's degrees in music from *continued on page 6*

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MAY 19, 2023 6A.M. TO 9A.M.

bike to work day
OLD TOWN SQUARE

Rain or shine

This annual event is a favorite among new and experienced cyclists. Free registration gets you a t-shirt, giveaways, and enters you in a raffle to win prizes.
fairfaxva.gov/biketowork

BIKE RIDE BINGO

Celebrate Bike Month all May! Participate in a variety of scheduled or self-guided activities throughout Bike Month to complete a row on the bingo card. Then return your card to the City of Fairfax Transportation Division by June 1 to be entered into a raffle for a prize! Download your bingo card at fairfaxva.gov/bikemonth.

COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE, MAY 6. Join city staff on a casual bike ride to explore the city's neighborways and trails at an easy pace. The ride starts at 10 a.m. Info: fairfaxva.gov/bikemonth

CITY NEWS

City Government Offices Holiday Closures

Monday, May 29, Memorial Day

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

Holiday Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule

- May 29: no service
- May 30: Monday and Tuesday routes collected

Please note: there may be a delay in yard debris collection citywide May 30 – June 3. Please leave items at the curb until they are collected. Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Refuse Holiday"), 703-385-7837

Proposed City Budget Discussion Concludes May 2

The mayor and city council continue to review and discuss the proposed budget for FY24 until Tuesday, May 2. Stay engaged: download and review the document, watch or attend the meeting — and engage in person, by eComment, or via WeCare@fairfaxva.gov. Info: fairfaxva.gov/budget, 703-385-7870

Senior Center Open House, May 3

Celebrate Older Americans Month with the Young at Heart Senior Center at a free open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 3 at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Rd. Learn more about aging in place and living independently in your community with planning, accessibility, and connecting with others. Info: fairfaxva.gov/seniorcenter

Democratic Primary Election: Early Voting Begins May 5

In-person early voting begins May 5 for the Democratic Primary Election. The Office of Elections (City Hall Annex, Room 300) is open for early voting from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, as well as on Saturday, June 10, and Saturday, June 17. You may apply now to receive your ballot by mail. The deadline to request a ballot by mail is 5 p.m. June 9. Election Day is Tuesday, June 20. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sample ballots will be posted on the city website when available. Info: fairfaxva.gov/vote, 703-385-7890



Stafford Drive Stream Restoration Project Community Meeting, May 11

The public is invited to a community meeting for an update on the Stafford Drive Stream Restoration Project (involving the north fork of Accotink Creek between Fair Woods Parkway and Cardinal Road Park, known locally as the Stafford Drive stream.) The meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m. May 11 at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Blenheim Blvd. Info: engage.fairfaxva.gov

Blood Drive, May 16



Support your community by donating blood at the city blood drive from 1-5:30 p.m. May 16 at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive.

To schedule an appointment, call 866-BLOODSAVES, or visit the city website calendar for online appointment access.



Ashby Pond Dredging Community Meeting, May 18

The public is invited to the second community meeting for an update on the Ashby Pond Dredging and Environmental Improvements Project. The meeting with the Kimley-Horn project team and the city will be held from 7-9 p.m. May 18 at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Blenheim Blvd. Info: engage.fairfaxva.gov

Volunteer to Help at Special Events, Historic Sites

Put yourself in the middle of Fairfax fun: volunteer with the city during our special events, during elections, and at city historic sites and events. It's a whole new way to discover Fairfax City! Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Volunteer Opportunities"), 703-385-7855

Better Bus Study Continues

Metro is taking a fresh and detailed look at bus service and routes in the region to serve you better. The **Better Bus** initiative will create a fast, frequent, and reliable bus network that is easier to understand. The network redesign includes the Metrobus, the City of Fairfax CUE Bus, and Prince George's County TheBus systems. Visit wmata.com/betterbus to learn more, and catch the **Better Bus** team at *Rock the Block* on Friday, May 26!



COUNCIL REPORTER



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

COUNCIL ACTIONS OF MARCH 14, 2023

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging March as Women's History Month in the City of Fairfax.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the minutes of the Feb. 28, 2023, regular meeting and special meeting.
- Approved, unanimously, the Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan, a regional hazard identification and risk assessment plan required by federal law to be reviewed, revised as needed, and adopted by City Council every five years.
- Approved, unanimously, the receipt, publication, and write-off of the 2017 delinquent personal property and business license taxes from the city treasurer. Virginia law limits the active pursuit of the collection of personal property and business license taxes to five years.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Public hearing on the FY24 proposed budget — *no action, public hearing continues through April 11, 2023.*

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, unanimously, the City Council advertise a proposed real estate tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 of assessed value, for the FY24 proposed budget.

COUNCIL ACTIONS OF MARCH 28, 2023

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of an award to Dr. Davis Hall for providing animal shelter service for 50 years to the City of Fairfax Police Department.
- City Attorney Brian Lubkeman introduced the new City Prosecutor Jennifer Leffler and Deputy City Prosecutor Jonathan Phillips to the mayor and city council.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Register online
or at the door

fairfaxva.gov/specialevents

Saturday, May 6th
3:30-8 p.m.
Historic Blenheim
3610 Blenheim Blvd.

As part of the annual
Spotlight on the Arts
Festival, this event will
highlight the amazing talent
of Mason Jazz musicians
while participants enjoy
the fine fruits of local
Virginia wineries.

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CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, a resolution authorizing the city manager to accept deeds conveying real estate interests to the city that do not involve monetary compensation. This action reaffirms existing authority and allows the city manager to act upon these routine matters without council consideration or approval. *(Councilmember Lim was absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously, the March 14, 2023, regular meeting minutes. *(Councilmember Lim was absent.)*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Consideration of a resolution endorsing the proposed design for Chain Bridge Road/Eaton Place project — *moved to April 11, 2023, for all city councilmembers to be present for the vote.*

Vietnam Veteran Charles "Chuck" Monroe Recognized for His Service

Daniel Smith, U.S. Army retiree and chair of the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts, presented Charles "Chuck" Monroe with a Vietnam War Veterans lapel pin on March 12, Monroe's birthday. Monroe flew 336 hours for the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, all in a combat zone. He was awarded the Air Medal and an Oak Leaf cluster for his service.

Smith said the pin was given to Monroe "in recognition and thanks for his honorable service and sacrifice on behalf of a grateful nation." Monroe's children



and grandchildren were present for the special ceremony.

Monroe served as the Officer in Charge of the C-121 "Blue Eagle One" at

Da Nang Air Base in Vietnam. He flew missions for Project Jenny, broadcasting radio and television programs on the "Yankee Station" from an airborne platform 10,000 feet in the air. "Receivers tuned exclusively to our broadcast frequency were previously dropped by CIA aircraft over North Vietnam," Monroe said in a written statement. Monroe recalls watching battles unfold in the dark below, but his "bird" never sustained any combat damage, even though he is certain the plane was targeted.

Monroe went on to fly logistics flights while attached to Naval Air Station Guam, supporting Naval facilities at Da Nang, Cam Ranh Bay, and Saigon's Tan Son Nhat airport. He retired as a Lieutenant Commander in 1972 after 24 years of service. Monroe passed away at home on April 12, 2023.



Get Fairfax City Moving

Let us know which projects should get the green light

On March 14, the city's transportation planners presented City Council with a list of projects eligible for outside funding from regional, state, and federal sources. If the projects are adopted by Council, transportation division staff—in consultation with other city departments—will begin developing conceptual plans for each project with the goal of pursuing funding within the next two years. **However, the proposed projects would not be built during the next two years.** Transportation projects take a long time to design and construct. Projects under construction today are the result of years of planning.

The funding is available to projects that meet certain criteria, but applying for the funding does not guarantee

a project will be funded. Projects that are awarded funding would be developed further and built six to eight years from now.

The projects proposed in the FY2024-25 Two-Year Transportation Plan balance local and regional transportation needs, improve connectivity, and facilitate livability. Proposed projects include:

- Northfax east-west road extension between Chain Bridge Road and University Drive extension
- Shared use path on Chain Bridge Road between Assembly Drive and Northfax Road
- Judicial Drive bike lanes (Chain Bridge Road to Jones Street; Jones to Main Street)
- Dwight Avenue sidewalk and

Dwight Avenue/Roberts Road intersection improvements

- First and/or Second Street sidewalks
- Pickett Road bridge rehabilitation
- High visibility back plates for traffic signals
- Norman Avenue sidewalk feasibility study
- Burke Station Road Phase II sidewalk feasibility study
- Fern Street pedestrian connection

Note: While not a transportation infrastructure improvement project, outside funding is available to develop a Vision Zero/Safety Action Plan for the city.



Please use the interactive map on Engage Fairfax to provide feedback. City Council will be asked to adopt the plan later this spring.

Celebrating Two Women of Influence

Katy Malesky and Janice Miller have strived to make life better in Fairfax City. In recognition of their compassionate actions and contributions, the Commission for Women has named them the 2023 Women of Influence.



Katy Malesky is the director of A Place to Stand, a local nonprofit that collaborates with other organizations to provide basic needs, such as stable housing and adequate nutrition. Through A Place to Eat (APTE), the 22-year city resident provides regular or emergency supplemental assistance for Fairfax City school students.

In addition to providing weekend food bags for elementary schoolers, Malesky created space for middle and high school students to access food, household, and hygiene items. "I'm what you call a habitual volunteer," she said. "Volunteering strengthens your connection to your community. And I've been able to meet many kindred spirits."

The all-volunteer APTE provides "boots on the ground," partnering with city school administrations to build a food program foundation.

"Our main goal

is to remove obstacles to food access," Malesky said, "and to focus on our city school students and our city families."

Fairfax is not immune to food insecurity, Malesky said. "People are often surprised there is a need in our city community. Our need is genuine and requires assistance."

Janice Miller, who has lived in the city since 1970, has a 53-year list of accomplishments as a community volunteer and elected leader, including five terms on the Fairfax City Council, 29 years on Fairfax City School Board, and helping create the Fairfax High School all-night grad party.

Miller prioritized providing opportunities for community members and residents of all ages. She supported improved school buildings and outstanding, varied academic coursework for students. She advocated for recreational activities and facilities for all ages — and supported the Village program to help seniors and people with disabilities stay in their homes.

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City Recognized as a V3-Certified Employer

Fairfax City now proudly displays its V3 Certified Seal, indicating its desire to grow and improve the organization by tapping into an extremely valuable talent pool of veterans and military spouses.

The Virginia Values Veterans (V3) program increases employment opportunities and promotes economic development by training and certifying organizations in veterans' workforce best practices. Virginia's General Assembly established the V3 program to provide support to Virginia's employers who want to hire veterans. Program members receive training on how to recruit, hire, and retain veterans and military spouses. V3 is a program of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services.

Women of Influence

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Miller's personal connections were her most fulfilling. Whether a parent asked about changing a school bus stop or a resident asked about a service, she listened to and helped them. "Those kinds of things mean a lot to people, and it helps them get through their day," she said.

"I was always interested in knowing how people thought and how I could incorporate different views into a final decision," Miller said.

"It's important to listen to people," she said, adding, "I'm always, always, always happy to listen, but there will be times when we disagree."

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6:30-9:30PM
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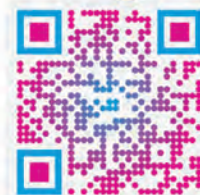
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- April 15
- May 27
- June 24
- July 29
- August 26
- Sept 30
- October 28
- November 25

10455 Armstrong St.
 Fairfax, VA
 9-3PM



Fairfax Band Director

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the University of Connecticut, where he worked as a church organist and choir director and took advantage of opportunities to conduct small groups and chamber orchestras. "There wasn't a time that I didn't picture myself standing on a podium," he said.

Recognizing that opportunities for professional conductors were few and far between, Pouliot saw the U.S. Air Force Band as a way to get hands-on experience working with professional musicians. He auditioned for — and was selected as — a band officer, and his first assignment was serving as the deputy commander and assistant conductor of the Military Airlift Command Band at Scott Air Force Base. Three years later, he earned his own command with the Air Force Band of the East at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. A reduction in force led to the dissolution of his band squadron. He landed in D.C. as the executive director and associate conductor of the United States Air Force Band, spending six and a half years on community relations tours around the world. Pouliot was the conductor during ceremonies honoring former presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. "It was a great experience in my life," he said.

When Pouliot was released from the Air Force during another force reduction, he started his own recording and production business and found work as a church music director. After reading an ad in a conductor's guild journal, he accepted an opportunity to direct a community band in Bel Air, Md. It was his

first time working with volunteer musicians. "It was very rewarding," he recalled.

Six months later, an old friend from the Air Force alerted him that Dr. Tom Hill, the City of Fairfax Band conductor, was retiring, and the band was searching for a new leader. He was appointed music director in 1994, and the band has grown and prospered ever since. During his tenure, Main Street Community Band, Northern Virginia Youth Winds, and several small ensembles were created, and the annual Young Artist Competition was launched to encourage budding musicians. The band's website credits Pouliot's leadership for bringing the "association through its greatest period of artistic and organizational growth to date." Pouliot explained, "We've expanded to become more of an arts-presenting organization than merely a community band."

Don't miss *Finale!*, the Fairfax Band Association's final show of the season — and Bob Pouliot's final concert as conductor — at 7:30 May 13 at Katherine Johnson Middle School.

Pouliot has been on stage hundreds of times during his long career, but he said the band's Christmas concerts performed with the Fairfax Choral Society have been his favorite to arrange and conduct because there isn't a lot of music written for a band with a chorus. "The programs end up being very unique, and we look very entertaining," said Pouliot.

Pouliot is grateful for the moral and financial support from City Council over the years. "It's really helped the band not only survive but to thrive and to develop."

Pouliot said working with the musicians every week has been a very important part of his life, but after nearly 30 years, he thinks the band will benefit from new leadership. "They need to move on to some new ideas, a new person at the helm to take them to the next level," he said.

"It's been a great ride, a wonderful experience," said Pouliot of his years as band director.



LIVE LIFE IN THE ARTS

SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

Sweet Adelines – Vienna Falls Chorus

7:30 p.m. May 2
Sherwood Center. Free.



Fairfax Sax Quartet – "Almost Latin"

7:30 p.m. May 4
Sherwood Center. Free.



Music to Free – "Hope and Remembrance," A Concert for those affected by Cancer

8 p.m. May 5
Sherwood Center. \$15.

City of Fairfax Theatre Company "Clybourne Park"

April 28 – May 7
Old Town Hall
\$25/adult, \$20/student

OTHER EVENTS



Next Reflex "Flight"

5 p.m. May 13
Providence Park. Free.

City of Fairfax Band Association "Finale"

7:30 p.m. May 13
Katherine Johnson Middle School
\$15/adult, \$10/senior, students free

A CLEANER, HEALTHIER CITY

On Sunday, March 26, more than 250 volunteers collected more than a ton (2,000 pounds) of trash and debris from city streams and parks during the spring community cleanup. This massive volunteer effort made our community a cleaner and healthier place to live. Thank you for getting your hands dirty with us! Individual volunteers and groups who partici-



pated in the community cleanup event may be eligible to earn stormwater utility credits. Want to join the next cleanup event or host your own? Visit fairfaxva.gov/communitycleanup to learn how.



HELPING HANDS

THE CITY NEEDS PEOPLE LIKE YOU SERVE ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Building Code Appeals (one mechanical or plumbing vacancy); **Board of Zoning Appeals** (one vacancy); **Commission on the Arts** (one vacancy for city resident); **Environmental Sustainability Committee** (one vacancy for city business representative); **Fairfax Area Disability Services Board** (one vacancy); **Fairfax Village in the City Advisory Board** (one vacancy for at-large member); **Historic Fairfax City, Inc.** (one vacancy); **Human Services Committee** (one vacancy).

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

ASIAN FESTIVAL ON MAIN

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023
12PM-6PM
OLD TOWN FAIRFAX
ASIANFESTIVALONMAIN.COM [@ASIANFESTIVALONMAIN](https://www.instagram.com/ASIANFESTIVALONMAIN)

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June 3 2pm - 6pm
Old Town Square
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MAKING *History*

Traveling Exhibition: A Material World: Photographs of the 1980s, through May 7. This exhibition, on loan from the Virginia Museum of History and Culture through May 7, is free at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at 10209 Main St. *Info:* fairfaxva.gov (search "Material World")

Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House Guided Tours, May 6 – Oct. 28. Take a free guided tour with a knowledgeable docent through the Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House, the oldest residence in Fairfax City (10386 Main St.). The house is open from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays from May 6 through Oct. 28. *Note: the house will be open from 1-4 p.m. May 21 during the Asian Festival on Main.* *Info:* fairfaxva.gov (search "Pozer")

Asian American Pacific Islander History Month Exhibit, May 1-31. Learn about our local Asian American Pacific Islander communities in a new monthlong banner exhibit at Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center. *Info:* fairfaxva.gov (search "Pacific Islander")

Major General Philip Kearny: A Soldier and His Time in the American Civil War, May 20. Join author Robert R. Laven as he discusses his book, *Major General Philip Kearny: A Soldier and His Time in the American Civil War*, and provides knowledge and insight into the life of the talented Union field commander. The book will be available for purchase and signing at the event, to be held at 2 p.m. May 20 at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Blenheim Blvd. *Info:* fairfaxva.gov (search "Kearny")

Traveling Exhibition: Virginia's Constitutions, May 22-July 1 Enjoy the exhibition, on loan from the Library of Virginia, for free May 22 through July 1 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center.



ANTIQUE CAR SHOW
 OLD TOWN FAIRFAX

**SATURDAY
 MAY 20, 2023
 10AM-3PM
 AT CITY HALL
 10455 ARMSTRONG ST**

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