

# JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

# cityscene

JUNE 2023

## New Juneteenth Event Slated for June 17

The City of Fairfax is partnering with Mount Calvary Baptist Church for a free inaugural event to celebrate Juneteenth National Independence Day, the day in 1865 when enslaved people near Galveston, Texas first learned they were free.

Plans for this celebratory event on Saturday, June 17, include a formal ceremony and a parade, followed by an afternoon of music, dance, information-sharing about African American history and genealogical resources, family activities, and food.

Initiated by Rev. Jeffery Johnson, Sr., pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, and his congregation, the day will begin at 10 a.m. with an opening ceremony at Veterans Amphitheater at City Hall, led by Rev. Nelson Sneed, moderator of the Northern Virginia Baptist Association. (*Mount Calvary's founding pastor was the original*

*moderator of the Northern Virginia Baptist Association in 1877.*)

Joy Burgesses will sing the National Anthem and D.C. Washington of the Washington Nationals will perform the "Negro" national anthem, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. A talk by Dr. Esther Johnson-Jackson, former national director of Job Core, will focus on the importance of Juneteenth and how celebrations have continued and grown with themes of faith and freedom.

Johnson-Jackson, a native of Westmoreland County, is a former federal senior executive leader with more than 30 years of federal service. Now working in private industry, she holds degrees from VCU, VA Tech, and an executive leadership certificate from Harvard University. Both Mayor Catherine Read and former Mayor David L. Meyer will participate in the morning ceremony.

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### DID YOU KNOW

Fairfax City provides pickleball courts at two locations:

**1. Van Dyck Park**  
3720 Blenheim Blvd.

Four outdoor courts

**2. Green Acres Center**  
4401 Sideburn Rd.

Five outdoor courts; one indoor court

*All courts are open to the public on a first come, first served basis during operating hours. To ensure everyone has an opportunity to play, please keep singles matches to one hour and doubles matches to 90 minutes.*



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# CITY NEWS

## City Government Offices Holiday Closures

### Monday, June 19, Juneteenth

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

## Holiday Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule

- June 19: no service
- June 20: Monday and Tuesday routes collected

Please note: there may be a delay in yard debris collection citywide June 20-24. Please leave items at the curb until they are collected. Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "Refuse Holiday"), 703-385-7837

## Homelessness Task Force Meetings, Learning Sessions, Continue

You are invited to the Homelessness Task Force meetings at 7 p.m. June 5 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center and at 7 p.m. July 17 at Fairfax City Hall.

Additionally, the task force will hold a learning session from 10-11 a.m. June 2 at Fairfax City Hall. Participants will discuss specific questions and solutions surrounding homelessness and housing security. [fairfaxva.gov/homelesstaskforce](http://fairfaxva.gov/homelesstaskforce)

## Washington Gas Project Underway in Fairfax City

Washington Gas is performing meter and service work in the city at no cost to its customers. To improve safety and reliability, Washington Gas is working with subcontractors to relocate some service lines and gas meters. The utility also is conducting systematic assessment and replacement of mercury service regulators across its jurisdictions. Read an overview of the two programs at [fairfaxva.gov/news](http://fairfaxva.gov/news). Washington Gas owns and maintains gas mains and service lines to individual properties and the gas meter. [washingtongas.com](http://washingtongas.com), 844-WASH-GAS

# VOTE

## Democratic Primary Election Day, June 20

There will be a Democratic Primary Election on June 20. The Republican party has chosen other nomination processes and will not be holding a primary. In-person early voting continues. The Registrar's Office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, as well as Saturday, June 10, and Saturday, June 17. **The final day to vote early in person is June 17.**

**The deadline to request a ballot by mail is 5 p.m. June 9.** Return your completed ballot by mail, in person at the Registrar's Office, or in the secure ballot drop box at the City Hall entrance. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by June 20 and received by noon June 23. Ballots returned in person or to the drop box must be received by 7 p.m. Election Day. Ballots may also be returned to any city precinct on Election Day.

If you are not registered to vote, you may register and submit a provisional ballot during early voting or at your designated polling place on Election Day.

**Election Day is Tuesday, June 20. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.** Confirm your polling place at [vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation](http://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation). Sample ballots are available online. Info: [fairfaxva.gov/vote](http://fairfaxva.gov/vote), 703-385-7890

## Real Estate Taxes Due June 21

Payments postmarked and paid later than June 21 are subject to a penalty and interest charge. Those who directly pay real estate taxes but have not received a bill should call 703-385-7900 promptly. Those who receive a bill, even though their mortgage company escrows for the payment, should forward the bill to the mortgage company.

Property owners who directly pay their taxes should mail their payments early, to avoid postal delivery delays. Check [fairfaxva.gov/mytaxes](http://fairfaxva.gov/mytaxes) to confirm payment receipt before the deadline. Payments are

accepted in-person from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays, at Fairfax City Hall, and in the 24-hour secure drop box on the City Hall driveway next to the flagpoles. Sign up for Fairfax City Alert to receive reminders on tax payment dates: [fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert](http://fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert).

## Graduation Ceremonies: Fairfax High School, Mason

Congratulations to the Class of 2023! Fairfax High School will hold its commencement ceremony at 9 a.m. June 7 at FHS Stalnaker Stadium. Info: [fairfaxhs.fcps.edu](http://fairfaxhs.fcps.edu). Additionally, schools will hold commencement ceremonies in June at FHS and on George Mason University's Fairfax campus. These events may affect traffic in and around the sites. Info: [fcps.edu/graduation](http://fcps.edu/graduation); [gmu.edu](http://gmu.edu)

## City's Annual Budget Adopted, Published July 1

The City Council has adopted the FY24 operating budget and Capital Improvements Program. The budget will be published online July 1 at [fairfaxva.gov/budget](http://fairfaxva.gov/budget). Info: 703-385-7870

## Community Farmers Markets, Saturdays and Sundays

Fresh fruits and vegetables are among the many attractions for this twice-weekly market sponsored by the Downtown Fairfax Coalition at 10500 Page Ave. (adjacent to the historic Fairfax Court House). The Saturday Market is held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 28, and the Sunday Market is held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 22. Info: [fairfaxsaturndaymarket.com](http://fairfaxsaturndaymarket.com), [fairfaxsundaymarket.com](http://fairfaxsundaymarket.com)

## Volunteer to Help at Special Events

Put yourself in the middle of Fairfax fun: volunteer to assist the city during one (or more) of our special events! Choose from many events throughout the year, including the Independence Day Parade, Fall Festival, Holiday Craft Show, Festival of Lights and Carols, and more. Info: [special\\_events@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:special_events@fairfaxva.gov), 703-385-1710



# 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" or scan QR code at left.

## COUNCIL ACTIONS OF APRIL 11, 2023

### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging April 23 - 29, 2023, as National Library Week in the city.
- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging April 22, 2023, as Earth Day in the city.
- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging April as National Pickleball Month in the city.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of the agenda.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, 5-0-1, consideration of the March 28, 2023, regular meeting minutes. *(In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Doyle Feingold, Greenfield, Ross, and Stehle. Abstained: Councilmember Lim.)*
- Approved, 5-0-1, consideration of the April 4, 2023, special meeting minutes. *(In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Greenfield, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Abstained: Councilmember Doyle Feingold.)*
- Approved, unanimously, consideration of non-resident purchase of up to four cemetery sites.
- Approved, unanimously, introduction of an ordinance to re-establish a separate tax rate not to exceed \$.0125 on commercial and industrial property in the city effective Jan. 1, 2023, revenues from which would be used exclusively for city transportation purposes. The rate will be finalized on May 2, 2023, with the adoption of the proposed budget.
- Approved, unanimously, introduction of an ordinance establishing the Old Town Service District (OTSD) tax rate not exceeding \$0.04 on commercial and industrial real estate and improvements within the OTSD, effective Jan. 1, 2023. The rate will be finalized on May 2, 2023, with the adoption of the proposed budget.
- Approved, unanimously, introduction of an ordinance to set the rate for stormwater utility service furnished by the city at \$30.52 per BU (Billing Unit). The rate will be finalized on May 2, 2023, with the adoption of the proposed agenda.
- Approved, unanimously, introduction of an ordinance to adjust the rates for wastewater service furnished by the city by 6%. The rate will be finalized on May 2, 2023, with the adoption of the proposed budget.
- Approved, unanimously, introduction of an appropriation resolution for the General, Capital, Wastewater, Transit, Stormwater Utility, Cable, Old Town, Transportation tax, and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the FY24 budget year.
- Approved, unanimously, introduction of a supplemental appropriation resolution in the amount of \$2.4M for the third quarter FY23 recommended expenditures.
- Approved, unanimously, introduction of an ordinance

authorizing "quick-take" condemnation of public right-of-way with various permanent and temporary easements at 4040 Jermantown Rd.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, the request for a special use permit to allow a family home daycare with more than four children at 10600 Howerton Ave., with conditions.
- Public hearing on the proposed FY24 budget — *no action, public hearing continues through April 25, 2023.*

### ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, 4-2, to adopt a resolution to endorse the recommended design of the Chain Bridge Road/Eaton Place intersection improvements and direct staff to submit this plan to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for project rescoring. *(In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Doyle Feingold and Greenfield.)*

## COUNCIL ACTIONS OF APRIL 25, 2023

### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging May as Bike Month and May 19, 2023, as Bike to Work Day in the City of Fairfax.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of the agenda.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, April 11, 2023, regular meeting minutes; a resolution renaming Ranger Road Park to Cardinal Park; and an amendment to the City of Fairfax Homelessness Task Force to expand the number of appointed residential board members from three to six.

### PUBLIC HEARING

- Public hearing on the proposed real estate tax rate of \$1.040 per \$100 of assessed value based upon an assessment ratio of 100% of fair market value, and a personal property and machinery and tools tax rate of \$4.13 per \$100 of assessed value based upon an assessment ratio of 100% trade-in value. *(No action, tax rate set on May 2, 2023.)*
- Public hearing on the proposed ordinance to re-establish a separate tax rate not to exceed \$.0125 on commercial and industrial property in the city effective Jan. 1, 2023, revenues from which would be used exclusively for city transportation purposes. *(No action, tax rate set on May 2, 2023.)*
- Public hearing on the proposed ordinance establishing the Old Town Service District (OTSD) tax rate not exceeding \$0.04 on commercial and industrial real estate and improvements within the OTSD, effective Jan. 1, 2023. *(No Council action, tax rate set on May 2, 2023.)*
- Public hearing on the proposed ordinance to set the rate for stormwater utility service furnished by the city at \$30.52 per BU (Billing Unit). *(No action, tax rate set on May 2, 2023.)*
- Public hearing on the proposed ordinance to adjust the rates for wastewater service furnished by the city by 6%. *(No action, tax rate set on May 2, 2023.)*
- Approved, 4-2, an appropriation resolution in the

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## Juneteenth Event

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attendees are invited to form a parade that will travel along Armstrong Street to George Mason Boulevard and end at the Mount Calvary Baptist Church entrance on School Street.

The afternoon celebration centered at Mount Calvary will include music by the church's children's choir, a liturgical dance, and selections from other musical groups. Rev. Johnson will reprise Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech given at the Lincoln Memorial during the August 1963 March on Washington.

The program also will feature a talk on local Civil Rights activist James Mott, who along with his wife began their activism after officials turned them away from picnicking at Lake Fairfax Park in 1965. The Motts subsequently sued in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va. and won equal access to Fairfax County facilities for Black people. They also gained prominence by promoting voting rights and equal access to accommodations.

Keeping with the traditions of festive early 20th century Juneteenth celebrations, afternoon events will include food trucks and many family activities.

For a full program schedule, vendor list, and event map, please visit [fairfaxva.gov/Juneteenth](http://fairfaxva.gov/Juneteenth).



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## COUNCIL REPORTER

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amount of \$2.4M to fund the FY23 third quarter recommended supplemental expenditures. *(In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Doyle Feingold and Greenfield.)*

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance authorizing "quick-take" condemnation of public right-of-way with various permanent and temporary easements at 4040 Jermantown Rd.

## COUNCIL ACTIONS OF MAY 2, 2023

### PUBLIC HEARING

- Public hearing on an appropriation resolution for the General, Capital, Wastewater, Transit, Stormwater Utility, Cable, Old Town, Transportation Tax; and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the FY24 budget year. *(Action taken during the following agenda item.)*

### ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance establishing the tax rate of city property zoned for commercial and industrial purposes at \$0.125 per \$100 of assessed value for the 2023 calendar year. These revenues will be used exclusively for transportation purposes that benefit the City of Fairfax.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance establishing the tax rate for real property and improvements in the Old Town Service District at \$0.04 per \$100.00 of assessed value for the 2023 calendar year.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance increasing the rates for wastewater services by 6%.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance setting the stormwater utility fee rate per billing unit at \$30.52 for the 2023 calendar year.
- Approved, unanimously, 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 FY24 Budgets, as presented by the city manager, with the proposed FY24 Schedule of Rates and Levies; the FY24-FY28 Capital Improvement Program; the FY24 health benefit contribution rates; a 3.5% merit increase effective Jan. 1, 2024, for eligible general scale employees; a 2.0% market rate adjustment to general pay scales effective July 1, 2023; a 1% cost-of-living adjustment for public safety employees effective July 1, 2023; and the programmed annual step increase for public safety employees who were moved to the step system, as amended. *(The motion had previously been amended unanimously to incorporate all changes included in the budget change document, to amend the budget change document to decrease the real estate revenues by \$1,151,859, and increase appropriate fund balance by \$1,151,859.)*
- Approved, unanimously, effective Jan. 1, 2023, to: set the real estate tax rate at \$1.025 per \$100 of assessed value; set the personal property and machinery and tools tax rate at \$4.13 per \$100 of assessed valuation based upon the assessment ratio of 100% of fair market value; and set the personal property tax rate at \$.01 per \$100 of assessed valuation for those members of volunteer fire departments or volunteer rescue squads qualifying under the City Code.
- Approved, unanimously, the appropriation resolutions for the general, capital, wastewater, transit, stormwater utility, cable, Old Town, transportation tax, and ARPA funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, reflecting all changes approved as part of the FY24 budget adoption, immediately prior to this action.





## FHS Senior Collects Truckload of Food, Hygiene Products

Spring Break 2023 gave Fairfax High School senior Gabby Ravanera an opportunity to help her fellow students.

Ravanera, who also serves as the student representative for the city Commission for Women, launched a collection drive for food, personal grooming, and feminine sanitary products for her fellow Fairfax High School students.

In just five days, Ravanera collected a literal truckload of items desperately needed for the FHS food pantry:

**153 packages of feminine hygiene products, 41 bottles of oil, 36 bags of flour, 37 bags of sugar, 65 bottles of shampoo/conditioner, and 16 bars of soap.**

She and city Human Services Director Lesley Abashian delivered the items to A Place to Stand, a local nonprofit that collaborates with city schools to provide basic needs, such as adequate nutrition.

Ravanera was grateful to Fairfax City Commission for Women members and A Place to Stand — and,



Gabby Ravanera (right) and Lesley Abashian

**YOUR FAVORITE FRIDAY SPOT IS BACK!**

**4TH FRIDAY • MAY-OCTOBER**  
**6:30-9:30PM**  
**OLD TOWN SQUARE**

**FAIRFAX CITY**

**ROCK**  
**THE BLOCK**



*This family-friendly, FREE concert series features live bands, a beer garden, and city restaurant vendor booths.*

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Enjoy live music and feel the summer vibes radiating from Old Town Fairfax. Dance the night away. Bring a blanket or chair, but please leave pets at home.  
*The Part Time Cowboys rock the block Friday, June 23.*

especially, the community. "There was a great deal of support from all Fairfax City residents, and I'm glad I could contribute to my community during my last year here at the high school," she said. "I'm so grateful for the opportunity to work with so many inspirational and committed women, and I'm excited for the future."

The community can continue to support the FHS food pantry through A Place to Stand ([aplacetostand.org](http://aplacetostand.org)). Fairfax is not immune to food insecurity, director Katy Malesky said. "Our need is genuine and requires assistance."



## CURIOUS CITIZENS

### How do I report a violation of the city's noise ordinance?

Complaints about excessive noise can be made at [fairfaxva.gov/resolve](http://fairfaxva.gov/resolve), the city's online reporting tool, or by calling the police department's 24-hour non-emergency number 703-385-7924.

## 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); **Fairfax Area Disability Services Board** (one vacancy); **Fairfax County Community Services Board representative** (one vacancy); **Fairfax Village in the City Advisory Board** (one vacancy for at-large member); **Health Systems Agency representative** (one vacancy); **Historic Fairfax City, Inc.** (one vacancy); **Human Services Committee** (one vacancy); **Planning Commission** (one vacancy for city resident/real property owner).

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

## Old Town Fairfax Business Association Strengthens Local Businesses and Community Connections



**LIVE LIFE IN THE ARTS**

**Kidz Korner:**  
10:30 a.m. Saturdays,  
Old Town Square

**June 10 Mollie Bubble Party**

**June 17 Kids Nature Puppet Show**

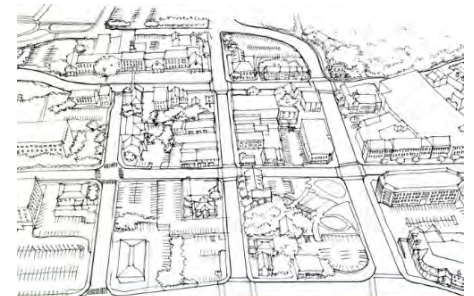
**June 24 Peter McCorry**

The Old Town Fairfax Business Association is the local merchants association exclusively serving Old Town Fairfax. The OTFBA increases visibility for local businesses by connecting them with community-partnered events and marketing opportunities. The association also advocates for businesses within the district by being their voice at city council meetings and providing education on proposed projects, city code changes, taxes, and other factors that may impact their businesses.

The OTFBA's mission is to strengthen member businesses and promote a thriving economy, while enticing families, individuals, and businesses to work, live, and play in Old Town Fairfax. The association accomplishes this through marketing, place-making, and event programming. By collaborating with other organizations like the Economic Development Office, Economic Development Authority, and Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, the OTFBA brings events to Old Town Fairfax, showcasing the district's unique character and attracting visitors to the area. The organization also puts on events, including the Asian Festival on Main held annually in May. This street festival celebrates Asian cultures and traditions, bringing together Asian neighbors and business owners.

The OTFBA recently appointed Tess Rollins as its executive director, funding the position with a grant from the EDA. This demonstrates the EDA's recognition of the importance of strong leadership in running the merchants association. Rollins comes from a marketing background and previously volunteered to help organize the Asian Festival on Main. With her leadership, the organization is well-positioned to continue its work of promoting and supporting the Old Town Fairfax business district.

For more information about the OTFBA and its work, visit [oldtownfairfax.org](http://oldtownfairfax.org) or follow the organization on social media at [@oldtownfairfaxba](https://www.instagram.com/oldtownfairfaxba).



## FIND WAYS TO VOLUNTEER IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Become part of something bigger, give back, and connect with your community by joining one of the numerous civic service organizations in the City of Fairfax.

Visit the Inter-Service Club Council's website for a premier list of local, civic service organizations.

[iscc-fairfaxva.org/about-us/member-organizations](http://iscc-fairfaxva.org/about-us/member-organizations)





# MAKING *History*

**Virginia's Constitutions, June 11**  
 Author Brent Tarter, a retired research historian with the Library of Virginia, will discuss his new book, *Constitutional History of Virginia*. This free virtual talk, which ties in with the current temporary exhibit, will be held at 2 p.m. June 11. Email [susan.gray@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:susan.gray@fairfaxva.gov) to request the ZOOM link. Free. Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "Tarter")

**Historic Blenheim: Discovery and Preservation, June 24**  
 Andrea Loewenwarter, Fairfax City historic resource specialist, will discuss the preservation and discoveries at Historic Blenheim with members of the District of Columbia Civil War Roundtable. This event honors the memory of Burrus "Buzz" Carnahan, who was a Historic Blenheim docent and a member of the roundtable. The talk is at 2 p.m. June 24 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim. Free. Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "Burrus")

**Traveling Exhibition: Virginia Constitutions, through July 1**  
 Learn more about the power and flexibility of state constitutions in *Virginia Constitutions*, a traveling exhibition from the Library of Virginia. The exhibit, at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center through July 1, demonstrates how state constitutions articulate and embody important ideas about the relationships between people and their government. Free. Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov), search "constitutions"



**Fairfax City, 2023**

Help the Independence Day Celebration Committee raise funds for Fairfax City's Fourth of July Celebrations by honoring local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at the Arlington National Cemetery.



To make a donation, scan the QR code or visit:

[WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/VA0409P](http://WreathsAcrossAmerica.org/VA0409P)



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**JUNE 3, 2023**

**Old Town Hall**  
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Parks and Recreation

**HOMETOWN CELEBRATION**

**CITY OF FAIRFAX BAND PERFORMANCE AT 7PM**

**GAMES, FOOD, ACTIVITIES AND MORE!**

**FAIRFAX CITY**

**JUNE 25, 2023 5 P.M. AT VETERANS AMPHITHEATER**  
 Games for all ages • Food trucks from Fairfax City businesses  
 Concert by the award-winning City of Fairfax Band

*(In case of inclement weather, the event will be relocated to the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.)*



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## COME COOL OFF IN THIS FUN AQUATIC AMENITY!

The splash pad at Old Town Square (10415 North St.) is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.



The splash pad is unstaffed, so please watch your children carefully. Water shoes will prevent slips and falls and are highly encouraged. Please use the foot shower before entering the splash pad area.

Before visiting the splash pad, please check the webpage for announcements and maintenance updates.

Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "splash pad")  
Please report mechanical issues to 703-385-7858 or [parksrec@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:parksrec@fairfaxva.gov). Issues reported after 5 p.m. will be addressed on the next business day.

## Green Acres Center Offers Prime Party Location

Green Acres Center, a former elementary school, offers many options for your next birthday party, family gathering, or meeting. The rooms at Green Acres can accommodate both large and small groups at an affordable rate. With a game room, gymnasium, cafeteria, and playground, Green Acres is the perfect place to celebrate youth birthdays and other special occasions.

For more information or to set up an appointment to view the venue, contact Kaveh Tajalli at [Kaveh.tajalli@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:Kaveh.tajalli@fairfaxva.gov) or 703-293-7119. Reservation info: [fairfaxva.gov/rentalvenues](http://fairfaxva.gov/rentalvenues)

