

Fairfax High School Students Crush Glass Recycling!



LEFT: Owen Korzak
RIGHT: Sophie Scadron
and Ashely McNeely,
all rising seniors
at Fairfax High School



Fairfax High School students in the Glass Recycling Network have been crushing glass recycling. They've collected more than 50,000 bottles and jars to be recycled through the Purple Can Club program.

More than a dozen students in the Fairfax High School Glass Recycling Network volunteer once a month to collect glass at the curb in Fairfax City neighborhoods and deliver it to a local Purple Can for recycling. These kids are making a difference in their community.

Glass is the only material that can be endlessly recycled without losing its quality or purity standards, yet when placed in the curbside recycling bin, it ends up as landfill cover.

Glass was removed from curbside recycling collection across Northern Virginia in 2019 because glass isn't recoverable at local recycling centers. The regional glass-only drop-off program, dubbed the Purple

Can Club, is a system in which glass is collected separately and sold to glass manufacturers. The creation of the Purple Can Club – more than 40 convenient drop-off locations – ensures glass is recycled and has empowered students to take action.

The Glass Recycling Network began in 2021 with Centreville High School students looking to further recycling efforts after glass was removed from curbside collection. This effort quickly spread to Fairfax High School students, where the Network expanded to collect glass curbside throughout the city.

Fairfax City teacher and Farrcroft resident Faiza Alam receives curbside glass collection service from the Network. "This is a wonderful environmental stewardship program in action, application of content learned in school to a real-world project making a positive impact to the environment," she said.

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Fairfax City has partnered with the Glass Recycling Foundation to distribute free tote bags for transporting glass to the Purple Cans. While supplies last, residents can pick up a tote bag!

Fairfax City Hall Atrium
10455 Armstrong St.

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays
excluding holidays

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CITY NEWS

National Night Out, Aug. 1

The 40th Annual National Night Out will be held from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, rain or shine. Supported nationwide by public safety agencies, National Night Out 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")*

Back to School, Aug. 21

On Aug. 21, students return to Fairfax County Public Schools, Northern Virginia Community College, and George Mason University. Additionally, Mason students will move into housing on the Fairfax campus Aug. 13-21. During that time, roads around Mason may experience higher than normal traffic volume, so please drive carefully, and consider alternate routes when possible.

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*

Here are some important safety tips to remember:

- Stop for school buses where students are loading or unloading
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals
- Look out for students throughout the community, but especially on crosswalks and near schools
- Avoid distractions

Speed Cameras in Use During School Year

When school's back in session, remember to drive the speed limit in school zones! The city has speed enforcement cameras in school zones during certain hours of the school day. The cameras are in school zones on Blenheim Boulevard, Route 236/Main Street, and Jermantown Road, near the city's four schools and two Fairfax County schools (Woodson High School and Frost Middle School). *Info: fairfaxva.gov, search "photo enforcement"*

Lifelong Learners May Take Online Courses, Earn CEUs With Their Library Card

If you have a Fairfax County Public Library card, you can take free online classes through Universal Class and earn continuing education credits. Choose from dozens of categories, including business, health and medicine, web development, writing skills, and more. FCPL cards are available for free for all who live, work, and own property in Fairfax City. *Info: fairfaxcounty.gov/library*

Farmers Markets, Saturdays and Sundays

Shop for fresh fruits and vegetables, baked good, and more at the Saturday Market and Sunday Market at 10500 Page Ave. (adjacent to the historic Fairfax Court House). 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: fairfaxsatursdaymarket.com, fairfaxsundaymarket.com*



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Rain Barrel Workshop August 12

Make a difference in only two hours: build a ready-to-roll rain barrel to conserve water and earn storm-water utility credits!

BUILD YOUR OWN RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 12

Green Acres Center
4401 Sideburn Rd.

\$55 per person

The workshop and all materials costs about half the retail cost of a rain barrel. This workshop is sponsored by the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.

Space is limited.

Registration required.

Visit fairfaxva.gov

(search "rain barrels")



COUNCIL REPORTER



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COUNCIL ACTIONS OF JUNE 13, 2023

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging Juneteenth 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: May 23, 2023, regular meeting minutes; appointments to boards and commissions; a resolution authorizing the city manager to sign standard project agreements for NVTa funding for Blenheim Boulevard Multimodal Improvement Project and Government Center Parkway Extension Project; an award of a construction contract to Lighting Maintenance, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$313,363 for LED Streetlight Installation, Historic District (Main Street); an award of contract for architectural services for design and construction at Fairfax City Old Town Hall (Phase II); an ordinance authorizing the city, for indefinite delivery or quantity contracts to allow the contractor awarded such contract to furnish to the city a performance bond and a payment bond, each of which shall be equal to the dollar amount of the individual tasks identified in the underlying contract; introduction of a supplemental appropriation resolution in the amount of \$30,000 for the City Jobs Program for FY23; introduction of an ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute a deed of lease for a term commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2026, by and between the city and Main Street Child Development Center, Inc., for about 7,364 square feet of space in the former Green Acres Elementary School site (4401 Sideburn Road); and introduction of an ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute a license agreement between Carolinas Child Care, LLC and the city for a portion of the city's Burrows Avenue right of way located adjacent to 3405 Burrows Ave.
- Approved, 5-0-1, the May 30, 2023, special meeting minutes. (*In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Doyle Feingold, Greenfield, Lim, and Stehle. Abstained: Councilmember Ross.*)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, without expiration, a special use permit for an animal care facility at 9428 Fairfax Blvd., subject to conditions.
- Public hearing on the Blenheim Boulevard Multimodal Improvement Design. (No Council action)
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$173,217 for FY23 for various federal, state, and other grants received.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of the proposed FY 24/25 Two-Year Transportation Program.
- Approved, unanimously, the endorsement of the city's Safe Streets for All (SS4A) funding application.
- Approved, unanimously, the adoption of the Blenheim Boulevard brand and placemaking recommendations.

COUNCIL ACTIONS OF JUNE 27, 2023

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging the month of July as Park and Recreation Month.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, to amend the agenda to switch the order of agenda items #11b and #11c.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, the June 13, 2023, regular meeting minutes; board and commission reappointments; approval on amendments to the Fairfax City Purchasing Resolution; and authorization for the city manager to execute a sewer billing agreement with Fairfax County Water Authority.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance authorizing the city, for indefinite delivery or quantity contracts to require and except performance and payment bonds, each of which shall be equal to the dollar amount of the individual tasks identified in such contracts.
- Approved, 4-2, an appropriation resolution in the amount of \$30,000 for FY23 for the City Jobs Program. (*In favor: Councilmember Bates, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Doyle Feingold and Greenfield.*)
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute a deed of lease between the city and Main Street Child Development Center, Inc., for property located at 4401 Sideburn Road.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute a license agreement between the city and Carolinas Child Care, LLC, for a portion of the city's Burrows Avenue right-of-way adjacent to 3405 Burrows Ave.



5 MINUTES WITH ... **LUCIAN STOICA**

TRAFFIC SIGNAL
SUPERINTENDENT



Lucian Stoica is the city's traffic signal superintendent. He supervises the Signs and Signals division in Public Works, which ensures that all traffic control devices – signs, signals, and pavement markings – are installed and maintained in accordance with MUTCD, FHWA, and VDOT standards. Stoica prepares the division's budget and coordinates and inspects construction projects done by contractors.

"My job is to make the movement of goods and persons as efficient, orderly, and safe as possible throughout the city," said Stoica. "This applies to everyone who uses the roads: not only operators of motor vehicles but also pedestrians and cyclists."

"I'm also responsible for monitoring and evaluating various traffic

signals systems such as Signals Central Management, vehicle and pedestrian detection, emergency vehicle preemption, camera monitoring, street lighting, and fiber optic network," explained Stoica.

In addition to making the city's streets and intersections flow smoothly and safely, Stoica's nine-person team coordinates road closures and detours for city events as well as for emergencies caused by road hazards and incidents.

Stoica began his career with the city in August 2007 as a traffic signal and computer technician III. Before coming to the city, he worked in Washington, D.C., for a private transportation contractor. Stoica has worked as an electrician in Boston, Mass., and as a cable TV technician in Romania.

MAKING *History*

Dairy Day at Willcoxon Farm,
Aug. 9

Visit Historic Blenheim from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to learn about the former Willcoxon dairy farm that was operated in Fairfax until 1948. Visitors of all ages can learn how dairy farming impacted the region until the mid-20th century — then make ice cream and learn how to make butter at home. Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov, search "Dairy Day"*

Traveling Exhibition: *Outside/Inside: Immigration, Migration, and Health Care in the United States, through Aug. 12*

Immigration is an important part of the American story — and health

care and medicine played a role in inclusion and exclusion, in "assimilation" and discrimination, in dividing communities and strengthening them. This traveling exhibition and companion website trace the history of ideas about immigrant health, and how their experiences with U.S. health care have changed since the late 1800s. Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov, search "Outside/Inside"*

Traveling Exhibition: *Planned Communities of the D.C. Metro Area, Aug. 28 – Nov. 5*

In this traveling exhibit, view historic documents and learn how the founding principles of communities in Reston, Va., and Columbia and Greenbelt, Md., developed and shaped these areas to become those we know today. This exhibit was created by the Reston Museum, Greenbelt Museum, and Columbia Association. Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov, search "planned communities"*

Historic Tours

Tour Old Town Fairfax with historians from Historic Fairfax City, Inc. Meet your guide at 11 a.m. Aug. 26 in front of the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, for an hour-long tour. These free tours are led on the last Saturday of the month through October, and groups are limited to 15 people. Free. *Reservations, weather cancellations: 703-385-8414.*

On Saturdays through October, take a guided tour of the **Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House**, the oldest residence in the city, from noon to 3 p.m. at 10386 Main St. Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov, search "Ratcliffe"*

Explore the 1799 Fairfax Courthouse and Historic Records Center with a guided tour at 3 p.m. Fridays (excluding holidays and other court closures). Meet at the entrance to the 1799 Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road. Free. *Info: 703-246-4168*

Take a **self-guided walking tour of Old Town Fairfax** with a brochure available on the city website. Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov, search "Map of History"*

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2023

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AUGUST 25



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SEPTEMBER 22



UNCLE JESSE

OCTOBER 27



GONZO'S NOSE

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Moana 8 p.m. Aug. 11, Van Dyck Park

Zootopia 8 p.m. Sept. 8, Van Dyck Park



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Labor Day Car Show Drives Fundraising

From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 4, more than 200 vehicles will line University Drive between Sager Avenue and Armstrong Street for the 24th 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.

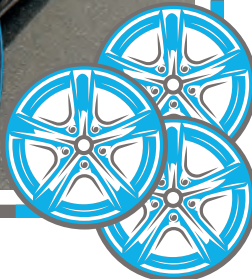
For those who are unable to attend but want to support the charities' missions, tax-deductible donations can be made online at labordaycarshow.org, or by sending a check made payable to the Clifton Lions Club, P.O. Box 41, Clifton, VA 20124. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! To learn more, email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

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** (two vacancies for city residents); **Fairfax Area Disability Services Board** (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); **Personnel Advisory Board** (one vacancy); **Planning Commission** (one vacancy for city resident/ real property owner); **Regional – Continuum of Care Board** (one vacancy for city representative).

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



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Interested in switching to solar but not sure where to start? Join our nonprofit partners at the Local Energy Alliance Program for a brief webinar about Solarize Virginia. Webinars are slated for 6 p.m. Aug. 1, and 3 p.m. Aug. 17.



Glass Recycling

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The Network members are on a mission to make recycling glass convenient. As the next generation of residents, these FHS students are stewards of the community and strive to recycle every glass container.

"Volunteering is important! We are providing an example of how to keep our environment cleaner, and we are also setting an example of how to recycle glass now with the purple bins," said Sophie Scadron. "We are letting our peers know how to recycle glass. We are also providing a service for people who cannot recycle their glass, like elderly residents, and we are doing it for free. We have a quote in our bio that says, *The world only becomes cleaner when we work together as one.*"

Free Solar Assessments and Informational Webinars

Making the switch to solar power is easier and more affordable than ever. Solarize Virginia reduces the cost and complexity of going solar. This grassroots, community-based outreach initiative is managed by Virginia nonprofit Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP). Through a competitive bidding process, LEAP has named Prospect Solar and Solar Energy World as their selected campaign installers for 2023.

2023 is a great year for homeowners to make the switch because Congress increased the federal investment tax credit, sometimes referred to as the solar tax credit, from 26% to 30% as part of the

Inflation Reduction Act. The ITC allows homeowners to deduct a percentage of a solar energy system's installation cost from their federal taxes with no cap on the value.

Since 2014, more than a thousand Virginia households have made the switch to solar through Solarize Virginia, generating more than 9.2 MW of solar capacity. Last year alone, 299 Virginia residents went solar through Solarize, 188 of which were in Northern Virginia.

Through August 31, homeowners can sign up to receive a free solar satellite assessment and discounted prices from vetted installers. LEAP also provides ongoing customer

support and education throughout the process to make it as streamlined as possible. Signing up is free and requires no commitment until you sign a contract with an installer.

Visit SolarizeVA.org to get started. Our clean energy future starts with your roof!

The Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit headquartered in Charlottesville, Va. As a trusted nonprofit, LEAP delivers energy-efficient solutions in Virginia to make homes safer, healthier, and more affordable, while reducing energy usage and mitigating climate change.

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County Shares Tree Shelters with City

Public Works utilities analyst Patrick Remson attended a tour of recently completed Fairfax County stream restoration projects in May. Project managers from the county's stormwater management division discuss project details with attendees on these biannual tours. The tours are an opportunity for botanists, ecologists, landscape architects, engineers, and maintenance staff to learn about the design and construction of stream restoration projects. Remson tagged along to see what lessons he could bring back to Fairfax City.

At the event, Remson met Kathy Frederick, a vegetation management ecologist with Fairfax County. They discussed the county's success in using tree shelters – black, plastic mesh cylinders placed around saplings to protect the young trees from wildlife – which he noticed in use on the tour. The mesh shelters allow

airflow and sunlight to reach the tree while reducing its exposure to mildew and extreme temperatures.

When Remson mentioned the city's efforts to protect trees at various project sites, Frederick offered to share tree shelters with the city. Remson and Anna Safford, the city's urban forester, picked up dozens of shelters and installed them on newly planted trees at the retrofitted City Hall detention pond.

"Tree shelters are key to protecting newly planted trees from various wildlife activity, particularly in open, natural areas, where activity is highest," said Safford. "Some of the main culprits are deer, squirrels, and even outdoor cats, who rub, chew, and scratch at trees. Young trees have thinner, more fragile bark and stems, making them more susceptible to damage, which can slow establishment or kill the tree."

Staff will monitor, adjust, and remove the shelters as the trees grow and fully establish. "Every restoration project is different, but all future projects will consider tree establishment best practices for the most success, such as tree shelters, deer fencing, planting selection and design, and continual monitoring and maintenance," said Safford.

The city's trees will benefit from partnerships like this, where city and county staff work together to achieve environmental goals.



TOP: Patrick Remson, Kathy Frederick, and Anna Safford hold tree shelters shared by Fairfax County.
 ABOVE: Safford installs one of the tree shelters.