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NOVEMBER 2023

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Have you seen the new-look CUE buses? **THE FARE-FREE PILOT PROGRAM** allows you to easily hop on and off all day. New seats, lighting, and real-time arrival signs are being installed at many stops.

## City Awarded \$1 Million to Support Tree Planting and Maintenance

**T**he U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service awarded Fairfax City \$1 million in grant funding to grow and maintain our urban forest. The grant will fund SPROUT, an ambitious new urban forest stewardship initiative which will lead to a healthier, more climate-resilient, and equitable urban forest in the city.



**ANNA SAFFORD**  
**CITY OF FAIRFAX**  
**URBAN FORESTER**

### **SPROUT: Stewarding, Planting, Restoring Our Urban Trees**

- SPROUT includes:
- Implementing the city's first 20-year urban forest management plan.
  - Investing in invasive vegetation management services.
  - Planting trees on public property.
  - Identifying and engaging an urban forest stewardship network.
  - Providing environmental education and awareness.

"This initiative will be a collaboration among several city departments, George Mason University, and the community," said Anna Safford, City of Fairfax urban forester. "SPROUT

will connect neighbors to their urban forest and support them in planting and caring for their trees."

The USDA Forest Service awarded more than \$1 billion in competitive grants to plant and maintain trees, combat extreme heat and climate change, and improve access to nature in cities, towns, and suburbs. This is the largest USDA investment to date in urban and community forests.

SPROUT was one of 400 projects selected from more than 800 applications submitted by communities across the nation. Only six projects were selected from Virginia, and Fairfax City was the only grant recipient selected from Northern Virginia.

## See Fairfax City on Two Wheels

The city has installed 10 new Capital Bikeshare stations!

Go to [capitalbikeshare.com](https://capitalbikeshare.com) or scan the QR code to download the app.



Bikeshare is a fun and affordable way to explore the city, run errands, and get where you're going. The bikes are available for anyone to use. Annual memberships are available, as well as single rides and day passes.

Turn to page 2 for a list of the locations of the 10 new stations or view the entire city map at [engage.fairfaxva.gov/capital-bikeshare-stations](https://engage.fairfaxva.gov/capital-bikeshare-stations)

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# CITY NEWS

## Holiday Closure and Service Information

### Tuesday, Nov. 7, Election Day



■ Closed: DMV Select Services, General District Court

### Friday, Nov. 10,

#### Veterans Day (observed)

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

### Wednesday, Nov. 22,

#### Thanksgiving Holiday



- Closed at noon: DMV Select Services, General District Court

### Thursday, Nov. 23, Thanksgiving

- Closed: City government offices, DMV Select Services, General District Court, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, Historic Blenheim
- CUE Bus: no service



### Friday, Nov. 24,

#### Day After Thanksgiving

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

## Holiday Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule

- Nov. 9: Thursday and Friday routes collected.
- Nov. 10, 23: no service.
- Nov. 24: Thursday and Friday routes collected.

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

## Veterans Day Ceremony, Nov. 10

The American Legion Fairfax Post 177 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8469 invite the public to a brief ceremony to honor the nation's veterans with a special program. The ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 10 at American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., and is open to all.

## Stream Restoration Meeting, Nov. 15

Attend the final public meeting for the Stafford Drive Stream Restoration project at 6 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Sherwood Community Center. The project team will share detailed landscaping plans and explain the site restoration plans. Provide comment on the plans before final revisions are presented to City Council.

## Real Estate Tax, Stormwater Utility Bills Mailed; Due Dec. 5

City of Fairfax real estate tax bills, which include the stormwater utility fee, will be mailed by early November and are due Dec. 5. If you pay real estate taxes directly and do not receive a tax bill, call 703-385-7900. If you receive a real estate tax bill but your mortgage company escrows the payment, immediately forward the bill to your mortgage company.

## Real Estate Taxes: Payment Options

Find Fairfax City real estate and personal property tax information and e-payment options online: on the city website home page, under *How Do I...* click on "Pay Tax & Bills." Here, you can find current tax bills and tax payment records, make a full or partial tax payment, review your account — and sign up for Fairfax City Alert to receive tax-related notices. Payment may be made via e-check, credit card, or PayPal; a convenience fee may be charged by providers. If you prefer, mail your payment, or drop it off at City Hall — there's a secure drop box on the circular driveway on Armstrong Street, next to the flagpoles, accessible 24/7. Info: 703-385-7900

# See Fairfax City on Two Wheels

The city has installed 10 new Capital Bikeshare stations to add to the network of more than 700 stations in the DC Metro area. View the entire city map at [engage.fairfaxva.gov/capital-bikeshare-stations](http://engage.fairfaxva.gov/capital-bikeshare-stations)

- 1 Fairfax Blvd. & Pickett Rd. N. (Scout)
- 2 Fairfax Blvd. & Pickett Rd. S. (Foxcroft)
- 3 Beech Dr. & Draper Dr. (Draper Dr. Park)
- 4 Fair Woods Pkwy. & Fairfax Blvd. (Patient First)
- 5 George Mason Blvd. & Armstrong St. (City Hall)
- 6 South St. & University Dr.
- 7 Blenheim Blvd. & North St. (Library)
- 8 University Dr. & Democracy Ln. (The Flats)
- 9 Layton Hall Dr. & University Dr.
- 10 School St. & George Mason Blvd.

## Interest-Free Loans Available for Tax Payments

City residents may apply for interest-free loans to pay real estate taxes and personal property taxes through the Taxpayer Assistance Program (TAP). Borrow \$250 - \$15,000 and repay monthly for six to 10 months. Apply in person with the Treasurer's Office in Fairfax City Hall. There is a 5% application fee. Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "TAP"), 703-385-7900

## Tax Relief Available

Fairfax City provides real estate tax relief options to qualified senior citizens and homeowners with disabilities. Additionally, disabled veterans (or their surviving spouses) may be eligible for real estate tax exemptions on their principal residences. Applications are due April 15, 2024. Info: [fairfaxva.gov/government/finance](http://fairfaxva.gov/government/finance), 703-359-2486

## Don't Waste It: Composting Center Open 24/7

Don't let your spoiled food go to waste: dispose of it at the Fairfax City Composting Center. City residents have 24-hour access to the site, adjacent to City Hall. Info: [fairfaxva.gov/composting](http://fairfaxva.gov/composting)



# 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 SEPT. 12, 2023

### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging September as Recovery Awareness Month in the City of Fairfax.
- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging Sept. 10-16 as National Suicide Prevention Week in the City of Fairfax.
- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging ARTS by George!
- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging September as National Preparedness Month in the City of Fairfax.
- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging Sept. 22, 2023, as Car Free Day in the City of Fairfax.
- Presentation by the Voter Registrar's Office.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of the July 11, 2023, regular meeting minutes; Consideration of the Sept. 5, 2023, special meeting minutes; Consideration of the 2024 schedule of road races in accordance with the city policy regarding road closures for races; Consideration of a fifth amendment to the employment agreement for the city manager; Consideration of an award of a construction contract for Roberts Road drainage improvement; Consideration of a resolution authorizing the city manager to sign the standard project agreement with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for the Chain Bridge Road/Eaton Place Intersection Improvements Project approved for NVTA 70% Regional Funding; Introduction of a resolution for the reappropriation of capital, operating, and component unit school board funds to FY24 that were appropriated in FY23 and have not yet been spent or committed as of June 30, 2023. (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)
- Approved, 4-0-1, consideration of the August 23, 2023, special meeting minutes. (In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Doyle Feingold, Ross, and Stehle. Abstained: Councilmember Lim.) (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)
- Approved, 4-1: Introduction of an ordinance authorizing "quick-take" condemnation of certain permanent and temporary easements at 3521 Chain Bridge Road; Introduction of an ordinance authorizing "quick-take" condemnation of a permanent easement at

10402 Eaton Place; and Introduction of an ordinance authorizing "quick-take" condemnation of certain permanent and temporary easements at 10270 Fairfax Blvd. (In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmember Doyle Feingold.) (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, to defer action to Oct. 10, 2023, on the public hearing and Council action for a special use permit to allow an animal care facility at 3925 Chain Bridge Road. (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, a resolution to endorse the city's FY24 Transportation Alternatives Applications for the Chain Bridge Road Shared Use Path and the Fern Street Neighborhood Connection. (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)

### ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, unanimously, a resolution to endorse the city's FY 27/28 Revenue Sharing Application for First/Second Street Sidewalks and Dwight Avenue improvements. (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, a resolution to approve the city's submissions to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority for FY 2024-2029 70% Funding for Blenheim Boulevard (formerly Old Lee Highway) Multimodal Improvements and Northfax East-West Roadway. (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)

## COUNCIL ACTIONS OF SEPT. 26, 2023

### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, 2023, as National Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Fairfax.
- Presentation of a proclamation congratulating Fall for the Books on the 25th anniversary.
- Presentation of a proclamation designating October as Community Planning Month in the City of Fairfax.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, 4-0, the adoption of the agenda. (Councilmember Doyle Feingold was absent from the vote.) (Councilmember Lim was absent.)

### PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation and discussion by Dr. Joe N. Savage, Jr., United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH).

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, 4-0-1: Consideration of the Sept. 12, 2023, regular meeting minutes; and Consideration of the Sept. 21, 2023, special meeting minutes. (In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Doyle Feingold, Ross, and Stehle. Abstained: Councilmember Greenfield.) (Councilmember Lim was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of appointments to boards and commissions; and Consideration of a resolution establishing a towing advisory board to advise

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# 2023

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE NOV. 7 GENERAL ELECTION

**THROUGH SATURDAY, NOV. 4:** In-person early voting from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the City Hall Annex

### TUESDAY, NOV. 7: ELECTION DAY

Polls open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

By-mail ballots may be returned in person **by 7 p.m. Nov. 7** either in person by the voter or to the ballot drop box located at the City Hall Atrium east entrance (facing George Mason Boulevard). Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Nov. 7 and received by noon Nov. 13 in order to be counted. *Info: fairfaxva.gov/vote, 703-385-7891*

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the City Council with respect to the terms of a contract for police-requested towing services. *(Councilmember Lim was absent.)*

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, to defer action until Oct. 10, 2023, on a public hearing and Council action on a request for a special use permit to allow parks and open areas use and for the construction of a multi-use trail at 10400 Shiloh St. *(Councilmember Lim was absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously, to defer action until Oct. 10, 2023, on public hearings and Council actions on an ordinance authorizing "quick-take" condemnation of property at 3521 Chain Bridge Road, 10402 Eaton Place, and 10270 Fairfax Boulevard. *(Councilmember Lim was absent.)*
- Approved, unanimously, a resolution to reappropriate capital, operating, and component unit school board funds to FY24 as detailed on the list attached to the agenda. *(Councilmember Lim was absent.)*



OUR  
EVOLVING  
CITY

## Fairfax Circle Small Area Plan Meeting



Help plan the future of Fairfax Circle! The second meeting on the Fairfax Circle Small Area Plan will be held at 6 p.m. Nov. 2 in the Fairfax High School library. At this meeting, our consultant will share their initial ideas for the Fairfax Circle Activity Center and participants will have the opportunity to share their own ideas. Small area plans are neighborhood-level plans intended to provide the city

with guidance on each of its five activity centers defined in the 2035 *Comprehensive Plan*. They provide specific guidance for a desired mix of uses, residential density, building density, design aesthetic, street locations, multi-modal connections, infrastructure improvements, parking, and open space. *Info: <https://engage.fairfaxva.gov/fairfax-circle-small-area-plan>*



## HELPING HANDS

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

**Board of Building Code Appeals** (two vacancies; one mechanical or plumbing vacancy and one city resident); **Board of Zoning Appeals** (one vacancy); **Commission on the Arts** (one vacancy for city residents); **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).

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



# City Reaches \$1 Million Milestone on GovDeals



Have you ever wondered what happens to used city vehicles and equipment? Many of the assets are auctioned on GovDeals.com. Fairfax City recently reached the \$1 million mark in sales of used assets. The city receives 100% of the sales proceeds, and all proceeds are returned to the city's general fund to support city services.

Fleet Services staff manage the process from start to finish. "To get to this milestone required a lot of time and dedication from the team in Fleet Services," said Lee Hall, Fleet Services superintendent.

**59%**  
The increase in profits when the City switched from a public auction company to GovDeals

**100**  
The percentage of the GovDeals proceeds that the city receives and returns to the general fund

The city began using GovDeals in 2017 and immediately saw a 59% increase in profits compared to the public auction company the city had been using. Walk-behind mowers are the most common piece of city equipment sold on GovDeals. Perhaps the most unique item sold was an antique walk-behind plow. A buyer in the United Kingdom purchased a retired city police cruiser.

Visit [govdeals.com](http://govdeals.com) to find a wide variety of assets such as furniture, agricultural equipment, vehicles, heavy trucks, aircraft, motorcycles, IT equipment, tires, antiques, and more.

# Parks & Recreation Wins Award for Bottle Cap Mural



At the annual Virginia Recreation and Park Society's state conference in September, the Parks & Recreation Department won an award in the category for Best New Environmental Sustainability: Under 25,000 for *Renew*, a mural made from plastic bottle caps.

The statewide awards program honors individuals, departments, and organizations throughout Virginia who have demonstrated excellence during the previous year.

The *Renew* bottle cap mural, which hangs at Green Acres Center, was sponsored by Parks & Recreation in partnership with the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts Public Art Committee. Artists Monica Tucker Hurley and Sarah Berry from the Persimmon Project were drawn to the mural project and theme of eco-awareness as nature informs both of their bodies of work.

Starting in January 2022, plastic bottle caps were collected at all the park facilities in the city, from preschool classrooms to the senior center. The intention was to use an art project as a creative way to remind residents of how they can make a difference in their world, encourage recycling, and positively impact the environment. *Renew* is a visual representation of how

**MORE THAN 3,000**

THE NUMBER OF BOTTLE CAPS COLLECTED FOR THE AWARD-WINNING *RENEW* MURAL

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Fall Festival

## FALL FESTIVAL ELITE SPONSORS

FAIRFAX CITY Parks and Recreation

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

On behalf of the City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation, we extend our deepest gratitude for your generous sponsorship! Your continued support allows us to bring a festival with something for everyone to enjoy!

**FAIR CITY MALL**  
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**HB Home Services**  
WWW.HB-SERVICE.BIZ



FAIRFAX CITY  
**Holiday MARKET**

**FIRST TWO WEEKENDS OF DECEMBER**  
OLD TOWN SQUARE  
10415 NORTH STREET

**DECEMBER 1-3**  
**DECEMBER 8-10**

FRIDAYS 5PM-8PM • SATURDAYS 12PM-6PM  
SUNDAYS 12PM-5PM

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FAIRFAX CITY

City of Fairfax  
**Festival of Lights and Carols**

**December 2**  
**12pm - 6pm**  
**Old Town Square**  
**10415 North St.**

Peruse the Holiday Market while you enjoy live, musical performances, s'mores, crafts, & more!

Join us for the Tree Lighting Ceremony and caroling at 5:30pm to usher in the Holiday season!

FAIRFAX CITY

**Claus and Cookies**

**11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.**  
**December 9**

Tickets available November 1

## MAKING *History*

### **Annual History Conference, Nov. 4**

The public is invited to attend, in-person or virtually, Fairfax County History Commission's free annual history conference co-sponsored by the City of Fairfax. Titled *WE are Fairfax County Part III: A Country of Nations Celebrating our Muslim, Asian, and Latino Citizens*, the conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Sherwood Center. The Hon. Tom Davis and author Tom Gjelten are guest keynote speakers. Participants may pay \$15 by Nov. 1 to receive a light breakfast and lunch during the event. *Info: fairfaxcounty.gov/history-commission/history-conference*

### **Book Talk and Signing:**

#### ***The Courageous Lives of Black Surgeons*, Nov. 18**

Historian and author Jill L. Newmark will discuss her findings about a select group of black surgeons who served with the Federal Army. She will interview Dr. Alexander Augusta, the first black surgeon in the Union Army (as portrayed by Dr. Michael Hill). The history talk is at 2 p.m. Nov. 18 at Historic Blenheim and will be followed by a book sale and signing. Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Augusta")*

### **Traveling Exhibition: *Every Necessary Care and Attention: George Washington and Medicine*, Nov. 13 – Dec. 23**

Explore how George Washington sought to ensure the health and safety of his family, staff, enslaved workers, and troops at a traveling exhibit at Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily (excluding some holidays). Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Washington and Medicine"), 703-591-0560*





# LIVE LIFE IN THE ARTS

## Literacy in Virginia

2:15-3:40 p.m. Nov. 2 and 9  
Old Town Hall

Presented in partnership with  
George Mason University Osher  
Institute of Lifelong Learning

### ■ Nov. 2: Literacy in Northern Virginia: Challenges and Changes

Join Fairfax County Public Library librarians Suzanne LaPierre and Chris Barbuschak as they speak about their new book *Desegregation in Northern Virginia Libraries*. Learn about the major civil rights activists

who successfully desegregated local public libraries during the Jim Crow era. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.

### ■ Nov. 9: How Virginia Libraries Support Literacy Choices

Hear how collection development policies, principles of book selection, and core tenets of librarianship come together to form the foundation for ensuring choices for Virginia readers and a bulwark of intellectual freedom. From her book *We Are Your Children Too: Black Students*,

*White Supremacists, and the Battle for America's Schools in Prince Edward County, Virginia*, Patricia O'Connell Pearson discusses the county's five-year closure of all public schools in massive resistance to the Supreme Court's ruling in *Brown v. Board of Education* and the resulting lack of literacy opportunities for most Black and some white children there. Book signing to follow. Register at [fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation](https://fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation)

## Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series: Swingology

8 p.m. Nov. 3, Old Town Hall  
Swingology is a DC-area band performing hot jazz, bossa nova, manouche, swing and traditional jazz. You may feel you're at a Parisian cafe or a Prohibition-era speakeasy.

## Friday Morning Music Club Noon on Nov. 16, Old Town Hall

Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series: Graham Breedlove Group (Jazz)  
8 p.m. Nov. 17, Old Town Hall  
Reception to follow.

## Bottle Cap Mural

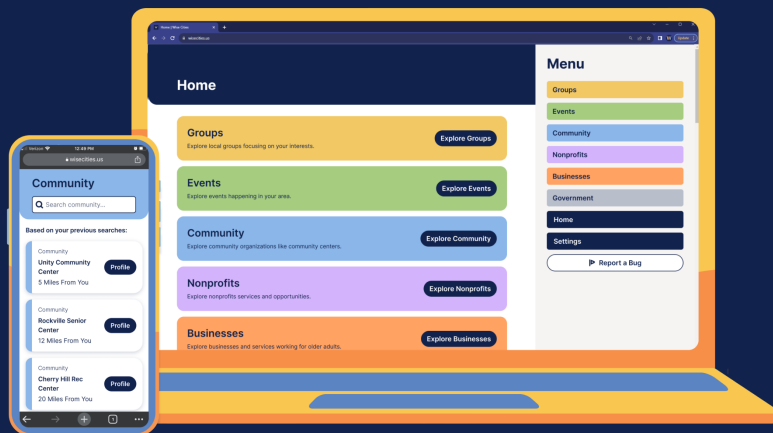
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recycling transforms materials and limits use of new resources to protect our natural world.

More than 3,000 bottle caps were collected. A public construction day was held in Old Town Square and volunteers stopped by to sort and wash bottle caps and to talk to the artists. The mural was installed in July 2022 and dedicated in September of the same year. The artists created a scavenger hunt, and it has become a fun stop for many who use the Green Acres Community Center.

# WISE Cities

## Easily find what you need in your community.



[www.wisecities.us](https://www.wisecities.us)

WISE Cities is launching now in Fairfax City to enable healthy, active aging at home. The WISE Cities platform is fun, easy to use, and puts community opportunities and resources at your fingertips. Fairfax City Economic Development selected WISE from the 2021 Smart Cities Competition hosted by Refraction and offered a grant to pilot their project in Fairfax City. The team has worked extensively with city residents and local services to craft an approach loved by all. Whether you are an older adult, care-providing family member, or local service provider, check it out: [wisecities.us](https://www.wisecities.us).

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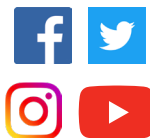
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## Audit Finds Less Waste in Recycling



**200 LBS.**

Weight of the samples that were randomly pulled from recycling loads to test in the audit

**11.4%**

Overall recycling contamination rate in 2023

**TAKE THE "I RECYCLE" PLEDGE!** Visit

[mwcog.org/recyclesday](http://mwcog.org/recyclesday)

or scan the QR code below to be entered for a chance to win an REI gift card. It's not just

about recycling right — the chasing arrows of the recycling symbol also emphasize reducing the amount of waste produced and reusing material. For the health of our planet, local environment, and economy, celebrate America Recycles Day and take the pledge to recycle (and recycle right).



The city conducted a recycling audit in August to see how much waste was being collected with recyclable material. Two-hundred-pound samples were randomly pulled from recycling loads over a two-week period and sorted into categories by hand.

The biggest takeaway from this audit is that the city achieved an

overall recycling contamination rate of 11.4%, which is a significant drop from 21.1% in 2022. Information from the audit will be integrated into targeted education and outreach efforts to continue to reduce the overall recycling contamination rate throughout the city. Learn more about recycling in Fairfax City at [fairfaxva.gov/recycling](http://fairfaxva.gov/recycling)



**CELEBRATE AMERICA RECYCLES DAY, NOV. 15**