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DECEMBER 2023

## Give Fairfax City Families a Brighter Holiday

**T**he Fairfax City community has numerous opportunities to help neighbors by participating in local charitable-giving programs. Info: [fairfaxva.gov/news](http://fairfaxva.gov/news)



### Sherwood Center **GIVING TREE**

Ongoing donations are accepted through Dec. 8. Sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Department and City of Fairfax Schools. [fairfaxva.gov/givingtree](http://fairfaxva.gov/givingtree), 703-385-7858

**Santa's Ride.** Drop off new, unwrapped toys, games, books, and gifts by Dec. 18 at the Fairfax City General District Court office in Fairfax City Hall (Annex Room 101) and the City of Fairfax Police Station. 703-385-7958

**Toys for Tots.** Drop off new, unwrapped toys, games, books, and gifts by Dec. 18 at Fire Station 3. Sponsored by the City of Fairfax Fire Department with the U.S. Marine Corps. 703-385-7940

**Help City School Students.** Donate food and hygiene products to students in need at Katherine Johnson Middle School and Fairfax High School through A Place to Eat. Contribute via their Amazon Wish List ([amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/MWOA7SESUTMY](http://amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/MWOA7SESUTMY)) or via online financial contributions ([aplacetostand.org/a-place-to-give](http://aplacetostand.org/a-place-to-give)) and by check to A Place to Stand, 3609 Colony Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. A Place to Stand seeks volunteers in support of its mission to end hunger and homelessness.

**Support The Lamb Center.** Support the guests at The Lamb Center, a daytime drop-in shelter for people

experiencing homelessness. The community can contribute supplies and clothing (check their supplies list online), which also may be purchased via their Amazon Wish List ([amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/15KBHBOTEHIQZ](http://amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lz/15KBHBOTEHIQZ)). Other ways to help include assisting with meal preparation, donating money, and organizing supply drives and fundraisers. [thelambcenter.org/get-involved](http://thelambcenter.org/get-involved), 703-691-3178

### Support Local Families Through Britepaths.

Britepaths, a Fairfax non-profit organization, accepts financial contributions to provide food for families in need. Britepaths works to stabilize clients facing economic crisis, foster personal empowerment, and support the needs of children. Donate online via [britepaths.org/our-services/holiday-program](http://britepaths.org/our-services/holiday-program). Address checks to "Britepaths" and mail to 3959 Pender Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030 (please write "Holiday 23" in memo line). [events@britepaths.org](mailto:events@britepaths.org), 703-273-8829

**Help the Humane Society Help Pets.** The Fairfax City-based Humane Society of Fairfax County manages the Second Chance Thrift and Gift Store at 4057 Chain Bridge Road (hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, excluding holidays). HSFC also accepts contributions online via their website: [hsfc.org](http://hsfc.org). The organization helps find homes for Fairfax companion animals, provides free pet food and supplies to households in need, and promotes humane education. Volunteers are welcome. [hsfc.org](http://hsfc.org), 703-385-3064

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# CITY NEWS



## Holiday Closure and Service Information

### Employee Recognition Luncheon: Friday, Dec. 1

- **Closed: 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.:** City Hall municipal government offices, including DMV Select services; Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center; Historic Blenheim
- **Open:** General District Court in the City Hall Annex

### Friday, Dec. 22

#### Christmas Eve observed

- Closed at noon: City government offices, including DMV Select services; General District Court
- Closed all day: Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center, Historic Blenheim
- CUE Bus: regular schedule

### Sunday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve

- Closed: Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center
- CUE Bus: regular schedule until service ends at 7 p.m.



### Monday, Dec. 25, Christmas

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



### Monday, Jan 1, 2023 New Year's Day

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

## Holiday Refuse and Recycling Collection Schedule

- Dec. 22: regular service
- Dec. 25: no service
- Dec. 26: Monday and Tuesday routes collected
- Jan. 1, 2024: no service
- Jan. 2, 2024: Monday and Tuesday routes collected

Please note: there may be a delay in yard debris collection citywide

Dec 26 – Jan. 7, 2024. Please leave items at the curb until they are collected. Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "Refuse Holiday"), 703-385-7837

## Don't Bag It! Curbside Leaf Collection Provided Through Dec. 29

Residents who receive curbside refuse collection service from the city may rake their leaves loose to the curb for collection no later than Dec. 22. Bagged leaves are not collected until January 2024. Info: [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov) (search "Leaf Collection"), 703-385-LEAF

## Real Estate Tax Bills Due Dec. 5

City of Fairfax real estate tax bills are due Monday, Dec 5. A late fee is assessed for payments received after the due date, plus interest (if applicable). If you pay real estate taxes directly and have not received a tax bill, call 703-385-7900. If you receive a real estate tax bill but your mortgage company escrows the payment, please immediately forward the bill to your mortgage company.

## Real Estate Taxes: Payment Options

Pay real estate taxes online: on [fairfaxva.gov](http://fairfaxva.gov), under *How Do I...* click on "Pay Tax & Bills." You may mail your payment or drop off your payment in the secure drop box at City Hall (on the circular driveway next to the flagpoles on Armstrong Street).

## TAP Offers Interest-Free Loans Available for Tax Payments

The Taxpayer Assistance Program (TAP) offers interest-free loans to pay real estate taxes. Borrow \$250 - \$15,000 and repay monthly for six to 10 months. Apply in person with the Treasurer's Office. There is a 7.5% 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 exemp-

tions on their principal residences. Applications are due April 15, 2024. Info: [fairfaxva.gov/government/finance](http://fairfaxva.gov/government/finance), 703-359-2486

## Home Heating Assistance Available

City residents who need help with heating bills this winter may apply for fuel assistance and crisis assistance through the Virginia Energy Assistance Program. Info: [dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea](http://dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea)

## Dispose of Fire Extinguishers Safely

Fire extinguishers do not last forever, even if unused — and should be disposed of safely. Dispose of your fire extinguisher when there is outer damage, the inspection and maintenance sticker or tag is missing, if it's more than 12 years old, or if it's been used. Fire extinguishers contain harmful chemicals, so please take them to the household hazardous waste facility at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, (703-631-1179) or the I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, (703-690-1703). Info: [fairfaxva.gov/fire](http://fairfaxva.gov/fire), under "Community Education and Risk Reduction"



## 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** (two vacancies for city residents); **Fairfax Village in the City Advisory Board** (one vacancy for at-large member); **George Mason University Fairfax Campus Advisory Board** (one vacancy); **Health Systems Agency representative** (one vacancy); **Historic Fairfax City, Inc.** (one vacancy); **Human Services Committee** (one vacancy); **Personnel Advisory Board** (one vacancy); **Planning Commission** (two vacancies for city residents).

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

# 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 OCT. 10, 2023

### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging Oct. 8-14, 2023, as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Fairfax.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, unanimously, with the following amendments to defer the following to Oct. 24, 2023: #9b. Special Use Permit for multi-use trail at 10400 Shiloh St.; #9c. Quick-take condemnation for 3521 Chain Bridge Road; #9d. Quick-take condemnation for 10402 Eaton Place; and #9e. Quick-take condemnation for 10270 Fairfax Blvd. (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, 4-0-1, consideration of the September 26, 2023, regular meeting minutes. (In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Doyle Feingold, Ross, and Stehle. Abstained: Councilmember Lim.) (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of the Oct. 3, 2023, special meeting minutes; Consideration of appointments to boards and commissions; Consideration of an award of construction contract for Chain Bridge Road sidewalk extension (Jenny Lynne Lane to Kenmore Drive); Consideration of an award of construction contract for State of Good Repair Milling & Paving Services; Introduction of an ordinance authorizing "quick-take" condemnation of certain public right-of-way in fee simple, together with grading and temporary construction easement(s), on real property owned at 10620 Fairfax Blvd.; Introduction of an ordinance authorizing "quick-take" condemnation of certain public right-of-way in fee simple, together with grading and temporary construction easement(s), on real property at 10655 Fairfax Blvd.; and Introduction of an ordinance authorizing "quick-take" condemnation of certain public right-of-way in fee simple, together with grading and temporary construction easement(s), on real property at 10670 Fairfax Blvd. (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, adoption of the resolution to approve the request to appeal the determination by the Zoning Administrator to deny a variation or exception 11006 Park Road. (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)

- Approved, unanimously, to adopt the ordinance for application to rezone 11006 Park Road from CR Commercial Retail Zoning District to RT - Residential Townhouse Zoning District in the Architectural Control Overlay District to allow development of 13 townhouses in compliance with the general development plan and proffers. (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)
- Approved, 4-1, that the City Council adopt the resolution to approve the request for a special exception to reduce the required yards; a special exception to modify the requirement for sidewalks along portion of the private street; and a special exception to modify the requirement for street trees and 10-foot landscape strip along the private street on the land at 11006 Park Road, with conditions. (In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmember Doyle Feingold.) (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)
- Approved, 4-1, the request for a certificate of appropriateness on the land at 11006 Park Road, subject to conditions (as may be amended by City Council). (In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmember Doyle Feingold.) (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)
- Approved, unanimously, to continue the public hearing and defer Council consideration to Nov. 14, 2023, on potential zoning text amendments regarding tree conservation, research and development, social service delivery, and other miscellaneous amendments. (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)

### ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, unanimously, a resolution to approve a plan of finance with the City of Fairfax Economic Development Authority in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$26M to finance general government capital project costs. (Councilmember Greenfield was absent.)

## COUNCIL ACTIONS OF OCT. 24, 2023

### PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging Oct. 24, 2023, as USA Lacrosse's 25th Anniversary and to support the third annual National Celebrate Lacrosse Week Nov. 4 - 12, 2023.
- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging Oct. 29, 2023, as Arbor Day in the City of Fairfax.
- Presentation of a proclamation acknowledging Oct. 24, 2023, as Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce's 65th anniversary.
- Presentation of the city's Coordinated Response to Homelessness: "Current and Future Steps."

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Approved, 5-0, adoption of the agenda. (Councilmember Doyle Feingold was absent from the vote.)

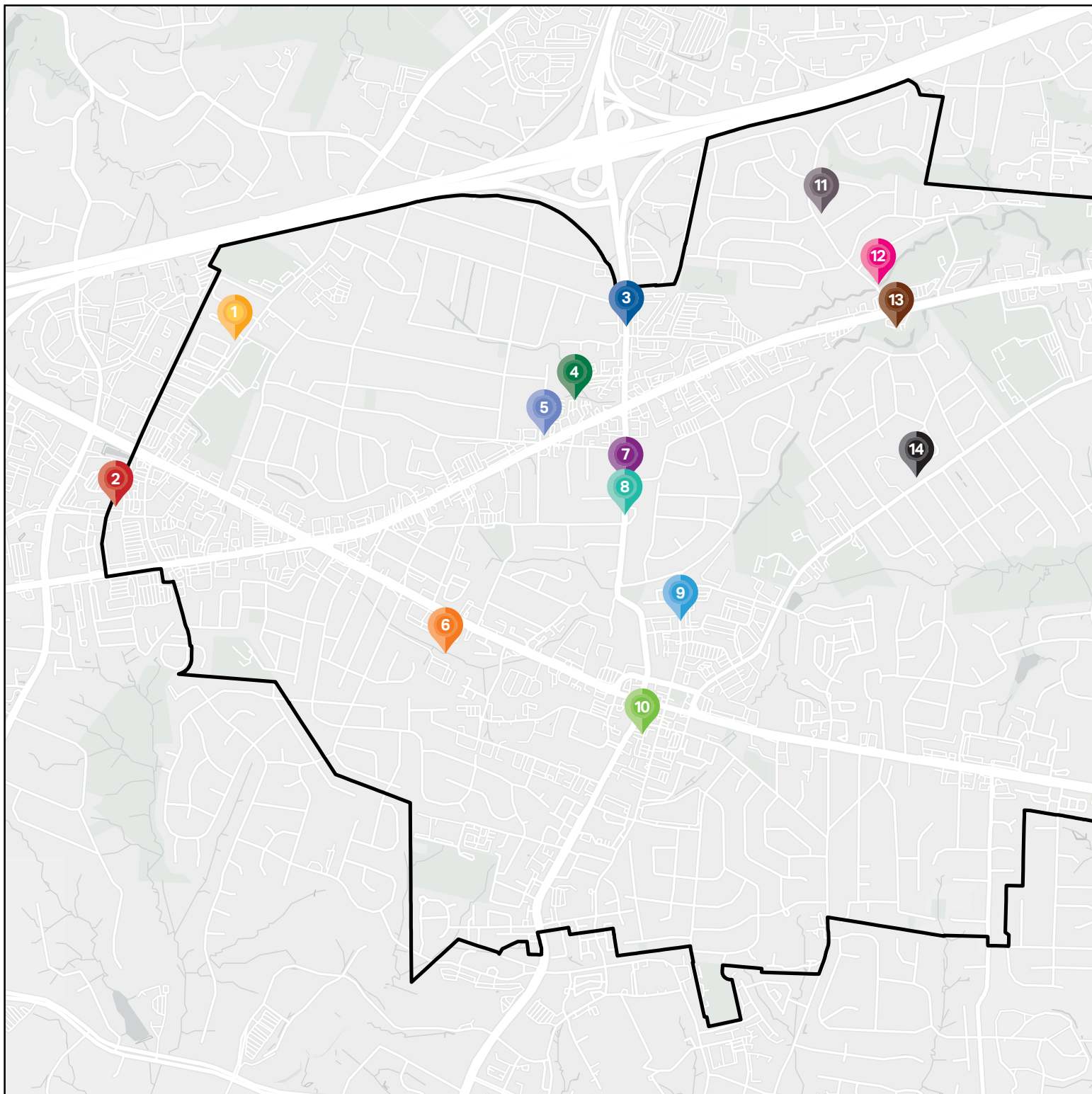
### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved, 5-0, the consent agenda. (Councilmember Doyle Feingold was absent from the vote.)

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# Transportation Projects in

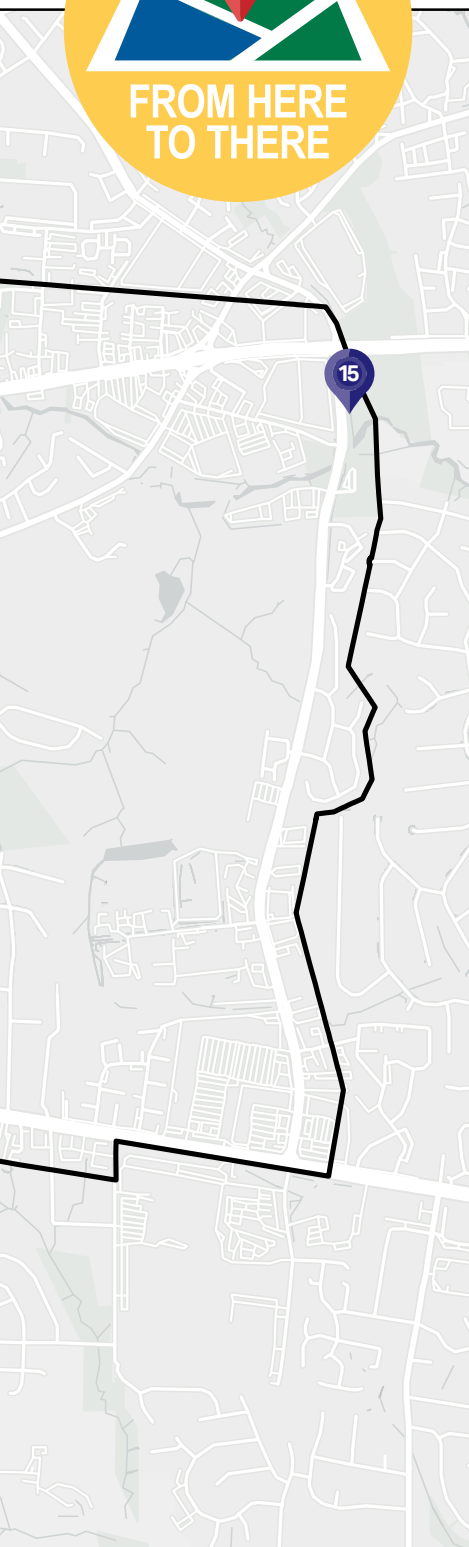
Fairfax City and the surrounding area continue to grow. The following transportation projects will improve safety for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists; connect residents and businesses to neighboring jurisdictions; improve internal traffic circulation; and improve CUE Bus stops. The projects are funded and in various stages of design.



County of Prince William, Fairfax County, VA, VGIN, Esri, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, Geo Technologies, Inc., METI/NASA, USGS, NPS, US Census Bureau, USDA



# n Design



## 1 Jermantown Road Corridor Improvements

Install spot improvements from the I-66 bridge south to Fairfax Boulevard to improve traffic operations, improve ingress and egress for residential and commercial driveways, improve transit operations, and improve bicycle and pedestrian movement.

## 2 Government Center Parkway Extension

Connect Government Center Parkway from Stevenson Street to Jermantown Road and include sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, lighting, and landscaping.

## 3 Chain Bridge Road and Eaton Place Intersection Improvements

## 4 Northfax West Roadway Network

Constructing a new north-south road between Fairfax Boulevard/Farr Avenue and Orchard Street to create a grid network of streets to foster redevelopment.

## 5 Warwick Avenue/Fairfax Boulevard/McLean Avenue Intersection Improvements

Realign the intersection to reduce the number of conflict points and reduce pedestrian crossing distances.

## 6 Judicial Drive Trail Connection

Complete the Judicial Drive Trail from Hallman Street to Judicial Drive.

## 7 Chain Bridge Road Pedestrian and Bus Stop Improvements

Construct new sidewalk bus stop improvements along the west side of Chain Bridge Road between Taba Cove and Warwick Avenue.

## 8 Chain Bridge Road Sidewalk and Cedar Avenue Pedestrian Crossing

Connect sidewalk on the east side of northbound Chain Bridge Road from Kenmore Drive to Cedar Avenue and relocate the pedestrian crossing at Cedar Avenue to the north side of the intersection.

## 9 University Drive Bike Facilities

Install a mix of bike lanes and shared lane markings on University Drive between North Street and Layton Hall Drive and improve the intersection of University Drive and Layton Hall Drive.

## 10 South Street Extension

Extend South Street from University Drive to Chain Bridge Road and signalize the new intersection.

## 11 Fair Woods Parkway Neighborway

Improve bicycling connection and safety by installing curb extensions and crosswalks at five intersections, installing a shared use path on west side of Fair Woods Parkway between Fairfax Boulevard and George Snyder Trail, improving the intersection of Fair Woods Parkway and Fairfax Boulevard, and installing wayfinding signs.

## 12 George Snyder Trail

Complete the construction of the two-mile trail along the southern side of Accotink Creek from Chain Bridge Road to Fairfax Boulevard.

## 13 Country Club Commons Connector Trail

Connect neighborhoods south of Fairfax Boulevard to employment destinations, trails, bus routes, and other amenities.

## 14 Blenheim Boulevard Multimodal Improvements

Construct a two-way bicycle path and sidewalk on north side of Blenheim Boulevard and continuous sidewalk on the south side between Layton Hall Drive and Ridge Avenue. Improve bus stops and shelters along the route and install turn lanes.

## 15 Pickett Road Connector Trail

A paved recreational trail with a bridge and boardwalks would connect Thaiss Memorial Park, the Wilcoxon Trail, and the Gerry Connolly Cross-County Trail to Fairfax Boulevard and the Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Metrorail Station.

## RECYCLE YOUR STRING LIGHTS

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## MAKING *History*

### **Decorate a Gingerbread House at Festival of Lights and Carols, Dec. 2**

Join Fairfax City's Historic Resources Office from noon to 4 p.m. in Old Town Square to help decorate gingerbread houses, which will be donated to local family shelters. Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov/specialevents, 703-385-8414*

### **Christmas In Camp and Making Do at Home (with Special Guest Santa Claus), Dec. 3**

Learn how soldiers and their loved ones at home celebrated Christmas during the U.S. Civil War. Create handmade ornaments and meet a Victorian Santa Claus from noon to 4 p.m. at Historic Blenheim. Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Christmas in Camp")*

### **Holiday-Focused Guided Tours of Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House, Dec. 10**

Take a guided tour of the Ratcliffe-

Allison-Pozer House and its special exhibition, *Kitty Barrett Pozer: A Life to Honor*, from 1-3 p.m. Dec. 10. Learn about holiday customs from time periods related to the house's many owners and residents. Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer")*

### **Traveling Exhibition: Every Necessary Care and Attention: George Washington and Medicine, through Dec. 21**

The traveling exhibition from the National Library of Medicine explores the ways in which George Washington sought to ensure the health and safety of his family, staff, enslaved workers, and troops. The exhibit will be at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center through Dec. 21. The museum is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily (excluding holidays). Free. *Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "Washington and Medicine"), 703-385-8414*

### **Historic Facilities Closed in January**

In January 2024, the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center and Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim will be closed. *Info: historicresources@fairfaxva.gov, 703-385-8414*

## COUNCIL REPORTER

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### PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Approved, unanimously, authorization "quick-take" condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of public right-of-way at 10620 Fairfax Blvd.
- Approved, unanimously, authorization "quick-take" condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of public right-of-way at 10655 Fairfax Blvd.
- Approved, unanimously, authorization "quick-take" condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of public right-of-way at 10670 Fairfax Blvd.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending City Code

Chapter 110 (Zoning), including site development standards and definitions.

### ITEMS NOT REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING

- Approved, 4-2, the request for a special use permit to allow a parks and open areas use in the RH Residential High Zoning district in the Architectural Control Overlay District (ACOD) for the construction of a multi-use trail at 10400 Shiloh St., with conditions. (*In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Doyle Feingold and Greenfield.*)
- Approved, 4-2, an ordinance authorizing the initiation of "quick-take" condemnation proceedings on property located

at 3521 Chain Bridge Road. (*In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Doyle Feingold and Greenfield.*)

- Approved, 4-2, an ordinance authorizing the initiation of "quick-take" condemnation proceedings on property located at 10402 Eaton Place. (*In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Doyle Feingold and Greenfield.*)
- Approved, 4-2, an ordinance authorizing the initiation of "quick-take" condemnation proceedings on property located at 10270 Fairfax Blvd. (*In favor: Councilmembers Bates, Lim, Ross, and Stehle. Opposed: Councilmembers Doyle Feingold and Greenfield.*)



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## INVESTMENT IN THE ARTS

### Holiday Bell Concert – Music to Free

8 p.m. Dec 1. Sherwood Center. \$15.

### Main Street Community Band Concert – Home for the Holidays

4 p.m. Dec 3. Katherine Johnson Middle School. Free.  
Reservations required.

### Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series – Marcoliva: Two to Tango

8 p.m. Dec 8. Old Town Hall. Free.

### ArtScreen – The Princess Bride

7:30 p.m. Dec 15. Sherwood Center. Free.

### City of Fairfax Band – Christmas in Fairfax

7 p.m. Dec 16: Fairfax High School. Free. Reservations required.

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