

# Local Slugger Places Third in Little League World Series Home Run Derby

ack Shaw, a Fairfax City resident and St. Leo's student, placed third in the 2024 T-Mobile Little League Home Run Derby, which was held Aug. 22 in Williamsport, Pa., and aired on ESPN2.

Shaw's road to Williamsport began by winning the Fairfax Little League Home Run Derby. He then won the East Regional Home Run Derby at Kauffman Stadium, home of the Kansas City Royals. His win at regionals led to a showdown on the national stage against the top four finishers from the East and the West.

Shaw said participating in the Little League World Series Home Run Derby was an awesome experience he'll never forget – and really fun. "One of my favorite parts was hitting in a major league park and winning the East finals at the Kansas City Royals stadium," said Shaw. "It was like being an MLB player! They played my walk-up music, announced my name in the stadium, and put my picture up on the big scoreboard. Really cool!"

Shaw plays travel baseball for the Stars and will attend Fairfax High School in a few years. Congratulations, Jack!



# INTRODUCING THE CITY OF FAIRFAX BAND'S NEW DIRECTOR

The City of Fairfax Band Association's new director, Dr. Dereck Scott, is a conductor, arranger, and trumpet player. He succeeds Robert Pouliot, who retired after 29 years. Scott began his new role in July, and he will conduct his first City of Fairfax Band concert, *The Divine Adventure*, on Oct. 26, when the nationally acclaimed ensemble launches its 2024-25 season at Fairfax High School.

"The City of Fairfax Band is the group I kept hearing about. This is a group I wanted to be a part of. I am extremely excited," said Scott. "It's a very good group. I'm confident they will be able to play anything I put in front of them."

His leadership from the podium has been described as transformative and of the highest artistic merit.

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#### **SWU Credit Applications, Oct. 1**

Property owners who are assessed a stormwater utility fee may apply for stormwater utility credits to reduce their fees. Credit opportunities include structural and nonstructural activity-based options. Stormwater utility credit applications and the supporting documentation are due to the city by Oct. 1. Info: fairfaxva.gov/stormwaterutility

#### Public Safety Classes, Oct. 5, Nov. 2

Take a free public safety class offered by the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department with the Fairfax City Fire Department. Classes are offered at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month through November at Fire Station 3. Topics include hands-only CPR/AED, Stop the Bleed, stroke awareness, fire extinguisher and smoke detector use, and more. Classes will continue in 2025. Enrollment is limited, so sign up today. *Info: 703-385-7940*, *fairfaxva.gov/news* 

# Personal Property Tax Payments, Oct. 7

Personal property and vehicle registration fee payments are due by Oct. 7. Late payments will incur a 10% penalty, plus interest.

Payment options:

- Secure drop box outside City Hall (circular drive on Armstrong Street)
- Mail checks only (and early)
- Online via the Payments button on the city homepage
- **By phone** (703-385-7900, option 5)
- In person at Fairfax City Hall (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays)

Confirm tax payments online via fairfaxva.gov/mytaxes.

To request a copy of your bill, call 703-385-7900 (then press 1). To make changes to your bill, call 703-385-7885. *Info: fairfaxva.gov* (search "Personal Property Tax")

#### DMV Select and Court Office Closures, Oct. 14

On Oct. 14, the General District Court and the DMV Select will be closed in observance of Columbus Day & Yorktown Victory Day. All city government offices will be open regular hours.

#### Drug Take Back Day, Oct. 26

Bring unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs to the City of Fairfax Police Department from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 26. Pills, ointments, and liquids in sealed containers are accepted. (No needles, syringes, or Epi-Pens.) Drop-off is anonymous; no identification or prescription information is required. Can't make this date? Check with your pharmacy for safe disposal options. *Info: fairfaxva.gov/police, 703-293-7122* 

#### Don't Bag It! Curbside Leaf Collection, Nov. 4

Curbside leaf collection will be provided from Nov. 4 through Jan. 3, 2025, in neighborhoods that receive city refuse collection service. Please rake leaves loose to the curb; they are transported to a facility that processes them into 100% natural, organic mulch. Bagged leaves are not collected during this time.

Leaf piles may include light yard debris in leaf piles (grass clippings and weeds) — but not stones, branches, dirt, and other objects that may injure workers and damage equipment. *Info: fairfaxva.gov* (search "Leaf"), 703-385-LEAF

Raking leaves reduces the amount of phosphorous and nitrogen that enters local waterways and keeps the oxygen in water at a healthier level for aquatic life.

However, if you don't get all of your leaves, don't despair. Leaving leaves protects and maintains biodiversity. Leaf fall reintroduces vital nutrients back into the soil, creating optimal growing conditions for the yard or gardens the following year. Fallen leaves also provide vital food,

shelter, and nesting material for wildlife, such as overwintering caterpillars that emerge as butterflies and moths the following year.

# Winter Quarter Limit Charged to City Wastewater Bills

Fairfax City wastewater customers are billed a winter quarter limit, which is based on winter quarter consumption multiplied by a factor of 1.3 or actual water consumption during the current billing period, whichever is lower.

Fairfax City Council adopted the winter quarter limit for city wastewater fees in February 2022 to minimize charges for water consumption that does not discharge to the wastewater system (i.e., irrigation and filling pools).

Commercial accounts are not included because these accounts have a master meter that can be supplemented by a sub-meter to measure flow that does not enter the wastewater system.

Info: fairfaxva.gov (search "winter quarter"), 703-385-7810

## Halloween Events

#### Trick or Treat Trail, Oct. 26

Celebrate Halloween with the police department along the Trick or Treat Trail from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at the city police station, 3730 Blenheim Blvd. Cars will drive through the parking lot: please stay in your vehicle, and officers will distribute treats to you. This event is for Fairfax City residents ages 12 and younger (and the child must be present to receive the goodies). Costumes are encouraged for children and adults alike. *Info: fairfaxva. gov, search "Trick or Treat Trail"* 

#### Trick-or-Treat, Oct. 31

Fairfax City welcomes boos and ghouls to trick-or-treat at Fairfax City government facilities. Costumes encouraged!

Green Acres front desk, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sherwood Center front desk, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fairfax City Hall

department offices, 1-4 p.m. Info:

fairfaxva.gov/news, 703-385-7800



# CONNECTING THE JUDICIAL **DRIVE TRAIL**

A project is underway to construct a missing segment in the Judicial Drive Trail, which follows a wooded stream valley from Hallman Street to Judicial Drive. Currently, the trail ends abruptly at Presbyterian Way and picks up again on the eastern side of Fairfax Presbyterian Church's property.

The city is constructing 500 feet of paved, accessible trail along the northern edge of the church property. The route follows a sanitary sewer easement, and the project includes the installation of a 70-foot bridge. Ten trees were removed in the easement where trees are not allowed to grow due to the potential of roots negatively impacting the underground pipes. Shrubs will be planted as part of the site restoration and beautification plan. The trail is anticipated to be completed this winter.

The completed project will allow residents to enjoy the entire trail and, eventually, connect to planned bike lanes on Judicial Drive. Residents who live in Warren Woods-Joyce Heights southwest of the Fairfax County Judicial Complex will have access to the full Judicial Drive Trail via the Lamarre Drive Trail, which now connects only to the continued on page 5

# **GENERAL ELECTION, NOV. 5**

Early voting for the Nov. 5 General Election continues in the Office of Elections (City Hall Annex). Please bring vour ID.

Office of Elections is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays), as well as from 8:30 am. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, and Saturday, Nov. 2. The final day to vote early in person is Nov. 2.

Request by-mail ballots by 5 p.m. on Oct. 25 via elections.virginia.gov/vote. By-mail ballots may be returned by mail, in person by the voter, or in the secure ballot drop box at the City Hall Atrium main entrance (facing George Mason Boulevard).

Offices on the Nov. 5 General Election ballot are the U.S. President and Vice President, U.S. Senator, U.S. House of Representatives (District 11), Fairfax City Mayor, Fairfax City Council, Fairfax City School Board, Virginia Proposed Constitutional Amendment, and Fairfax City Public School Bonds. Sample ballots are available 45 days before the date of the election.

Info: fairvaxva.gov/vote, 703-385-7890

# IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE **NOV. 5 GENERAL ELECTION**

**NOW:** Early voting in the Office of Elections, open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through Nov.1 and Saturdays Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, in the City Hall Annex Please bring your ID.

**OCT. 14:** Office of Elections open regular hours

OCT. 15: Final day to register to vote before Nov. 5 General Election

OCT. 25, 5 P.M.: Final day to request by-mail ballots via vote.elections.virginia.gov. Ballots are mailed within three days of receipt of the application. By-mail ballots may be returned by mail, in person by the voter, or in the secure ballot drop box at the City Hall Atrium main entrance (facing George Mason Boulevard)

OCT. 26 AND NOV. 2, SATURDAYS: In-person early voting from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the City Hall Annex

NOV. 5: Election Day — polls open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. By-mail ballots may be returned by 7 p.m. Nov. 5 in person by the voter, to the ballot drop box located at every Fairfax City polling location, 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. 5 and received by noon Nov. 8 in order to be counted.

Info: fairvaxva.gov/vote, 703-385-7890



Upcoming programs and performances are listed in the events calendar at fairfaxva.gov.

#### **Artists in Conversation:** Latin Social Dance Workshop with Ballet Hispánico 7 p.m. Oct. 4. Sherwood Center. Free. Registration required.

This Hispanic Heritage Month event features an interactive social dance workshop led by the dance company Ballet Hispánico. Move to the rhythms of salsa, merengue, cha-cha, and more! This presentation of the Friends of the Center for the Arts Artists in Conversation Series is offered in conjunction with Mason Artist-in-Residence Ballet Hispánico's Oct. 5 performance at the Center for the Arts at George Mason University.

#### Fall for the Book at Fall Festival

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Oct. 12. Old Town Hall. Free. fallforthebook.org Fall for the Book is back at Fall Festival with fun and interactive kids' events. Make treats, conduct scientific experiments, and create your favorite comic book character. Teens will enjoy a day of panels featuring Young Adult writers Marina Budhos and Joe Milan Jr., to fantastical novelists Keith Donahue, Alisa Alering, Ananda Lima, Constance Sayers, and more.

#### Fall for the Book: Lessons in Chemistry author Bonnie Garmus

7 p.m. Oct. 16. Center for the Arts Concert Hall, George Mason University. Free. fallforthebook.org

Global sensation Bonnie Garmus takes the stage to discuss her witty and extraordinary novel, Lessons in Chemistry, about chemist, mother, and beloved cooking star Elizabeth Zott, who ignites a revolution one meal at a time. Sponsored by the George Mason Friends.

#### **Friday Morning Music Club**

Noon Oct. 17. Old Town Hall. Free.

#### Fall for the Book: A Conversation with Silvia Moreno-Garcia

7:30 p.m. Oct. 18. Sherwood Center. Free. fallforthebook.org/schedule

Bestselling author Silvia Moreno-Garcia closes the Fall for the Book festival discussing her novel The Seventh Veil of Salome, a historical epic about the drama on and off the screen for a 1950s Hollywood actress who wins the role of a lifetime. Kirkus Reviews calls her writing "Intelligent, exciting, and written absolutely beautifully... Moreno-Garcia proves, once again, that she is a master of her craft." Moreno-Garcia is also the author of Mexican Gothic, The Daughter of Doctor Moreau, and many other books. Sponsored by the Friends of the Reston Regional Library.

#### **Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series: The Raman Kalyan Trio**

8 p.m. Oct. 18. Old Town Hall, Free.

Enjoy this beautiful South Indian traditional flute concert. Doors open at 7:30. Seating is unassigned.

# Mason Arts in Fairfax: Mason Opera Scenes Fall 2024

7:30 p.m. Oct. 21. Old Town Hall. Free.

Mason Opera opens its 2024-25 season with an exciting showcase of scenes and ensembles from the world's most beloved operas!

#### **NEW BAND DIRECTOR**

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We will feature music from the smash Broadway musical Wicked, and John Williams' incredible score to E.T. *In addition, we will perform* Robert W. Smith's The Divine Comedy, where the audience will join Dante on his journey from the depths of Inferno through the gates of Paradise. There is, without a doubt, something for everyone on this program, and we hope to see vou there!

> — Dr. Scott Describing the Oct. 26 Concert Program



Scott conducts the Cathedral Brass, and he served as the McLean Symphony's interim music director. He has conducted the Rockville Brass Band and the Cherry Blossom Brass Band and leads five bands at the Flint Hill School in Oakton.

Scott has been the principal cornet and soloist for the Rockville Brass Band, and he is featured on the Brass of the Potomac's album Firestorm. He has arranged and composed more than 70 titles, and his work has been performed nationally and internationally.

Scott earned his bachelor's degree at Duquesne University and completed his master's and doctorate degrees at West Virginia University.

City of Fairfax Band performances are slated for Dec. 21 and March 15, 2025, with an additional concert planned for late April or early May. Purchase tickets at fairfaxband.org.

### 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 for city resident. Board of Equalization: four vacancies: three members and one alternate member for city residents. Board of Zoning Appeals: one vacancy for city resident. City Grievance Panel: seven vacancies for city residents. Commission on the Arts: one vacancy for George Mason University representative. Economic Development Authority: one vacancy for city resident. Environmental Sustainability Committee: two vacancies for city residents. Housing and Healthy **Communities Advisory Board: 17** vacancies, including three vacancies for city residents; see the complete list on the city website. Human Services Committee: one vacancy for city resident. Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board: one vacancy for city resident. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: two vacancies for city residents.

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

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## **JUDICIAL DRIVE TRAIL**

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eastern section of the Judicial Drive Trail. Residents and staff at the Fairfax Nursing Center will be able to access the trail via a short spur.

This trail project was included in the city's FY 2018-19 Two-Year Transportation Program and City Council unanimously endorsed the funding application in October 2017. Eighty percent of the project is paid for through the Transportation Alternatives Program, which provides funding for the construction of on-road and off-road facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized users. The total project cost is \$488,520.



# Mitchell Cho, chair, **Economic Development Authority**

Mitchell Cho is serving his first term as EDA chair, after joining the authority in 2023. He lived in the city for seven years and launched his business in the city in 2010.

My roots in NOVA and Fairfax run deep. I attended Lake Braddock Secondary School and George Mason University. I lived in Fairfax City for seven years, and in 2010 I launched my business, FedWriters, Inc. in the city.

My story is a model for city entrepreneurship. In 2010, I came across the Mason Enterprise Center and PTAP (now APEX Accelerators program), and I took nearly every class they offered. That year, I launched FedWriters as a one-person company — and grew it to 300+ employees supporting about six dozen federal agencies.

The EDA promotes city businesses and works toward the city's economic prosperity, primarily through business attraction and retention, using marketing and public-private partnerships, and advocating for businessfriendly policies.

It's challenging to compete for new businesses with larger jurisdictions, but the EDA and Fairfax City Economic Development "know who we are," implementing programs that provide lease incentives for business tenants and grants for façade and interior improvements. We hold ribbon cuttings for new businesses and celebrate Restaurant Week. We grow partnerships with organizations within Mason, including the Mason Enterprise Center.

Our city is in a prosperous part of the country, with a highly educated population, and it's important to help guide businesses on the path to success.







# **MAKING**

Exhibit: Who Can Vote: A Brief History of Voting Rights in the U.S., through Oct. 11

This banner exhibition examines voting rights with an emphasis on the role of the U.S. Constitution and the interplay between the states and federal government in determining who is allowed to vote. Free. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center.

Plein Air Art Event, Oct. 26

From 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 26 at Historic Blenheim, artists from the Fairfax Art League will demonstrate plein air, or outdoors painting, using acrylics and watercolors. Limited art canvases will be supplied, and paint will be available. Visitors may have their faces painted, paint a small pumpkin to take home, and tour the historic house to see plein air watercolors by Barbara Scott, the last

family owner of Blenheim who would invite friends over for plein air parties. Free. Rain date is Nov. 2.

Traveling Exhibition: Reimagining America: The Maps of Lewis and Clark, Oct. 28 - Jan. 22, 2025 This traveling banner exhibition uses large-scale reproductions of historic maps, photos, and explanatory text to show how America looked before the journey of Lewis and Clark and what it looked like after. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, Free.

**Final Old Town Fairfax Historic** Tour, Oct. 26

Meet your guide at 11 a.m. in front of the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, for the hourlong tour. Free. Reserve your place on Eventbrite or call 703-385-8414.

#### Fairfax Courthouse Tours

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 4000 Chain Bridge Road, Free, Info: 703-246-4168



## **VICAP Medicare 101 Workshop**

The Medicare 101 training is for individuals who will be eligible for Medicare and want to learn about their options. The session will provide an overview of the many components of Medicare: Part A (inpatient hospitalization/skilled nursing), Part B (outpatient hospital/doctors/labs/radiology), Part C (Medicare Advantage Plans), and Part D (prescription drugs), as well as how to cover the gaps in Medicare benefits through Medicare Supplement Plans.

Register by contacting the Village at 703-385-5738 or email at village@fairfaxva.gov

# **FREE EVENT**

Nov. 1, 2024 9:30a.m. coffee 9:45a.m. presentation

at the **Sherwood Center** 3740 Blenheim Boulevard



# BY THE NUMBERS

**ADVISORY MEMBERS** 

**REQUESTS** (rides, shopping,

1,467 volunteer hours



tech support,

\$49,129 value of volunteer time

**HOME FOR LIFE EXPOS HELD** 

**FRIDAY MORNING SPEAKER SERIES** 

# 8 NEWSLETTERS SENT

Fairfax Village in the City supports Fairfax City residents aged 55 and older and adults with disabilities who wish to stay independent while remaining in their homes. The program launched in May 2022 and continues to grow. Info: fairfaxva.gov/village



# Annual Fall Cleanup, Oct. 20

Join us from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Oct. 20, for the annual fall community cleanup! Participate in this communitywide effort to make a difference, connect with neighbors, contribute to the beauty of our neighborhoods, and remove harmful litter and debris from our parks, streams, and natural environment. All supplies (vests, gloves, pickers, and trash bags) are provided. Participants can earn volunteer hours and may be eligible for stormwater utility credits. Register at fairfaxva.gov/ communitycleanup.



## What's scarier than Halloween?

More than 1.3 BILLION pounds of rotting pumpkin remains are thrown in the trash each November across the country! Keep this frightful activity at bay by dropping off your pumpkins, jack-o'-lanterns, gourds, painted pumpkins, and other decomposable food décor at the City of Fairfax Composting Center, located adjacent to the Community Garden at Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. Make sure to remove any inorganic items that cannot be composted such as candles, foil, lights, or plastic decorations. Info: fairfaxva.gov/composting, composting@fairfaxva.gov

# **Arbor Day Celebration, Oct. 26**

Fairfax City's Arbor Day celebration from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 26, at Kutner Park, will include planting a commemorative tree, Mayor Catherine Read reading the Arbor Day proclamation, and a treeinspired poetry recital by students. Attendees are invited to help plant additional native trees to beautify the park.

Earn stormwater utility credit through the city's Trees, Litter, and Creeks (TLC) community stewardship program. Students may bring service hour requirement forms. Info: Sophia Chapin, stewardship coordinator, sophia.chapin@fairfaxva.gov, 703-223-5054





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