

Fairfax City Parks and Recreation

September 2024 PRAB Report

Senior Center

- New members for August **87**
- Usage for the month of August **2434** entries
- Senior council elections, applications due by 9/6/24, voting will occur from September 23 -27
- Registration strong for fall trips and classes; new program offerings and long wait lists on most day trips
- Northern Virginia Senior Olympics Bocce event to be held 9/20/24 at Green Acres
- Horseshoe pits to be removed from Green Acres
- New drop-in program offerings starting in September to include a Grief group and Newcomers Pickleball.
- Fall newsletter complete and posted on website in August.

Programming

- We had another fantastic summer in the City of Fairfax! Our camps ran for nine weeks, from June 17 to August 16. Traditional day camps were hosted at Daniels Run, Providence, Katherine Johnson, and Sherwood. We were also excited to bring back our Teen Camp for the first time since before COVID. In addition, specialty camps in areas like art, cooking, basketball, soccer, skateboarding, Spanish immersion, computer programming, movie creation, and drama offered a wide variety of activities throughout the summer.
- Fall Programming started at the beginning of September – regular programming continues at Sherwood– youth ballet, music together, adult dance, yoga, piano lessons, preschool programs, before and after school care, Darlene’s fitness classes and more.
- **Sherwood Before and After School**
 - Before School Only: 5
 - Before AND After School: 10
 - After School Only: 14
- **Little School Preschool Program**
 - Max: 12 per day – VA State Licensing requirement with 2 staff. We are working to help spread the word of the program to get some more kids enrolled for this school year.
 - 3 Day (M/W/F) – 4
 - 2 Day (T/Th) – 6
 - 5 Day (M-F) - 2
- **Michuchutren Spanish Immersion Program**
 - 5 Day Full: 3
 - 5 Day Half: 2
 - 3 Day Full: 2
 - 3 Day Half: 1
- We are currently working to hire a new Assistant Recreation Manager.

Cultural Arts

- Successful summer of Kidz Korner at Old Town Square.
- The City Band’s Children’s Concert had over 200 people.
- City of Fairfax Theatre Company is presenting Much Ado About Nothing at Veterans Amphitheater the first two weekend of September.
- Join us for National Dance Day on September 21 from 10 – 3 at Old Town Square.
- The Commission on the Arts presents ArtScreen on September 13. They will be showing Best in Show. Film starts at 7pm.

- Fiesta Fairfax will be on October 5 from 2 – 7 pm at Old Town Square.

Special Events

- Rock the Block has been well attended all year so far! Our August Rock the Block had the Fairfax Kiwanis as the non-profit doing the beer pouring, and FireKite was the featured band for the evening.
- The September Rock the Block will feature the band Dr. Fu and Herr Metal.
- Movies Under the Moon was cancelled again in August due to rain. There is one more in September and the featured movie is *Onward*.
- We've received 400+ craft show applications for Fall Festival and the Holiday Craft Show, and over 160 Holiday Market applications.
- The Labor Day Car Show was held on on Monday, September 2 from 8am – 2pm. The event had record turnout, likely due to the wonderful weather.

Facilities

- Five out of six of the new part-time benefitted positions have been filled. Long time employee Ryan Mamere's departure has left one open.
- The part-time benefitted custodial position at Green Acres has been filled.
- Staff is preparing for the anticipated 1-year closure of Old Town Hall from February 2025 to February 2026 while balancing a busy rental schedule.
- The Old Town Square Patio will be closed for the splash pad replacement from the end of October to the beginning of December.