

PRAB REPORT

October 2024



Parks Maintenance: A Changing of the Guard



After nearly a decade with Fairfax City Parks and Recreation, Michael (Mac) Ryan has retired. Change is always bittersweet, and we will miss his dedicated service, professionalism, and quick wit. His retirement did offer an opportunity to re-evaluate the staffing structure of the Division. Over the past decade the workload of the Parks Maintenance Division has increased exponentially while the staffing model has stayed the same, and the number of staff has stayed quite flat, with the exception of one crew position allocated within the FY25 budget.

The previous organizational structure featured a single manager with two parks supervisors. These supervisor positions managed daily crew operations, but did not have a defined role in higher level tasks. A Division review identified that a two manager system would benefit the Division's ability to complete the crew's packed schedule of events, maintenance, and Capital Improvement Projects. This new structure would maintain the same number of FTE's by only replacing a single Park Supervisor.

Within the division, two candidates stood out as more than qualified for the job of Parks Maintenance Manager. Demetric (Boo) Willingham has been with the City for 20 years, 17 of those years with Parks and Recreation. He brings a vast knowledge of athletic facility management, crew leadership, and event supervision. Christopher Fleming has been with the City for over 5 years with 10 years of landscaping experience prior to his time with the City. He is a certified arborist who brings a knowledge of greenspace management, invasive plant removal, and workforce development.

As of September 16th both were promoted to Park Manager. The Park Supervisor position will be advertised in October and ideally filled in November. This is an extremely positive development for the Parks & Recreation Department. Welcome Boo & Christopher to your new roles!



Welcome Aster!

Saying goodbye to our first ever Volunteer Coordinator Connie Weyant was difficult. However, we were extremely lucky to find a top notch candidate to replace her. Aster Minehart joined us in August. A Radford University Graduate, she brings with her a wealth of experience in Parks and Recreation. She has been hard at work building connections within the City, setting up volunteer dates, and ensuring the continuation of the Adopt-a-Spot program. If you see her around the city, be sure to say hi!



Special Events

2024 FAIRFAX CITY

FALL FESTIVAL



400+ Vendors | Food | Live Music |
Beer Gardens | Children's Activities & more!



For more information, visit our website at www.FairfaxFallFestival.com



8 PM AT DUSK
VAN DYCK PARK
June - September ★ 2nd Friday of the Month

SPONSORED BY:  

FREE EVENT!
Bring blankets and chairs!

June July August September

Cancelled



Movies Under the Moon, sadly, only featured one of its movies this year!
Featured movies included: Elemental, Wall-E, Incredibles, & Onward.

SPONSORED BY: VAULT JEWELRY & LOAN

Special Events

JULY 26

2MB & U.S. Army
Downrange



AUGUST 23

Firekite



ROCK THE BLOCK

We are wrapping up our 10-year anniversary of Rock the Block this month! On average this year, we've had approximately 4,000+ people at each event, and thus far (knock on wood), we've only had to cancel one due to rain. Our final Rock the Block will be on Friday, October 25 featuring The Rockets! Special thanks and shout out to Kelly O'Brien who has been our fabulous emcee all season!

SPONSORED BY: DELTA DENTAL

SEPTEMBER 27

Dr. Fu & Herr Metal



OCTOBER 25

The Rockets



The Labor Day Car Show was held on Monday, September 2nd from 8am - 2pm and it could not have been a nicer day! This joint event between the city and the Clifton Lions Club succeeded in bringing in over \$50,000+ to be donated to local charities and non-profits, featured over 400 vehicles of all decades and styles, and had record breaking attendance numbers.

This year marked the show's 25th annual, and in recognition of this, a highlighted area in the show was dedicated specifically to the cars that are 25 years old this year. Additionally, the Labor Day Car Show Committee added a small children's area filled with crafts, facepainting, balloons, and a decorated police vehicle!

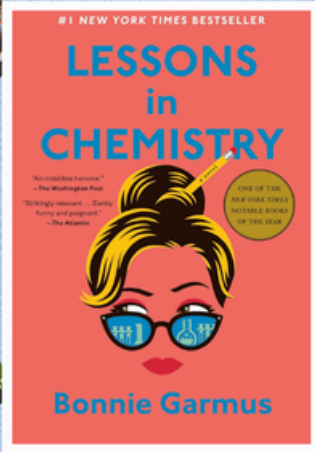


Cultural Arts

Fall for the Book Festival

October 12, 15-18

FallfortheBook.org



FALL FOR THE BOOK FESTIVAL OCTOBER 12, 15 - 18

The 26th Annual Fall for the Book brings writers from across the nation to locations around Fairfax in a series of free events. Stop in to the headliners, including Bonnie Garmus, Silvia Moreno-Garcia, the Beck Environmental Lecture, the New American Voices Award Ceremony, and many more. Featuring novelists, memoirists, and poets, the festival has a writer for every reader.

View the full schedule at
fallforthebook.org.

Upcoming Cultural Arts Events

Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance

Series - The Raman Kalyan Trio

8pm Friday, October 18

Old Town Hall

Free

Mason Opera Scenes

8pm Monday, October 21

Old Town Hall

Free

City of Fairfax Band - A Devine Adventure

7:30 pm Saturday, October 26

Fairfax High School

\$15/\$10

Shakespeare in the Park

FX Players

Noon - 6 pm Monday, November 4

Van Dyck Park

Free

Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series - Harp and Piano Duo

8pm Friday, November 8

Old Town Hall

Free

FIESTA FAIRFAX HIGHLIGHTS

The 2nd Annual Fiesta Fairfax was held on October 5. The event featured cultural performers from Bolivia, Peru, Mexico and more! We had food trucks and non-profit vendors. 600 - 800 people visited Old Town throughout the day!



We celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with many events including ones at the Library and Funday Monday! One of the highlights was a dance class at Sherwood taught by Ballet Hispanico and sponsored by the Center for the Arts at George Mason.

Youth Programs & Camp

Preschool Programs



5 Day	2 Day	3 Day
4	8	3



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	5 Day	3 Day
Half	1	4
Full Day	5	4

2023-24 Sherwood Before & After School Program

Before Only	Before/After	After Only
5	14	13



Fall and Winter: School Day Off Programs

We have worked through and scheduled Fall and Winter 'School Day Off' programs.

Dates have been selected based on days that typically need more care or have been traditionally higher numbers.

Flyers are sent home through the school, put on the website, and shared through email and social media.

Numbers for these programs have been down for these programs. We think this is due to more people working from home and increase price of contracted programs

Adult Programming at Sherwood

Yoga

Yoga takes place Tuesdays at 2:15pm and Thursdays at 7pm at the Sherwood Center and is an ongoing drop in program. Classes have a strong weekly attendance.

Nia Dance

Nia back up and running post COVID shutdown with a great group coming to classes regularly for a fun dance fitness class.

Darlene Fitness Class - Senior/Adult

Darlene's Fitness classes continue to grow weekly with a steady 35 or more students coming to classes Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at the Sherwood Center. Students range from early 60s all the way to 94 years old!



We have gotten a few new programming requests that are being considered to add additional adult programming.

We are looking to balance time and the programs that will be coming over from Old Town Hall during the 2025 closure

OCTOBER 14

Tiny Chefs: Tropical Fusion
Time: 9am - 5pm || Ages: 6-10 || Fee: \$155
Location: Sherwood Center

Nothing says warm weather like the Caribbean! Enjoy fresh fruit smoothies made from pineapple, coconut, and papaya. Students will create tropical salads with mangoes and pineapples, embracing island paradise! They'll also explore tropical spices like jerk and curry in delicious island dishes.

Skate Camp with Fairfax Surf Shop
Time: 9am - 5pm || Ages: 6-14 || Fee: \$129
Location: Van Dyck Park

The Fairfax Surf Shop is excited to partner with the City of Fairfax to offer a fun skateboard camp for youth looking to learn or improve their skills. Skaters will be grouped by age and ability, covering various styles like street, vert, and ramps. Camp includes key tricks like ollies and kick flips, along with games, safety tips, and contests. Participants receive a discount on equipment, but a quality skateboard and helmet are required. Elbow, knee, and wrist pads are highly recommended.

iCode Camp: Roblox Battle Royale
Time: 9am - 5pm || Ages: 6-14 || Fee: \$100
Location: Sherwood Center

Students will create a multiplayer game where players compete to be the last player remaining! A great way to learn core concepts in game design and computer science.

NOVEMBER 4 & 5

Tiny Chefs: Cookie Explosion
Time: 9am - 5pm || Ages: 6-10 || Fee: \$255
Location: Sherwood Center

Cookies are the ultimate sweet treat, with countless varieties to satisfy every taste! In this delicious camp, Tiny Chefs will whip up classics like Chocolate Chip and experimental favorites like Bacon. They'll also explore bar and sandwich cookies, learning valuable baking skills along the way. Join us in the scrumptious world of cookies!

Skate Camp with Fairfax Surf Shop
Time: 9am - 5pm || Ages: 6-14 || Fee: \$229
Location: Van Dyck Park

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iCode Camp: YouTube Creator
Time: 9am - 5pm || Ages: 7-11 || Fee: \$200
Location: Sherwood Center

YouTube has become the premier platform for creators of all kinds to film and produce content that reaches millions of people. This camp is perfect for future content creators to learn the skills that will push their videos to the top. Campers will learn to use digital cameras, how to edit audio, video, and produce content that is not just unique but interesting for their audience.

Tekker Lab Soccer Camp
Time: 9am - 5pm || Ages: 6-15 || Fee: \$200
Location: Sherwood Center

Tekker Lab Camps prioritize the children's safety and giving them the best soccer camp experience possible! All players will have the opportunity to work on things such as reactions, decision making, dribbling, shooting, coordination, all while having fun! This camp will be maximizing outdoor time (weather permitting) so players will be getting plenty of touches on the ball. Join us this fall for soccer fun. All skill levels welcome!

REGISTER APP: CAMPOC.COM / REGISTER/CITYOFFAIRFAX

REGISTRATION CLOSING THURSDAY BEFORE PROGRAM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT CAMPS@FAIRFAXVA.GOV

Young at Heart Senior Center

Summer Fun!



The seniors had a fun filled summer and have started our Fall programming with a bang!

Even though it is a big vacation time for our seniors, many seniors participated in our exciting summer programs from day trips and classes to Lunch and Learns and parties!

New in September, on the first Friday of the month, we have added a newcomers pickleball workshop in the gym for seniors who are new to or learning the sport of pickleball. We have also added a variety of new drop-in programs.



Senior Council

The 2024/2025 Senior Council elections took place in September, with the new Senior Council officers to be voted on in the October 15th meeting.

Mark Your Calendars!

Friday, October 25th -
Halloween Party!

Friday, November 8th -
Honoring Our Veterans
Breakfast!

Friday, November 22nd -
Thanksgiving Luncheon at the
Sherwood Center!

Friday, December 13th -
Holiday Party!

Artistic Talent!

The display case in the lobby of Green Acres highlighted the many artistic talents of Senior Center members.



Young at Heart Senior Center

Bye-bye, Bocce!

The bocce season came to a close at the end of September on Thursday, September 26th at 11:00 a.m. with a pizza party and awards ceremony. Congratulations to all of our winners!



The 2024 bocce winners!

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics!

The 2024 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics were held Saturday, Sept. 14 through Sunday, Sept. 29. Over 1000 senior (50+) adults registered, with over 70 events held at 28 different venues, each with an experienced event director and most with volunteers. Green Acres hosted bocce on Thursday, September 19th with a record number of participants.



First Time Membership and Enrollments

	2023	2024	Difference
July	65	55	-10
August	97	87	-10
September	53	68	+15

Membership Usage

	2023	2024	Difference
July	1676	2289	+613
August	2088	2434	+346
September	1737	2165	+428

Rental Facilities

Facilities Updates:

Venue	Revenue 2022-2023 YE	Revenue 2023-2024 YE	Revenue 2024-Current Day
Sherwood Center	\$450,852	\$486,335	\$334,332
Blenheim Center	\$74,245	\$75,055	\$16,352
Old Town Hall	\$79,360	\$94,995	\$86,637
Green Acres	\$141,047	\$112,072	\$77,677
	\$745,504	\$768,457	\$514,998

Revenue Update

All revenue listed above is listed before Activenet fees. The last column is what is currently listed in the system for this fiscal year.

Staffing Update

- We have hired a total of 6 part time benefitted staff. We are pleased to welcome aboard Ryan Knoche, Brady Urano, Denise Colombani-Garay, and Luis Hernandez-Rivera as our CSR II's, with Kristine Livingston-Alzarqa as our CSR I, Rosa Gomez as our Green Acres custodian, and one role still to be filled.
- 1/3 of all of our CSRs have been employed with us for under a year, which is to be expected as some students return to school.

