

Fairfax City Parks and Recreation

November 2024 PRAB Report

Senior Center

- **47** New first-time seniors signed up for memberships in October with **2268** visits scanned in October
- October day trips were full, and all new programming ran successfully. A new lunch bunch program will launch in November.
- Fall newsletter is complete and mailed out and posted [online](#)
- Bocce season ended with awards ceremony and lunch
- Costume Halloween Party with entertainment was held on Friday, October 25.
- Seniors' members participated in the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 12.
- Trip sign up for Nov/Dec was held October 7. Next trip sign up Dec 9
- **2024/2025 Senior Advisory Council members:** Congratulations to our new Council members: Deb DiFalco, Pat Giffey, Micheal Kallini, Betsy Passuth, Barbara Smith and Debra Sparkman. They will be joined by returning Council members Sam Crumpler, Fairfax City PRAB Representative Chuck Paceley. **24/25 OFFICERS:** Debra Sparkman, Chair, Pat Giffey, Vice Chair, Barbara Smith, Secretary, Betsy Passuth, Treasurer. Senior Center Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Noon.
- **Upcoming events:** Veterans Breakfast Friday on November 8th, Thanksgiving Luncheon on Friday, November 22nd, Holiday Party on Friday, December 13th.

Programming

- **Welcome Aster!!** I'm thrilled to announce that Aster Minehart has joined us as our new Assistant Recreation Manager! Aster is currently our Volunteer Coordinator, and we are excited to get to bring her on full time with us. Aster brings great experience and enthusiasm for the field of parks and recreation, and we're excited to see all the positive contributions she'll bring to our programs and community.
- **Fall School Day Off Programs:** Participation was modest. October sessions of Skate & iCode were held, while in November, only the Skate Camp ran on the 4th and 5th.
- **Winter Break Programs:** Due to the holidays falling midweek, we'll offer two-day programs this year. Tiny Chefs and iCode sessions will be available on December 26-27 and January 2-3.
- **Sherwood Giving Tree Program:** Preparation for this year's program is underway. We aim to sponsor about 90 families, providing gifts and essentials for the holiday season. So far, 36 community members have expressed interest in adopting a family. Learn more [online](#).
- **Summer Camp:** Believe it or not, planning for summer camp has already started! We're looking at 10 weeks of camps, with six weeks dedicated to our popular traditional camps.

Cultural Arts

- **ArtScreen** – *Tim's Vermeer*: November 15, 7 pm Sherwood (Free)
- **Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series** – *Main Street Chamber Players*: November 22, 8pm Old Town Hall (Free)
- **ArtScreen** – *Spirited Away*: December 6, 7 pm Sherwood (Free)
- **Holiday Events**
 - *Bronze Unlimited "Jingle Bronze" Holiday Concert*: December 7, 8pm Sherwood (Tickets \$15)
 - *City of Fairfax Theatre Company Presents "Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins"* – Dec 5 – 8 JCC (Tickets)
 - *Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series* – *Dox Nix*: Dec 13, 8pm Sherwood (Free)
 - *Main Street Community Band "Home for the Holidays"*: Dec 15, 4pm KJMS (Free but reservations required)

- *City of Fairfax Band "Christmas in Fairfax": Dec 21, 7 pm Fairfax High School (Free but reservations required)*

Special Events

- Fall Festival was a huge success- thank you again to the incredible work of the Parks Staff, city services, and our amazing volunteers! It was a gorgeous day and brought about 27,000+ people to the downtown area.
- Our final Rock the Block was on October 25, featuring The Reflex, and our non-profit in the beer garden was the Women's Club. Both were fantastic!
- We teamed up with the Police Department for the Trick or Treat Trail and gave away approximately 100 of the 250 bags that were prepared. It was great seeing the kids in their costumes!
- We're looking forward to the Holiday Craft Show on November 16 and November 17 at Fairfax High School!

Facilities

- 7 new staff in the last month.
- Increased our total staff to 25 to help with late night safety concerns and to cover rental/opening hours. 50% of our staff are under 1 year employed with us.
- Rentals remain on target for revenue

	Revenue Collected	Revenue Still Owed	Budget	Total Difference	Notes
SCSCC	\$ 273,993	\$ 98,523	\$ 310,000	\$ 62,516	I don't expect this to change much as the largest room that generates most of the revenue only has 30% F-Sun availability the remaining fiscal year. Will still get small revenue increases with Rehearsal/Art Room
OTH	\$ 61,111	\$ 240	\$ 100,000	\$ (38,649)	I don't expect this to change much we only have 3 days available F-Su before we shut down for the renovation. T
BIC	\$ 60,937	\$ 13,173	\$ 80,000	\$ (5,890)	Still has plenty of time to pick up more reservations.
GA	\$ 78,758	\$ 37,826	\$ 130,000	\$ (13,416)	Still has plenty of time to pick up more reservations
Total	\$ 474,799	\$ 149,762	\$ 620,000	\$ 4,561	

**Revenue Collected/Owed does NOT account for Active Net fees that are taken off the top.*

***Revenue Still Owed represents current contracts that are 60+ days away. We collect full payment 60 days from reservation.*