

Fairfax City Parks and Recreation

December 2024 PRAB Report

Senior Center

- 49 New first-time seniors signed up for memberships in November with 1694 visits scanned.
- We honored our senior center veterans on Friday, November 8th with a breakfast at the senior center.
- Friday, November 22nd we had the largest turnout to our traditional Thanksgiving Luncheon.
- The Holiday Party will take place on Friday, December 13th with the Santa.
- Second session of Fall classes successfully started in November.
- Winter/Spring and trip Registration was held on Dec 9.
- Assistant Senior Center Coordinator, Kathy Carter, retired on November 30th. Kathy's replacement Daniel Novoa De Jesus is set to start on December 16th.

Programming

- We are currently working on our Sherwood Giving Tree Program! We are looking to provide gifts to around 200 kids this holiday season. We also provide each family with a gift card to help them purchase food and other needs during the holiday break from school. We have received around \$5,500 in monetary support to help supplement the program as needed. We have been very fortunate to have many volunteers come in to help us with wrapping over the month of December.
- *Summer Camp:* We are full into camp planning mode - We will be running 10 weeks of camps, 6 of those weeks including our ever-popular traditional camps. This includes Little School Preschool, Elementary Camps at Daniels Run and Providence, Middle Grades Camp at Katherine Johnson and Teen Adventure Camp. We will additionally offer specialty camps including theatre, STEM, sports, art, etc.
- *Winter Break Programs:* With the winter holidays falling on Wednesdays this year, we will be running two, sessions of programs on December 26-27 and January 2-3. We will be offering Tiny Chefs and iCode STEM programs.

Cultural Arts

- The December 13 Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series Concert featuring Doc Nix has been postponed to June
- Starting in January all of the Cultural Arts Programs that normally happen in Old Town Hall will be moved to the Sherwood Center. That includes, Bonita Lestina Old Town Hall Performance Series, Funday Monday and the Friday Morning Music Club
- The Fairfax Art League is moving to City Hall during the renovation of Old Town Hall. They will move starting in January 2025.

Special Events

- The Holiday Craft Show was held on November 16 and 17 and welcomed approximately 5,000 people over the weekend. Craft vendors were especially happy with their sales on Saturday of the show, as it was one of their highest sale days- even compared to other local craft shows. Unfortunately, we were not able to secure another ATM sponsor or an ATM after our previous sponsor/supplier dropped, but we will be looking into it for the 2025 show. Otherwise, the overall event was very successful! Thank you to those who worked/volunteered for this event!
- The Turkey Trot was held Thanksgiving morning and had over 1,000+ people registered and over 800 participates the morning of the event. Despite the dreary weather, folks were happy to come out and run/walk, enjoy the photo booth, and make some new memories!
- Coming up in the month of December, we have 2 weekends of the Holiday Market, the Festival of Lights and Carols, Claus and Cookies, Photos with Santa, and Paws and Claus.

- Applications for craft shows, food vendors, July 4th parade participants and more will reopen in January of 2025 and will be made available on our website.
- Happy Holiday and a very Happy New Year to all!

Facilities

- Onboarded 4 new CSRs
- Will be looking to hire 2 part time benefited .75 staff to start Jan 2, 2025
- Shade structures will be going up for installation over the next month. Bocce ball court will get two smaller structures and pickleball will get 1 large structure by the paved path.