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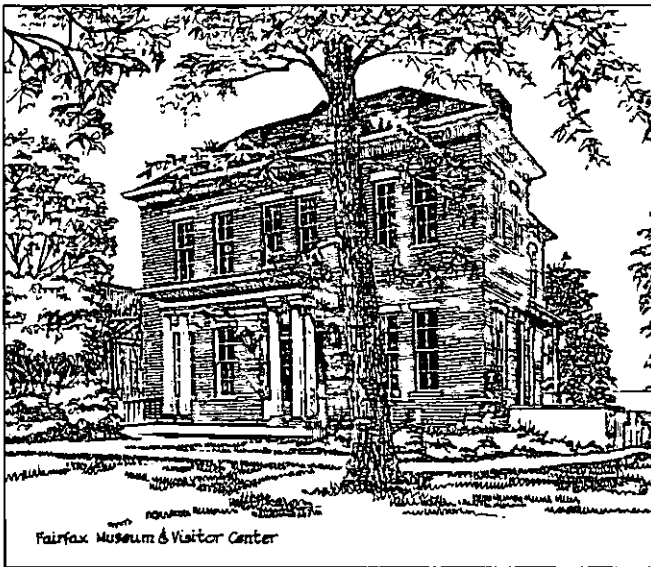
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# Telephone Directory

Unless otherwise noted, all area codes  
are 703

## EMERGENCY

Fire .....	911
Police .....	591-5511 (voice) 359-2480 (TDD)
Poison Control Center .....	202/625-3333
Water	
Business hours .....	385-7920 (voice) 385-7859 (TDD)
After hours .....	385-7924 (voice) 359-2480 (TDD)
TDD Service	
Virginia Relay	
Center .....	828-1140 (voice) 828-1120 (TDD)

## CITY OFFICES

City Manager's Office .....	385-7850
Code Enforcement Office .....	385-7830
Commissioner of the Revenue .....	385-7880
Community Relations* .....	385-7855
Fire (non-emergency) .....	385-7940
Human Services .....	385-7894
Police (non-emergency) .....	385-7924
Public Works .....	385-7810
Transit and Utilities .....	385-7920
Treasurer's Office .....	385-7900
Voter Registration .....	385-7890

## FREQUENTLY USED SERVICES

Animal Control .....	385-7924
Building Inspections and Permits .....	385-7830
CUE Bus* .....	385-7859
Curbside Collection .....	385-7825
Dog Licenses .....	385-7900
Job Line (City Gov't.) .....	385-7860
Marriage Licenses .....	246-2993

City Newline .....	273-1776
Recycling Information (BFI Recyclers) .....	471-1320
Refuse Collection .....	385-7810
Tax Rate Information .....	385-7880
Tax Payments .....	385-7900

## HOTLINES — 24 HOURS

Adult Protective Services .....	324-7450
Child Protective Services .....	324-7400
Woodburn Mental Health	
Emergency Line .....	573-5679
Northern Virginia Hotline .....	527-4077
Rape Crisis Hotline .....	360-7273
Women's Shelter .....	435-4940
Victim Assistance Network .....	360-7273

## UTILITIES

Virginia Electric Power Company .....	934-9670
Northern Virginia	
Natural Gas .....	750-9500
C&P Telephone	
New Service .....	876-7000
Repair (lines) .....	954-6611
Water Service .....	385-7915

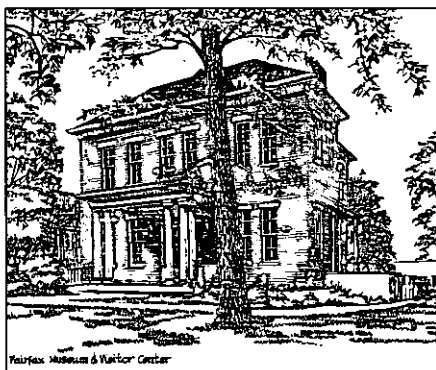
## GENERAL INFORMATION

Department of Motor Vehicles .....	761-4655
Fairfax City Post Office .....	273-5571
Fairfax City Regional	
Library .....	246-2281
Media General Cable .....	378-8400
School Enrollment .....	246-2111
Time .....	884-2424
Weather .....	936-1212
Zip Code Information .....	273-5571

\* these numbers also are TDD numbers

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**ACCESS OF FAIRFAX.** An emergency care center located in the city of Fairfax. The telephone number is 591-9322. See: Hospitals.

**ADOPTION.** For information on adopting children, call the Fairfax County Circuit Court at 246-4358.

**AIDS TESTING.** Available free of charge from 6 - 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Joseph Willard Health Center, 3750 Old Lee Highway. For information, call 246-7100. See: Health Services.

**AIRPORTS.** The city is located near two major airports. Dulles International Airport, located about 20 miles west of the city, straddles Fairfax and Loudoun counties and is accessible from Route 28

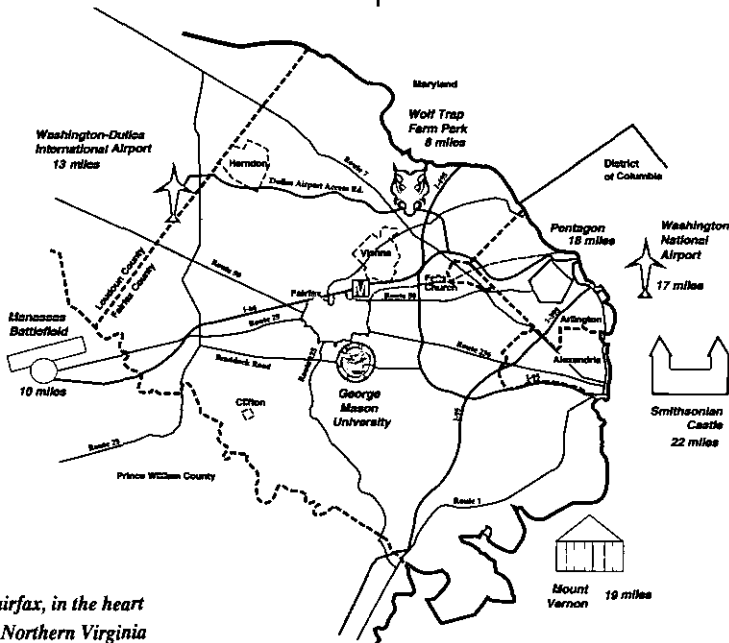
and the Dulles Toll Road. National Airport is about 17 miles east of the city and is accessible from Routes 395 (Shirley Highway), I-66 and the Metrorail system. See also: Metro, CUE Bus.

**ALARM ORDINANCE.** See: Security Alarm Ordinance.

**ALCOHOLISM.** See: Substance Abuse.

**AMBULANCE.** For emergency medical service and ambulance service, call 911 (voice/TDD). Emergency ambulance service is provided at no cost to city residents by the Fire and Rescue Services.

**AMPHITHEATER.** On the west lawn of City Hall, the Veterans Amphitheater is host to outdoor concerts, including the Summer Concert Series, which features performances by the City of Fairfax Band Thursday evenings. See also: Concerts.



*Fairfax, in the heart  
of Northern Virginia*

**ANIMALS.** All dogs age four months and older must be vaccinated against rabies and licensed. Licenses are available in the Treasurer's Office. Licenses are due by January 31 each year; the cost is \$5 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$10 for a fertile dog. Owners must present the dogs' rabies vaccination and proof that the animal has been altered (if applicable). For more information, call 385-7900.

Cats must be vaccinated against rabies but no license is required.

The city of Fairfax has an ordinance prohibiting exotic or wild pets.

The city also has a leash law and a "pooper-scooper law" for dogs, enforced by the animal control officer.

Dogs picked up by the animal warden are returned to the owners' home (if the home can be identified). Dogs with no identification are confined at Town and Country Animal Hospital until the owner claims them. Dogs not claimed in seven days will be put up for adoption or euthanized, depending on the amount of space available for strays at the hospital. Those who suspect their dog has been picked up by the animal warden should call the animal warden through the City of Fairfax Police Department at 385-7924 or Town and Country Animal Hospital at 273-2110.

Cats are picked up only if they are injured and wild animals are collected only if injured or if they pose a threat to humans or other domesticated animals.

For information about animals in the city or to report violations of animal laws, call the animal warden at 385-7924. The animal warden enforces laws dealing with domestic and wild animals, investigates complaints of cruelty to animals, quarantines animals who have bitten humans,

assists in the removal of stray animals from streets and public areas. When the animal warden is not available, police will investigate the report.

The city's Department of Public Works will pick up dead animals on most roads; call 385-7980. Owners are responsible for the disposal of their deceased animals by having the body cremated, buried or otherwise disposed of in accordance with Health Department laws. The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will accept small deceased animals for cremation; call 830-1100.

**ARBORIST.** See: Extension Services.

**ART LEAGUE.** The Fairfax Art League comprises local artists whose works are displayed and sold at the art league's gallery on the second floor of Old Town Hall. FAL art also is displayed and sold in City Hall. Membership is open to all artists. For information, call 352-ARTS.

**ASSESSMENTS.** See: Real Estate Assessments; Personal Property Tax.

**ATHLETIC GROUPS.** The area abounds with athletic groups for adults and children.

Adults may join any of a number of athletic teams. Fairfax County sponsors leagues for softball, flag football, volleyball, lacrosse, rugby, basketball and soccer; most leagues have men's, women's and co-ed teams. For information, call the Fairfax County Athletic Services at 324-5522. Residents also may join the Fairfax Church Softball Cooperative League; call 968-7504.

Children can participate in sports with the Fairfax Police Youth Club, the Fairfax Little League and the Fairfax Babe Ruth League. See also: Children.

**ATTORNEY,  
COMMONWEALTH'S.** See:  
Commonwealth's Attorney.

**ATTORNEYS.** Residents can locate an attorney from a number of resources. The Legal Referral Office (273-9780) has a list of local attorneys; this office is a division of the Circuit Court, but lawyers referred by this office may be used for any legal service. The Women's Center, a non-profit private organization in Vienna, also maintains a list of attorneys; call 281-2657.

**AUTOMOBILES.** Within 30 days after moving to the city of Fairfax, new residents must obtain a Virginia driver's license, title and registration (or change their addresses on existing ones) with the state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). New city residents also must obtain a local decal for each vehicle. New vehicles must be in compliance with these laws within 30 days of purchase.

**City registration decal**—All vehicles garaged in the city of Fairfax are required to display a city registration decal. Decals are sold in the city Treasurer's Office (Room 208 of City Hall) and expire May 1 each year. The fees are \$20 for cars and trucks 4,000 pounds and less, \$25 for cars and trucks heavier than 4,000 pounds and \$8 for motorcycles. Prices are prorated after October 15. Military personnel living in the city whose legal residence is not in Virginia are exempt from paying the registration fee but must obtain and display a decal. For more information, call the Treasurer's Office at 385-7900.

**Driver's license, license plates, registration, title**—State license plates, driver's licenses, registrations and titles are available from the Virginia DMV. For infor-

mation, call 761-4655. You may order from the DMV a special license plate with the city seal on it (which may be personalized). The nearest full-service DMV office is at 11215-G Lee Highway. An express station is located in nearby Fair Oaks Regional Shopping Mall; the office processes only license and tag renewal and duplicate registrations and titles.

**Child safety seats**—Children younger than age 4 must be in a child safety seat when riding in a vehicle.

**Emission inspection**—All vehicles built after 1979 must have an emissions inspection every two years. Proof is required for vehicle registration. Inspections are performed by state-approved commercial service stations, which usually advertise the service with a sign visible from the street.

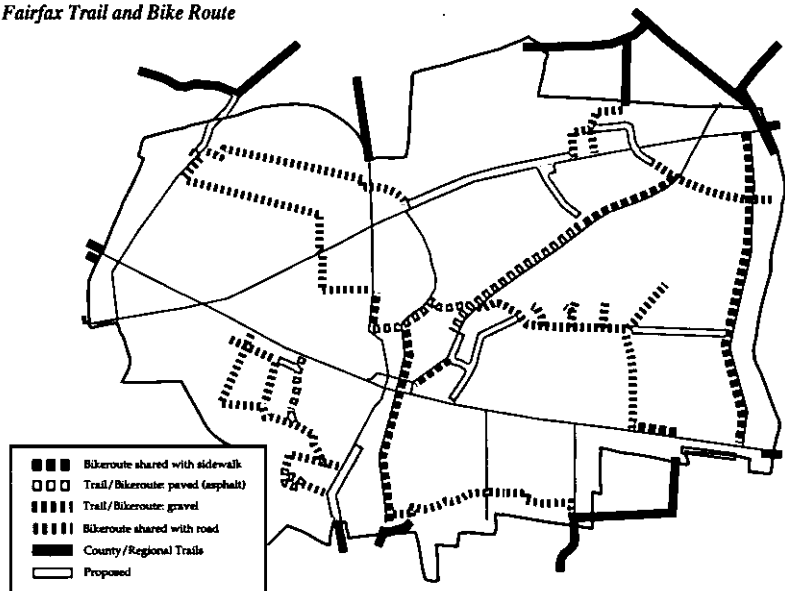
**Handicapped parking decals, license plates**—See: Disabilities Services.

**Inoperable motor vehicles**—It is unlawful to keep an inoperable motor vehicle in a city residential or commercial district unless that vehicle is stored in a fully enclosed structure. The city defines an inoperable motor vehicle as one that is mechanically inoperable as well as legally inoperable (in other words, lacking the proper license, registration and stickers). For more information, call the City of Fairfax Police Department at 385-7924.

**Insurance requirements**—Virginia residents must either prove they have car insurance or must pay an uninsured motorist fee (the amount set in 1993 was \$400). The fee does not provide insurance—it only allows you to register and operate the vehicle.

**Radar detectors**—it is illegal to use radar detection devices in Virginia. However, drivers may have a detector in

*Fairfax Trail and Bike Route*



the vehicle if the device has no power source and no one in the vehicle can access it.

**Safety belts**—Virginia law requires the driver of a vehicle and the front seat passengers to use lap belts and shoulder harnesses.

**Safety inspection**—All motor vehicles registered in Virginia must pass an annual routine safety inspection, and inspection stickers must be displayed inside the front windshield. Proof is required for vehicle registration. Inspections are performed by state-approved commercial service stations, which usually advertise the service with a sign visible from the street.

See also: DMV.

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**BABE RUTH BASEBALL.** See: Children.

**BAND.** The City of Fairfax Band involves the talents of more than 60 volunteer musicians from all walks of life. The band performs at a number of events, including municipal events, and presents a regular summer and winter concert series. Any musician with high school or college band experience is eligible. Rehearsals are held Wednesdays in the Fairfax High School Band Room. For more information, call 759-2903.

**BANNERS.** Banners for special events can be displayed at the intersection of North Street and Route 123 and at the intersection of Main and West streets. There are installation and rental fees. For information, call the City Manager's Office at 385-7850. Permits are required for banners, and permit applications are available in the Zoning Office; call 385-7820.

**BICYCLE TRAILS.** Marked bicycle



trails interconnect the city's schools, parks, employment and shopping centers. Plans call for access to the Vienna Metrorail Station just northeast of the city, to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's distinctive W&OD trail and to the Accotink and Ox Road trails east and south of the city. For a map of city bicycle trails, call the Department of Parks and Recreation at 385-7858.

**BICYCLES.** Although registration of bicycles is not required, the City of Fairfax Police Department recommends residents record the bicycle serial number at police headquarters. If the bikes are lost or stolen, this will aid in their recovery. For information, call the City of Fairfax Police Department at 385-7924.

**BIRTH CERTIFICATES.** The Virginia Department of Health maintains all records of births in the state. To apply for a copy, include the full name of the person, the date and place of birth, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the father. All requests must include the relationship between the person who is requesting the certificate and the person whose certificate is being requested. Include a check or money order for \$5—made payable to the Virginia Department of Health—and mail to the Division of Vital Records, P.O. Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23208-1000. Allow at least four weeks for processing and mailing of the certificate. For information, call (804) 786-6228.

**BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS.** See: Housing Programs.

**BOAT REGISTRATION.** All boats in Virginia must be registered with the Virginia Commission on Game and

Inland Fisheries, P.O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23220.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.** The city has more than two dozen volunteer boards and commissions, most of whose members are appointed by the City Council. These boards perform various services: they supervise city schools, they make policy for a 9,000-acre regional park system, they induce businesses to move to the city, they plan for future development of the city, and much more. In addition, residents also serve as the city's representative on several regional boards. Whatever a person's interest or expertise—planning, architecture, the arts, recreation, schools, transportation, historic preservation—there is probably a board or commission which could benefit from that knowledge. The city encourages all registered voters to apply for vacancies on these boards—which are advertised on Cityscreen-12, the city's cable television station, and in the monthly *Cityscene* newsletter mailed free to all city households—or to attend these meetings, which are always open to the public.

Below is a list of city and regional boards. The city clerk has a brochure describing each; to request a copy, call 385-7935.

### *City Boards*

- Board of Architectural Review
- Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments
- Board of Housing and Hygiene
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Boards of Electrical Examiners, of Plumbing Examiners and of Refrigeration, Heating and Air-Conditioning Examiners
- Building Code and Appeals Board

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- City/George Mason University/Business Community (CUB) Committee
- Commission for Women
- Commission on the Arts
- Community Appearance Committee
- Disabilities Advisory Board
- Electoral Board
- Historic Fairfax City, Inc.
- Industrial Development Authority
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Personnel Advisory Board
- Planning Commission
- School Board
- Transportation Safety Commission
- 2020 Commission

### *Regional Boards*

- Fairfax County Commission on Aging
- Fairfax County Domestic and Juvenile Court Citizens Advisory Council
- Fairfax County Public Library Board of Trustees
- Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
- Health Systems Agency for Northern Virginia
- Northern Virginia Community College Board
- Northern Virginia Planning District Commission
- Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority
- Woodburn Center of Community Mental Health Advisory Board

**BUDGET.** The city's fiscal year begins July 1. The process for approving each fiscal year's budget actually begins with the preparation and approval of the capital improvement program (CIP). The CIP comes before the Planning Commission during late November and December,

then goes before the City Council in January. Both the Planning Commission and the City Council hold several public work sessions and public hearings; citizens are encouraged to attend and, at the hearings, express their views. The CIP then is adopted and incorporated into the budget.

The city manager prepares the budget and presents it to the City Council and the public by the first meeting in March. Again, several public work sessions and public hearings are held, at which citizens are encouraged to attend and, during the hearings, express their views. The budget is then adopted by the City Council in April and implemented July 1. For specific budget information, call the Department of Finance at 385-7870.

All the above meetings are publicized in the *Cityscene* and all City Council public hearings—along with the city manager's budget presentation—are televised on Cityscreen-12.

### **BUILDING ALTERATIONS, INSPECTIONS AND PERMITS.**

Except in the case of detached single-family houses, all plans that alter the exterior appearance, architectural features or landscaping of buildings throughout the city, including signs in the Old Town Fairfax Historic District and transition overlay district, must be approved by the Board of Architectural Review. Requests should be submitted through the Department of Community Development and Planning in City Hall. For information, contact the Community Development Division (Zoning) at 385-7820.

Building permits must be obtained for all new construction, enlargement, alteration, removal or destruction of a building or structure in Fairfax. This

includes decks, swimming pools, storage sheds, re-roofing and siding. Permits also are required for installation of any general wiring or electrical devices, mechanical installations and plumbing and gas installations. Residents acquiring permits must arrange for on-site inspections during and after completion of work.

Residents who hire a contractor to do this sort of work should be certain that the contractor is licensed to do work in the city and that a permit is obtained and inspections made. To obtain a permit or request inspections services, contact the Code Enforcement Office at 385-7830.

Commercial construction and alterations, including paint color changes, must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Architectural Review before securing a building permit; for information, call 385-7820.

A permit also is required for any work which necessitates excavation in a public street or right-of-way. All underground utility lines must first be located and marked before any excavation work may begin. To locate city water lines, call 385-7915. For other utilities, contact Miss Utility 48 hours in advance at (800) 257-7777. See also: Hazardous Use Permits.

**BUS SERVICE.** See: CITY WHEELS, CUE Bus, Metro.

**BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION.** For information on and assistance with opening and maintaining a business in the city, call the Economic Development Office at 385-7862. See also: Economic Development Office.

**BUSINESS LICENSES.** Owners of city businesses are required to obtain a busi-

ness privilege license annually. Existing licenses must be renewed in January and new businesses in the city must get a license within 30 days of the date of opening. Business licenses are available from the Commissioner of the Revenue in City Hall; for information, call 385-7880.

**BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS.** There are a number of business organizations in the city, including the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Fairfax Coalition and the Old Town Fairfax Business Association. For a complete list, call the Economic Development Office at 385-7862. See also: Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Office.

**BUSINESS PROPERTY TAX.** All tangible personal property, machinery or tools used in connection with a business in the city are subject to taxation. Businesses are required to file a report of taxable personal property with the commissioner of the revenue between January 1 and May 1. Forms are supplied by the commissioner's office. Business property taxes are payable to the treasurer by December 5. For more information, call 385-7880. See also: Taxes.



**CABLE TELEVISION.** Media General Cable is franchised to operate the cable television system for subscribers in the city of Fairfax. For information about the availability of service or programming, call Media General Cable at 378-8400. For service and repair, call 378-8440.

For problems residents cannot resolve with Media General, please call the Community Relations Office at 385-

7855. The cable-TV franchise is monitored by the Community Relations Office, and Media General Cable gives Fairfax 5 percent of subscribers' fees, part of which funds Cityscreen-12, the city's government-access channel.

Cityscreen-12, operated by the Community Relations Office, broadcasts live and taped City Council meetings, in addition to selected special events, public service features and a 24-hour electronic bulletin board. For information about Cityscreen-12 programming, call 385-7855.

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT**

**PROGRAM.** The CIP is a 5-year program of capital improvement projects costing more than \$10,000, such as road repair and building maintenance. The current year's capital projects are included in the fiscal year budget. See: Budget.

**CEMETERY.** The city operates a cemetery for city residents. Non-residents may purchase plots, but their requests must be approved by the City Council. For information, call 385-7997 or 385-7995.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.** The Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce has served Fairfax for more than a quarter of a century. Its primary function is to promote and assist the business community. The chamber holds monthly meetings and publishes a monthly newsletter, the Progress.

Chamber offices are located at 3975 University Drive, Suite 350. Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call 591-2450.

**CHILDREN.** Youngsters of all ages can keep busy all year in recreation programs sponsored by the Fairfax Police Youth Club (FPYC), Fairfax Little League,

Fairfax Babe Ruth Baseball League and the city's Department of Parks and Recreation. For information on these programs, call 385-7858.

**Athletic groups**—Activities of the non-profit FPYC include programs for boys and girls ages 5-18; call 591-FPYC. More than 6,000 youngsters from the city and surrounding Fairfax County participate in such activities as basketball, baton and drum corps, football, soccer, softball and wrestling, as well as cheerleading, lacrosse and T-ball. Youngsters ages 8-12 are eligible for Fairfax Little League baseball (the season is from April to July) and 6- and 7-year-olds are eligible for T-ball; registration for all Little League activities is in February. Fairfax teens ages 13-19 are eligible for the Fairfax Babe Ruth Baseball League, which begins its 21-game season in May. Registration is in February.

**City recreation programs**—The Parks and Recreation Department provides youngsters with a wide variety of year-round leisure activities, such as fee classes in a variety of recreational and cultural activities. Times and locations of upcoming programs are publicized in the *Cityscene* and on Cityscreen-12, the city cable television station. In addition, a 7-week playground program for city youngsters in grades preschool-9 is conducted each summer at city schools from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekdays from June to August. In conjunction with the program, extended hours are offered from 7-9 a.m. and from 3-6 p.m. in some elementary schools. The program offers sports and games, swimming, films and field trips, arts and crafts and special events. Teens can be kept busy in the summer in the city's Teen Center at Fairfax High School; call 385-7858 for information.

**Child abuse**—To report suspected cases of child abuse or neglect, or to receive assistance 24 hours a day, call the Fairfax County Department of Human Development Child Abuse Hotline at 324-7400. All information is confidential.

**Child support**—Citizens can rely on the Department of Social Services Division of Child Support Enforcement for assistance in collecting child support. For information, call 934-0099.

**Daycare**—There are a number of alternatives for individuals seeking child care for children of all ages. The city's Human Services Office and the Fairfax County Office for Children maintain listings and have brochures to assist citizens in locating child care. Available listings include names and addresses of daycare and pre-school centers as well as home care providers. For information, call the Human Services Office at 385-7894 or the Fairfax County Office for Children at 359-5860. The School-Aged Child Care (SACC) program is available in three elementary schools—Jermantown, Westmore and Layton Hall—offering before- and after-school care for elementary schoolchildren. Payment is on a sliding fee scale. For information, call 359-1097. Child care providers in the city must obtain an annual permit to provide daycare in their homes. For information, call the Human Services Office at 385-7894.

**Safety seats**—Children younger than age 4 must be in child safety seats when riding in a vehicle.

**Schools**—Virginia law states that any child who has reached the fifth birthday on or before September 30 must be enrolled in kindergarten for that school year beginning in the fall unless the parent or guardian notifies

the school system that he or she does not wish the child to attend. Children who will reach the fifth birthday after September 30 and on or before October 31 may be enrolled in kindergarten; the elementary schools provide counseling for parents or guardians of children who reach their fifth birthday during this period regarding the advisability of school attendance. A child who will be six years old on or before September 30 must attend school during the school year beginning that fall. Parents should take a birth certificate or equivalent and a transfer slip or report card from the previous school to the school office when enrolling a child. Evidence of immunization also is required; a certificate of a physical examination is required for elementary students. For more information or to find out in which school to enroll your child, call 246-2502. See also: Immunization, Schools.

#### **CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT.**

Citizens can rely on the Department of Social Services Division of Child Support Enforcement for assistance in collecting child support. For information, call 934-0099.

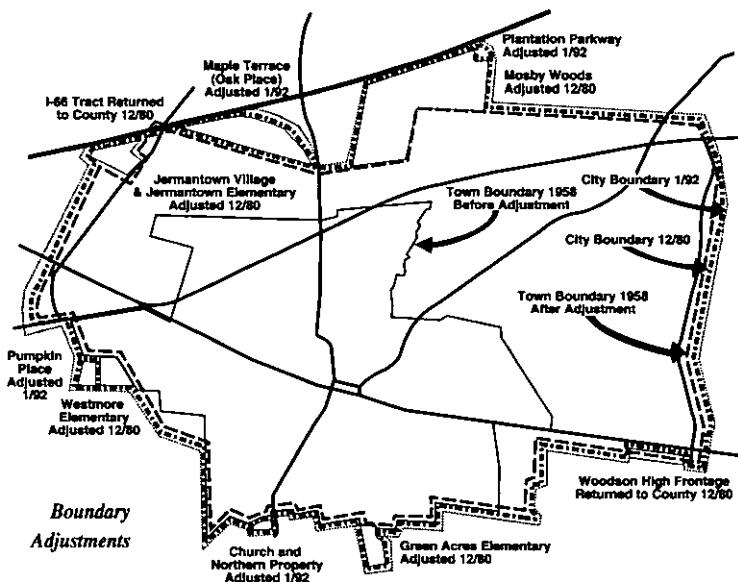
#### **CHOCOLATE LOVER'S**

**FESTIVAL.** In February, the city joins forces with merchants and community organizations citywide to host a Chocolate Lover's Festival. Bakers, confectioners and chocolate manufacturers offer sample tastes of their wares and cooking demonstrations. For information, call 385-7855.

#### **CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING.**

See: Curbside Collection/Recycling Program.

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**CHURCHES.** City residents may choose to attend any of several different houses of worship.

- Christ Lutheran Church, 3810 Meredith Drive (273-4094)
- Church of the Apostles, 3500 Pickett Road (591-1974)
- Congregation Olam Tikvah (conservative—affiliated with United Synagogue), 3800 Glenbrook Road (425-1880)
- Fairfax Christian Church, 10185 Main Street (385-3520)
- Fairfax Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 3701 Jermantown Road (691-3902)
- Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main Street (273-5300)
- Fairfax United Methodist Church, 10300 Stratford Avenue (591-3120)
- First Church of Christian Scientist, Fairfax, 3725 Old Lee Highway (591-2122)

- Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 4325 Chain Bridge Road (273-1440)
- St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway (273-5369)
- Truro Episcopal Church, 10520 Main Street (273-1300)

**CIGARETTE TAX.** The city levies a tax on each pack of cigarettes sold in the city, initially paid by the wholesaler and passed on to the customer. See also: Taxes.

**CITIES.** In Virginia, incorporated cities are independent of the counties that adjoin or surround them. The city of Fairfax is an independent city surrounded by Fairfax County, and even though some county offices are located here, the city is a completely separate jurisdiction from the county. City residents must, for example, have a city, not a county, vehicle decal.

Because the U.S. Post Office uses a

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zip code breakdown rather than jurisdiction, it is possible to have a Fairfax address without living in the city of Fairfax.

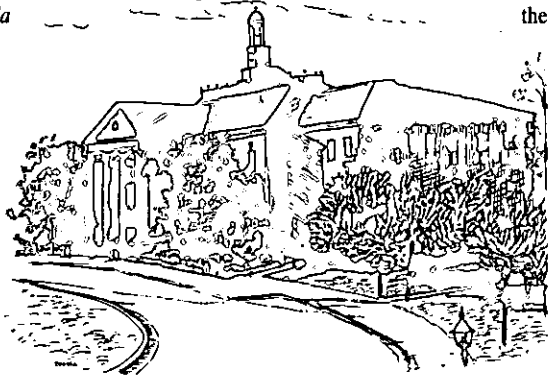
**CITY COUNCIL.** Fairfax has a council/manager form of government and the mayor and six at-large councilmembers are elected every two years and run on a non-partisan basis. They do not have offices in City Hall, but they can be reached at their homes or through the City Manager's Office at 385-7850. A current listing of the mayor and councilmembers is in the center section. See also: Elections.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.** The City Council holds meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in City Hall. Work sessions are usually held on the first (and sometimes the third) Tuesday of each month. All meetings and work sessions are open to the public, although at work sessions there are no opportunities for the public to speak. Regular work sessions and special meetings are televised on Cityscreen-12, the city of Fairfax's cable television station. The Community Relations Office can answer questions about city government; call 385-7855.

### *Sample Meeting Agenda*

- Invocation
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Proclamations and Commendations
- Adoption of Agenda
- Presentations by the public on any item not subject to public hearing
- Consent agenda—

*City Hall*



this allows Council to adopt, with a single vote, a number of routine or procedural items. Any items to which a councilmember objects are placed on the regular agenda.

- Public hearings—Staff presents a report on the issue; the party making the request may speak; the public is invited to speak; after which the Council discusses and votes on the issue
- Items not requiring a public hearing
- Appointments to boards and commissions
- Approval of Minutes
- Comments by Councilmembers
- Executive Session—The public's business must be conducted in the open, and the Council is limited as to what it may discuss in private—essentially, personnel and legal matters. Toward the end of most meetings (and sometimes at the beginning of meetings as well), the Council adjourns to discuss those matters in "executive session."
- Adjournment

**CITY HALL.** Located at 10455 Armstrong Street, this stately Georgian building was built in 1961 and houses most city government offices, as well as the

meetings of most city boards and commissions, including the Fairfax City Council. City offices are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

The City Hall annex, the Draper House, is adjacent to City Hall and houses the offices of the registrar and the schools' superintendent. On the west lawn of City Hall, the Veterans Amphitheater is host to a variety of outdoor concerts and festivities. See also: Concerts.

**CITY OFFICES.** City offices are located in:

- City Hall—10455 Armstrong Street
- John C. Wood Municipal Complex—3730 Old Lee Highway
- Property Yard—3410 Pickett Road

All departments are located in City Hall except Fire and Rescue Services, City of Fairfax Police Department and the Department of Parks and Recreation, all of which are at the Wood Complex, and certain divisions of the Public Works and Transit and Utilities departments, which are at the Property Yard. The city also has a water treatment plant at the Goose Creek Reservoir.

**CITYSCENE.** A monthly newsletter mailed free to all households and businesses. See: Community Relations.

### CITYSCREEN-12.

The city of Fairfax's government-access cable television station. See: Cable Television; Community Relations.



**CITY WHEELS.** CITY WHEELS is a transportation network of private taxi companies and lift-equipped vans subsidized by the city. The program offers

transportation within the city, to the Vienna Metrorail Station, to George Mason University and the Fair Oaks Hospital for people who, due to a disability, are unable to use conventional bus service. For more information or for an application, call the Transit Office at 385-7859 (voice/TDD).

**CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS.** Many city subdivisions have organized civic associations that serve as forums for community opinion on matters of mutual interest. Most groups meet monthly and publish periodic newsletters. Civic associations often serve as liaisons between neighborhoods and City Hall. In addition, the groups formed a Council of Civic Associations that comprises representatives from each association to discuss issues of mutual concern.

The Community Relations Office maintains an up-to-date listing of these organizations and contacts. To request a copy, call 385-7855.

#### *City Civic Associations and Homeowners Associations*

- Ardmore
- Assembly
- Breckenridge
- Cambridge Station
- Comstock
- Council of Civic Associations
- Country Club Hills
- Courthouse Square #1
- Courthouse Square #2
- Fairchester Woods
- Fairfax Oaks
- Fairfax Triangle
- Fairfax West Apt. Owners
- Fairview
- Foxcroft Colony
- Great Oaks
- Limewood Mews



- Little River Hills
- Lyndhurst
- Mosby Woods
- Mosby Woods Condo.
- Olde Fairfax Mews
- Old Lee Highway
- Rustfield
- Southeast Fairfax
- Warren Woods/Joyce Heights
- Westmore

### COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

Two major schools of higher education are located near the city of Fairfax.

#### Northern Virginia

Community College is a two-year, state-supported regional college with five campuses in the area, including the main Annandale campus near the city. For more information, call 323-3000.

George Mason University, located on the city's southern boundary, is a rapidly growing university that serves nearly 21,000 students and offers undergraduate and graduate programs. The university has a number of performing art forums, such as the Patriot Center and the Center for the Performing Arts. GMU welcomes citizen use of its cultural and recreation facilities. For more information, call 993-1000. Since 1979, the City/University/Business Community (CUB) Committee meets regularly to identify opportunities for more cooperation in providing programs and facilities.

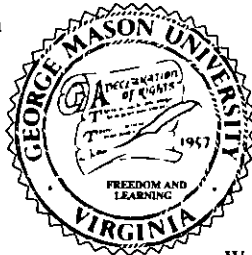
### COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY.

As the chief law enforcement officer in the city and in Fairfax County, the Commonwealth's attorney prosecutes criminal cases, including all felonies

occurring in the city. The principal focus of this office is major crimes, such as murder, rape, robbery, burglary, arson, drug distribution and assaults on children, and the office works closely with the City of Fairfax Police Department.

The post is an elective office with a four-year term, elected in odd-number years.

Offices of the Commonwealth's Attorney are located in the Fairfax County Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road. For information, call 246-2776.



### COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

#### COMMITTEE.

This committee organizes beautification and recycling programs such as residential and commercial beautification, adopt-a-spot, clean-up month and holiday decorations. This committee meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth

Wednesday of every month in City Hall.

For information, call 385-7995.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### AND PLANNING.

All land in the city of Fairfax is zoned for residential, planned development, commercial or industrial uses. The Comprehensive Plan serves as a basic guide for the city's development; copies are available in Department of Community Development and Planning office, Room 101 in City Hall.

Density of development and permitted uses for each zoning category are specified in the zoning ordinance. Under the ordinance, certain land uses are permitted in each district as a matter of right. Others require special permits, which—depending on the type of permit—must be approved by either the Board of Zoning Appeals or by the City Council.

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All applications for changes of zoning are carefully evaluated by the Department of Community Development and Planning, after which public hearings are held by both the Planning Commission and the City Council. Both hearings must be advertised in advance; signs are also posted on the property and written notice is sent to owners of adjacent properties. Anyone who supports or opposes the application may speak at these hearings.

The Board of Zoning Appeals, appointed by the Circuit Court, hears appeals from rulings of the zoning administrator, applications for variances and special use permits for certain zoning districts. Zoning decisions by the City Council may be appealed to the Circuit Court.

Copies of the city's zoning map and ordinance may be obtained from the zoning administrator in City Hall; for information, call 385-7820.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS.** The Community Relations Office in City Hall provides information about city and community activities to citizens, using a variety of methods.

The *Cityscene*, a monthly eight-page newsletter, contains timely news about the actions of the City Council and other departments and services, reminders about tax, voting and vehicle decal deadlines, details and schedules of events such as Independence Day and the Fall Festival, classes and activities sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, and much more. The publication also includes issues of the *Safetyscene*, a newsletter by the Fire and Rescue Services; the *Police Informer*, a newsletter by the City of Fairfax Police Department; and the *SchoolScene*, a

newsletter on activities and programs in city schools. The *Cityscene* is an important means of keeping abreast of what's going on in the city.

The Community Relations Office also publishes an *Annual Report*, a yearly summary of activity in the city; the *Council Reporter*, a summary of the results of every City Council meeting; the *Community Calendar*, a list of activities in and around the city; and several other brochures, flyers and pamphlets. For a complete list of available publications, call 385-7855.

Cityscreen-12, operated by the Community Relations Office, broadcasts live and taped City Council meetings, in addition to selected special events, public service features and a 24-hour electronic bulletin board. Monthly programming schedules are listed in the *Cityscene*.

Citizens who want to receive the agendas and reports of the City Council, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Board of Architectural Review and School Board meetings should contact the Community Relations Office and request to be placed on the agenda and/or *Council Reporter* mailing lists.

The office also serves as a general inquiry center for city residents to obtain information. Call the Community Relations Office at 385-7855 or the 24-hour City Newsline at 273-1776.

**COMMUNITY USE FACILITIES.** See: Wood Municipal Complex, Fairfax High School Community Center, Old Town Hall.

**COMPOSTING.** Residents can obtain information about backyard composting from the Department of Public Works. The city has a composting demonstration

site behind City Hall. For information, call 385-7995. See also: Recycling.

**CONCERTS.** The music community is extremely active in Fairfax and the city sponsors or helps organize concerts with performances by local and national talent.

Every summer, citizens gather with picnics, blankets and lawn chairs at the Veterans Amphitheater for the Summer Entertainment Series, a season of free diverse concerts held Thursday evenings; call 385-7858.

In the autumn and winter, the Old Town Hall Performance Series features musicians and other talented performers in free concerts twice a month; for information, call 352-ARTS.

The City Band offers entertainment all year. For a schedule of band concerts, call 759-2903.

George Mason University's Center for the Performing Arts and the Patriot Center offer performances year-round of both student talent and nationally recognized performers; for a schedule of performances, call 993-1000.

**CONSUMER AFFAIRS/CONSUMER PROTECTION.** The city of Fairfax does not have a consumer affairs office; instead, the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs, an office of the state government, offers assistance in solving consumer and landlord/tenant problems. For information, call (804) 786-2042.

City residents who need assistance concerning a business located in Fairfax County may contact the Fairfax County Department of Consumer Affairs, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 433. For information, call 222-8435.

**CONSUMER EDUCATION.** See: Financial Education.

**COURTS.** City of Fairfax residents are served by three Virginia courts: the Circuit Court of the 19th District, the General District Court for the city of Fairfax, and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Judges for these courts are appointed on an as-needed basis by the Virginia General Assembly.

**General District Court.** The General District Court for the city of Fairfax hears traffic violations and criminal misdemeanors. Court is held in Room 305 of City Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Because this court is not of record, all cases are heard by a judge; there are no jury trials at this level. For information about pre-payments on traffic violations, call 385-7865 (24-hour recording). For information on court records or case scheduling, call the clerk's office at 385-7866. However, fines for parking violations are handled by the Treasurer's Office; call 385-7900.

**Circuit Court.** The Circuit Court hears felonies, civil suits, divorce cases and appeals from lower courts. The Circuit Court is located in the Fairfax County Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road. For information, call the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 591-8525. The clerk's office also handles information about:

- adoption (246-4358)
- deeds (591-8580)
- divorce (246-4358)
- estate administration (246-4193)
- land records (591-8580)
- marriage licenses (246-2993)
- name changes (246-4358)
- notary (246-4100)
- passport applications (246-4100)
- wills probate (246-4193)

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### **Juvenile Cases (Family Court).**

Cases involving all offenses committed by juveniles in the city, including traffic citations, are conducted by the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court at the County Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road. It also hears cases of offenses by adults against juveniles and other cases such as non-support, assault and child custody. For more information, call juvenile intake at 246-2495.

**Magistrates.** Magistrates are judicial officers who issue arrest and search warrants and determine pre-trial releases. City residents would request such services from the magistrate at the Adult Detention Center, 10520 Judicial Drive; call 246-2182.

See also: Parking Violations.

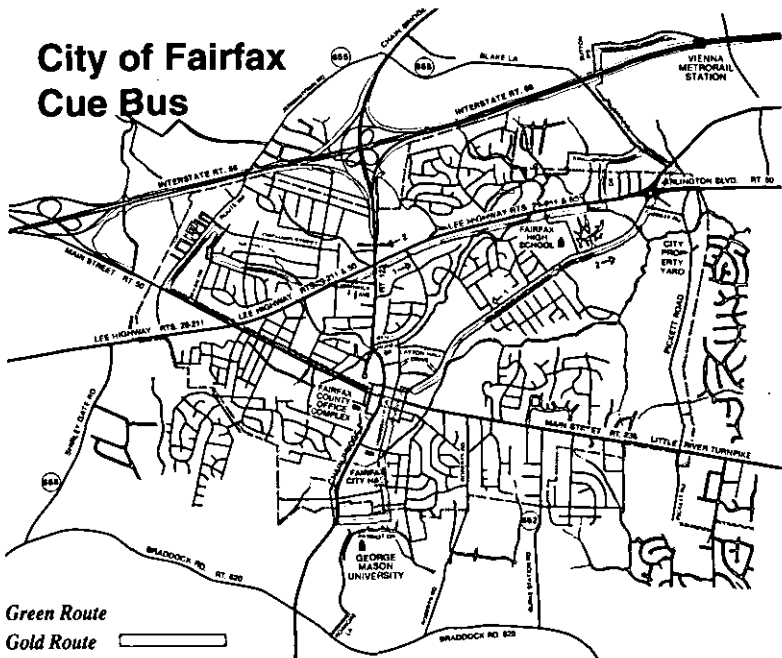
**CRAFT FAIR.** See: Fall Festival, Holiday Craft Show.

**CUE BUS SYSTEM.** The city's CUE Bus system not only provides regularly scheduled, low-cost service to George Mason University, to shopping centers and other locations within the city of Fairfax, but also serves as a feeder network to the Vienna Metrorail station. GMU students and faculty ride for free, while senior citizens and all other students pay a reduced fare.

Residents who, because of a disability, are unable to use CUE Buses may participate in CITY WHEELS, which provides taxi or lift-equipped transportation. See also: CITY WHEELS.

For any city transit information, please call 385-7859 (voice/TDD).

**CURBSIDE COLLECTION/RECYCLING PROGRAM.** The city offers curbside collection upon request of:



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- Christmas trees
- Grass clippings
- Yard debris

*These items are not collected with the trash.*

- **Christmas trees.** After the holiday season, citizens can place their Christmas trees at the curb (with all the decorations and tinsel removed).
- **Grass Clippings.** The city offers curbside collection of grass clippings in the spring and summer. Please place the clippings in a container that weighs no more than 40 pounds; grass clippings in plastic or paper bags will not be collected.
- **Yard debris.** Branches, tree stumps and other yard debris will be collected from the curb year-round. If possible, make sure branches are no more than six feet long, so they can fit easily and quickly in the mulching machine.

To request special curbside collection, call 385-7825 and leave on the recording your name, address, phone number and items to be collected. Requests received by 6 a.m. Monday will be collected that week, although a high volume of calls may delay pickup.

Grass clippings and yard debris resulting from work performed by a private contractor will not be collected by the city. See also: Recycling.



**DAYCARE.** See: Children.

**DEATH CERTIFICATES.** Death certificates for those who have died within the past five years in the city and in Fairfax County are available at the Joseph Willard Health Center, 3750 Old Lee Highway. For information, call 246-7122.

Death certificates for all who died in Virginia are kept by the Virginia Department of Health. Each copy costs \$5. To request a certificate, include the full name of the deceased and the date and place of death. All requests must include information on the relationship between the person who is requesting the certificate and the person whose certificate is being requested. Include a check or money order made payable to the Virginia Department of Health and mail the request to the Division of Vital Records, P.O. Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23208-1000. Allow at least four weeks for processing and mailing of the certificate. For information, call (804) 786-6228.

**DEEDS.** City residents file deeds to their property on the third floor of the Fairfax County Circuit Court, 4110 Chain Bridge Road.

Residents must bring to the land records office a legally prepared deed that has a tax map number and is signed and notarized. Deed filings are processed from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. weekdays.

The cost of filing a deed varies depending on the type of deed, and fees may be paid with cash or a money order.

For information, call 591-8580.

**DETENTION FACILITIES.** The city contracts for detention facilities through its City/County General Services Agreement. The Adult Detention Center is located at 10520 Judicial Drive. The 24-hour information number is 246-2100.

City of Fairfax juveniles who require confinement are placed in the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center, 10650 Page Avenue. The 24-hour information number is 246-2844.

**DISCRIMINATION.** The Virginia code prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status or disability. To report complaints of possible violations, call the Virginia Office for Human Rights at (800) 633-5510 (voice/TDD).

**DISABILITIES SERVICES.** All city services and facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. The city has a Disabilities Advisory Board. For information, call the Human Services Office at 384-7894 (TDD: 385-7859).

City publications can be made available in large print or recorded on cassette tape and city boards and commissions meetings can be signed for citizens with hearing disabilities; for information, call 385-7855.

A number of programs provide additional services for city residents with disabilities. Programs are available through the public school system as well as under contract through appropriate Fairfax County health agencies.

Suspected abuse or neglect of adults with disabilities should be reported to the Adult Protective Services. For information, call 324-7450. To report suspicions of abuse or neglect of disabled children or to receive assistance 24 hours a day, call the Fairfax County Department of Human Development Child Abuse Hotline at 324-7400. All information is confidential.

Parking permits, which enable people with disabilities to use specially designated parking spaces and which must be displayed in vehicle windows, are available from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. Permits are available in the form of license plates or placards that can be moved from one vehicle to another

for use by a driver with disabilities or by someone transporting people with disabilities. For an application and for more information, call the DMV at 761-4655.

The Fairfax County Library system provides collections both for and about people with disabilities. More than 23,000 Talking Books are available through the Special Services Office at the Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria; phone 660-6943 (TDD: 660-8524). Special machines required to play the recorded books are also available on long-term loan through this free service. Large-print books are available through all branches. Hearing-impaired persons who have TDD machines can contact the library.

Real estate tax and rental relief benefits also are available to residents with permanent disabilities. The city also participates in the Home Improvement Loan Program, which offers assistance to eligible low-income elderly and disabled homeowners. For information, call 385-7894.

For information about access to public facilities and transit, call the city's human services coordinator at 385-7894 (TDD: 385-7859). See also: Senior Citizens, TDD Services.

**DIVORCE.** City residents who wish to file for divorce must file through the Fairfax County Circuit Court in the Fairfax County Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road. For information, call the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 246-4358.

**DIVORCE RECORDS.** The Virginia Department of Health maintains all records of divorce in the state. To apply for a copy of divorce records, include the full name of the husband and the wife

(including the wife's maiden name), the date and place of the divorce and the reason the certificate is needed. Include a check or money order for \$5—made payable to the Virginia Department of Health—and mail the request to the Division of Vital Records, P.O. Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23208-1000.

Allow at least four weeks for processing and mailing of the information. For information, call (804) 786-6228.

**DMV.** The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles is a state agency and is in no way connected with the city government. The general information number is 761-4655. The nearest office is 11215-G Lee Highway. Limited service is available in the DMV office in the Fair Oaks Mall. See also: Automobiles.

**DOG LICENSES.** See: Animals.

**DRIVER'S LICENSES.** See: Automobiles.

**DRUG ABUSE.** See: Substance Abuse.



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.** The Economic Development Office serves as a liaison between commerce and city government, attracting and retaining businesses to Fairfax, helping new businesses set up shop and assisting established businesses. The Economic Development Office maintains a list of businesses in the city and a list of city business organizations.

The Economic Development Office also works with the Museum and Visitors Center to promote tourism and, for visitors and residents of Fairfax alike, maintains a list of local hotels and other tourist information and a brochure on

historic sites and buildings in Old Town Fairfax. The office mails to every city business the *BusinessScene*, a newsletter with information about the actions of the City Council and other governmental bodies, notices of special events that merchants can participate in, reminders about taxes and more.

Other publications distributed by this office include business factsheets and a brochure on merchants in Old Town Fairfax. For information, call 385-7862.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS.** City residents elect representatives on the local, state and federal level. Residents also elect shared city/county officials, such as the clerk of the court, sheriff and commonwealth's attorney. See the current list of elected officials in the centerfold.

**ELECTIONS.** Non-partisan, at-large elections for the office of mayor and for six seats on the City Council are held in even-numbered years on the first Tuesday in May. The elected council assumes office on the first day of July following the election.

The treasurer and commissioner of the revenue serve four-year terms. Their elections are held in odd-numbered years, every four years, on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November. The treasurer and commissioner of the revenue each assume office on the first day of January following the election.

City residents are also eligible to vote in the November general election and in periodic special elections.

The city is part of the 19th Judicial Circuit and, as such, also elects the clerk of court, sheriff and commonwealth's attorney.

A court-appointed electoral board

conducts city elections.

To run for any office, contact the state Board of Elections at (800) 552-9745 for the proper forms. Local offices require petitions signed by at least 125 qualified voters. All necessary forms for local office must be filed with the General Registrar.

For more information, call the city Registrar's Office at 385-7890.

See also: Voter Registration.

**EMERGENCIES.** For emergency fire or ambulance service, dial 911 (voice/TDD). For emergency police service, dial 591-5511 (TDD: 359-2480).

For water emergencies, call 385-7915 (TDD: 385-7859) between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.; evenings, weekends and holidays, call 385-7924 (TDD: 359-2480).

**EMPLOYMENT.** For information about current vacancies with the city of Fairfax, call the 24-hour Job Line at 385-7860 (TDD: 385-7855) or visit the Personnel Office, Room 302 in City Hall. The city of Fairfax is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer. See also: Unemployment.

**EXTENSION SERVICES.** The Department of Extension and Continuing Education offers a wide variety of information on agricultural and horticultural topics to city residents. This service is sponsored jointly by Fairfax County, the Virginia Tech Cooperative Extension Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The city of Fairfax participates in the activity as part of its contractual agreement with Fairfax County.

Services to city residents include soil analysis, guidance on family nutrition and health habits, assistance to 4-H clubs, advice on lawn maintenance and

identification of insect and plant diseases and a farmers' market.

For information on lawns, plants and shrubs, call 222-9760; soil resources, call 324-5300; gypsy moths, call 324-5304; home economics, food and nutrition, clothing and money management, call 324-5302; youth and 4-H programs, call 324-5301; and agriculture and natural resources, call 324-5326.

The Cooperative Extension Office is located at 12011 Government Center Parkway.

See also: Farmers' Market.

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### **FACILITIES INSPECTIONS.**

Inspections of non-building improvements on commercial and residential development sites and right-of-way work requiring a street opening permit may be arranged by calling 385-7810.

**FAIR OAKS HOSPITAL.** Phone number is 391-3600. See: Hospitals.

**FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER.** Groups may reserve use of classrooms, the auditorium and the cafeteria at Fairfax High School. Rooms also may be reserved in other city schools by calling each school directly (see: Schools). To schedule use of this facility, contact the community activities director at 273-4863 or 273-4732.

**FAIRFAX HOSPITAL.** Phone number is 698-1110. See: Hospitals.

**FAIRFAX POLICE YOUTH CLUB.** See: Athletic Groups.

**FALL FESTIVAL.** One of the area's most popular outdoor extravaganzas, the Fall Festival is held from 10 a.m. to 5



p.m. on the second Saturday in October on the streets of Old Town Fairfax. The festival features food, children's rides, live music and, most of all, hundreds of arts and crafts exhibitors.

Applications for exhibiting at the festival are due several months in advance. For information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 385-7858.

**FARMERS' MARKET.** Fresh vegetables and more from the people who produce them are available at the Farmers' Market held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays from May through November at the city-owned lot next to Truro Episcopal Church. The Farmers' Market is sponsored by the city and the Fairfax County Agricultural Extension Office. For information, call 385-7862.

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND CAROLS.** Held during December, this month-long celebration features a community-wide holiday decorating and lighting competition that culminates in a tree lighting, caroling festival and reception at Old Town Hall. For more information about the festival, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 385-7858.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.** The city offers financial assistance for tax and rent relief to residents with disabilities and to elderly residents with low incomes. These programs are administered by the Department of Finance; for information, call 385-7870. See Also: Disabled Services, Housing Assistance Services, Human Services Assistance, Senior Citizens.

**FINANCIAL EDUCATION.** The Financial Education Center, run by Fairfax County, offers free workshops on topics such as making and keeping a

budget, planning finances for retirement and paying for college educations; call 324-5730.

The Consumer Credit Counseling and Educational Service of Greater Washington, Inc., can help residents communicate with creditors. The private non-profit service helps arrange payment plans and offers financial counseling to avoid debt. There is no charge for their services. For information, call 591-9020.

**FIRE AND RESCUE.** To report a fire or obtain emergency fire assistance or medical aid, call 911 (voice/TDD).

City fire protection and emergency medical services are provided by a combined salaried and volunteer force of firefighters and medical support personnel. In a reciprocal agreement, Fairfax County provides back-up and fill-in services to the city when needed. Emergency medical care is furnished by full-time, 24-hour emergency medical technicians (EMT) and EMT-paramedics and is supplemented by volunteer EMTs and paramedics. There are two fire and rescue stations in the city: Station 3 at 4081 University Drive (385-7877) and Station 33 at 10101 Lee Highway (385-7941).

In addition to providing fire and rescue services, the department offers a nationally recognized, award-winning home and commercial fire safety education training and inspection program. As a service to residents, free blood-pressure testing is available at both fire stations.

For more information, contact the Fire and Rescue Services public education officer at the Wood Municipal Complex, 3730 Old Lee Highway, or call 385-7940.

Citizens 18 and older interested in

becoming volunteer firefighters should call 385-7869.

**FISHING LICENSES.** State license is required. Licenses are available from area hardware and sporting goods stores. For information, contact the Virginia Commission on Game and Inland Fisheries, P.O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23220.

**FOOD STAMPS.** See: Social Services.

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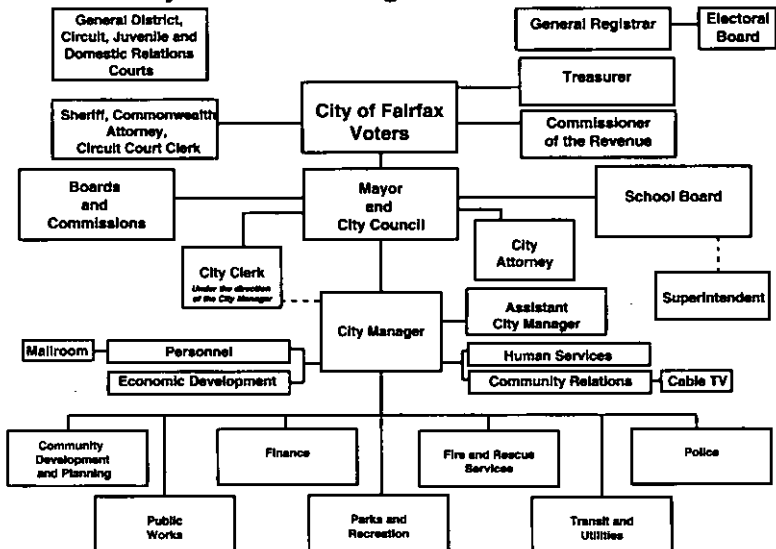
**GASOLINE TAX.** A gasoline tax is levied throughout Northern Virginia. The state collects the tax and returns it to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, which, in turn, allocates the funds to help defray each jurisdiction's share of Metro bus and rail expenses and other transit expenses. See also: Taxes.

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY.** See: Colleges and Universities.

**GOVERNMENT.** The city of Fairfax operates under the council-manager form of government. All legislative powers are vested in the mayor and six council members, elected at-large for two-year terms in May of every even-numbered year. They establish city policy, make appointments, pass resolutions and ordinances, approve the city budget and set tax rates. Although these officials do not have offices in City Hall, they can be contacted through the city manager's office; call 385-7850 or write to them at City Hall. Councilmembers also may be contacted at their homes; their home addresses and phone numbers (see City Council in the center of the book).

Also elected by the voters to 4-year terms are the city treasurer and commissioner of the revenue, the sheriff and

### City of Fairfax Organizational Chart



commonwealth's attorney and—to an 8-year term—the clerk of the circuit court.

The city manager, appointed by the City Council, directs the day-to-day operation of the city and a professional staff of department heads and other staff officers, who are responsible for the operation of their respective offices. The city departments and offices are the City Manager's Office, Community Development and Planning, Finance, Fire and Rescue, Parks and Recreation, Police, Public Works and Transit and Utilities.

In addition, the city contracts with Fairfax County to operate various services. The county, for example, operates city schools and provides health services to city residents. See also: City Council, Elected Officials, Elections.

**GRASS CLIPPINGS.** See: Curbside Collection/Recycling Program.

**GYPSY MOTHS.** The city and Fairfax County have been involved in a cooperative gypsy moth suppression program since 1982 in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. For more information, call the county Department of Extension and Continuing Education's Gypsy Moth Office at 324-5304.

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**HANDICAPPED SERVICES.** See: Disabilities Services.

**HAZARDOUS USE PERMITS.** City ordinances require a hazardous use permit in certain situations. Among those are the storage of large quantities of gasoline; welding; use and storage of dynamite; storage and sale of fireworks; storage of compressed gases and radiation sources;

and storage of combustible and flammable materials. Hazardous use permits may be obtained from the Code Enforcement Office at City Hall. For more information, call 385-7830. See also: Household Hazardous Waste Disposal.

**HEALTH SERVICES.** Under a contractual agreement, the Fairfax County Health Department provides public health services to city residents. These services include adult day health programs, school health programs and specialized clinics. Detailed information is available from the Joseph Willard Health Center, 3750 Old Lee Highway. For information, call 246-7100.

The Willard Health Center offers limited health services to city residents. Among these are AIDS testing, family planning, maternity and specialized child health care, orthopedics, a daytime development center, tuberculin testing, immunization clinics, sexually transmitted disease control and some eye, speech and hearing services. Fees are charged according to the patient's ability to pay.

For environmental health services such as inspection of restaurants, swimming pools, barber shops; insect and rodent control; and enforcement of environmental state and local health regulations, contact the Fairfax County Health Department at 246-2205.

See also: Hospitals.

## HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND SITES.

The city of Fairfax, like much of the surrounding area, has a long and colorful history. Its historic buildings and landmarks serve as a reminder to the community of its heritage and attest to the role the town played in history.

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# Officials

## MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL (1992 - 1994)

### *Mayor*

John Mason  
3548 Queen Anne Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
(703) 273-5325

### *City Council*

Arnold L. "Larry" Larsen, Jr.  
3406 Country Hill Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
(703) 273-7689

Philip Samuel Mershon  
10304 Ranger Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
(703) 385-2116

Janice M. Miller  
10525 Providence Way  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
(703) 691-1748

Gary J. Rasmussen  
3210 Armory Court  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
(703) 385-2991

Patrick A. Rodio  
3801 Richardson Place  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
(703) 273-5565

R. Scott Silverthorne  
3814 Lyndhurst Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22031  
(703) 323-4688

*City Manager (appointed)*  
Robert L. Sisson  
City Hall

10455 Armstrong Street  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
(703) 385-7850

### *City Elected Officials*

Commissioner of the Revenue Juanita W. Dickerson (1989-1993)  
10806 Maple Street, Fairfax, VA 22030  
(703) 273-3817

Treasurer Stephen L. Moloney (1989-1993)  
9813 Hampton Lane, Fairfax, VA 22030  
(703) 273-6747

## FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

President William J. Clinton (1992-1996)  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Vice President Albert Gore, Jr. (1992-1996)  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

U.S. Senator Charles Robb (1989-1995)  
493 Russell Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-5552

U.S. Senator John W. Warner (1991-1997)  
225 Russell Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-2023

House of Representatives—11th District  
U.S. Representative Leslie R. Byrne  
(1992-1994)  
1619 Longworth Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-1492

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Governor L. Douglas Wilder  
(1990-1994)  
The Capitol  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 786-2211

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(1990-1994)  
101 North 8th Street  
Richmond, VA 23219  
(804) 786-2078

Acting Attorney General Stephen D.  
Rosenthal (1993-1994)  
101 North 8th Street  
Richmond, VA 23219  
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(37th Senate District)  
P.O. Box 137  
Fairfax, VA 22030-0137  
(703) 321-0900 • (804) 786-6989

Senator Jane Woods  
(34th Senate District)  
P.O. Box 1387  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
(703) 352-1991 • (804) 786-7396

Delegate Richard Fisher  
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Vienna, VA 22185  
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(37th Delegate District)  
4400 Glen Rose Street  
Fairfax, VA 22032  
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Mailing address during Session for the  
state senators and delegates is:  
General Assembly Building  
Richmond, VA 23219

## City Government Holidays

City government offices are closed on  
the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Lee-Jackson-King Day
- Inauguration Day
- Washington's Birthday
- Spring Holiday (the Friday before  
Easter)

- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Thanksgiving and the day after  
Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve (offices close at noon)
- Christmas Day

# Annual Events

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>EVENT NAME</b>	<b>CONTACT TELEPHONE</b>	<b>GENERAL DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>February</b>	Chocolate Lover's Festival	Community Relations 385-7855	A new festival featuring chocolate theme with exhibits, tastings, bake sale, kiddieland and demonstrations.
<b>April</b>	Spring Cleanup	Public Works 385-7810	Public & private outdoor housecleaning
<b>Late April through early May</b>	Spotlight on the Arts	Parks & Recreation 352-ARTS	Visual and performing arts activities featuring local artists and emerging cultural groups.
<b>May- November Tuesdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.</b>	Farmers Market	Economic Development 385-7862	Home-grown produce, home-baked goods, plants
<b>June-July Thursdays, 8 pm</b>	Summer Concert Series	Parks & Recreation 385-7858	City band concerts on lawn at City Hall Amphitheater
<b>July</b>	July 4 Parade and evening show	Parks & Recreation 385-7858	Patriotic parade with bands, floats, Fire Department activities, evening entertainment, fireworks
<b>October- April</b>	Old Town Hall Concert Series	Parks & Recreation 385-7858	Free Musical performances Friday nights
<b>October (second Saturday)</b>	Fall Festival	Parks & Recreation 385-7858	900 arts & crafts vendors, entertainment, food, all-day outdoor fair
<b>November</b>	Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair	Parks & Recreation 385-7858	300 arts & crafts vendors, food, all-day indoor craft fair
<b>December</b>	Festival of Lights & Carols	Parks & Recreation 385-7858	Lunch with Santa, children's activities caroling, tree-lighting and refreshments

# Meeting Schedule

## FIRST WEEK OF MONTH

### *Monday*

School Board  
7:30 p.m.  
385-7910

### *Tuesday*

Council Work Session  
7:30 p.m. (as needed)  
385-7935

Board of Zoning Appeals  
8 p.m.  
385-7820

### *Wednesday*

Historic Fairfax City, Inc.  
7 p.m.  
385-8964

Board of Architectural  
Review  
7:30 p.m.  
385-7820

## SECOND WEEK OF MONTH

### *Monday*

Planning Commission  
8 p.m.  
385-7930

### *Tuesday*

City Council  
8 p.m.  
385-7935

### *Wednesday*

Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board  
7:30 p.m.  
385-7858

## THIRD WEEK OF MONTH

### *Tuesday*

Commission for Women  
6 p.m.  
385-7894

City Council Work  
Session  
7:30 p.m. (as needed)  
385-7935

### *Wednesday*

Board of Architectural  
Review  
7:30 p.m.  
385-7820

Commission on the Arts  
8 p.m.  
385-7858

Transportation Safety  
Commission  
8 p.m.  
385-7963

### *Thursday*

Spotlight on the Arts  
7:30 p.m.  
385-7858

Independence Day  
Committee  
7:30 p.m.  
385-7858

## FOURTH WEEK OF MONTH

### *Monday*

Planning Commission  
8 p.m.  
385-7930

### *Tuesday*

City Council  
8 p.m.  
385-7935

### *Wednesday*

Community Appearance  
Committee  
7:30 p.m.  
385-7810

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Many of these historic sites are found within the city's historic downtown area. In 1987, this historic district was named to the National Register of Historic Places, which is maintained by the U.S. National Park Service. Other city buildings on the National Register of Historic Places include the Fairfax Elementary School Annex, which houses the Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center, the 29 Diner and the Bailiwick Inn.

The brochure *Journey Through Time*, aids in a walking tour of noteworthy buildings and monuments in Old Town Fairfax and offers a brief history of the city; it is available free from the Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center, 10209 Main Street; call 385-8414.

**HISTORY.** The area that now comprises the city of Fairfax was first settled in the early 1700s by farmers pushing out from the Tidewater region of Virginia, for religious and economic reasons. Fairfax County was established in 1742, and—when Alexandria, where the county court was located, temporarily became a part of the District of Columbia—the county court was established here, at the corner of Little River Turnpike and Ox Road, then as now a major regional crossroads. The little town surrounding the court was then known as Earp's Corner and in 1805, by an act of the state legislature, as the Town of Providence. However, for years it was commonly called "Fairfax Court House" and was officially renamed "Fairfax" in 1874.



Fairfax was the scene of several noteworthy events during the Civil War. Captain John Quincy Marr, the first officer casualty of the Confederacy, was killed at Fairfax Courthouse June 1, 1861. By late 1862, Union forces under the command of Brigadier General Edwin H. Stoughton occupied the town. In an audacious raid led by Confederate Colonel John S. Mosby in March of 1863, Stoughton was captured while he slept in a house which belongs to Truro Episcopal Church. Also in 1863, Antonia Ford, whose girlhood home was the Ford Building on Chain Bridge Road, was imprisoned as a Southern spy for aiding Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart.

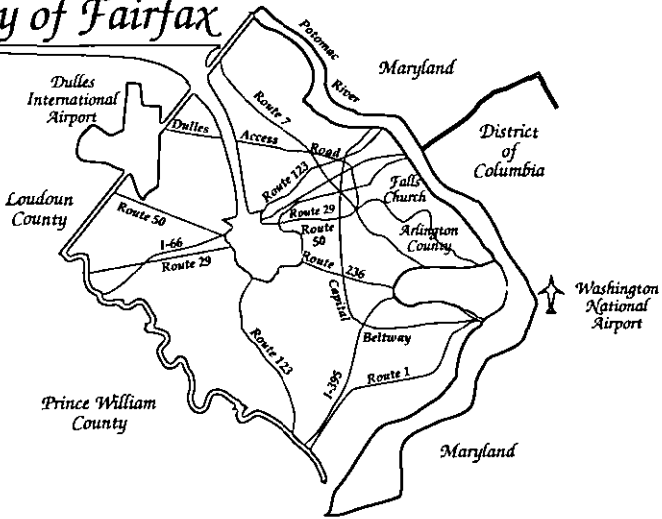
Through the early 20th century, the Town of Fairfax remained a community of farms and small estates, with a tiny core of commerce, government and society in the few blocks surrounding the courthouse. But in the 1950s and 1960s, Fairfax grew rapidly (including an almost 700 percent increase in population during the '50s), and in 1961, the town was incorporated as the city of Fairfax.

The city's boundaries expanded in three directions as it grew to its present 6.3 square-miles. After an early-'70s peak of 22,700, the population has stabilized at around 20,000.

But, during the 1980s, thriving local businesses, the development in neighboring Fairfax County near the city's border and the expansion of George Mason University (which went from an enrollment of five to one of about 22,000 in less than 30 years) means that, today, the city is actually serving a population of about 100,000. Although this creates a need for more city services, the attractive mix of



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commercial and residential property here means that city homeowners generate less than half of the city's revenues.

City residents enjoy many advantages that people in neighboring jurisdictions do not, including refuse collection and snow removal by the local government at no additional cost and tax rates that are about 30 percent lower.

The residents of the city's 7,362 households have a median age of 30.8 years and an average household income of \$50,913, which is more than 50 percent higher than the state median. A third of the adult population has a college degree. As of 1991, the average single-family detached home sold for \$187,034.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW.** The Holiday Craft Show is held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in November at Fairfax High School. About 300 vendors fill the school with their handcrafted items and Santa generally drops by for photo opportunities and to listen to children's requests. For information, call 385-7858.

**HOME IMPROVEMENTS.** See: Building Permits.

**HOME IMPROVEMENT ASSISTANCE.** See Disabilities Service, Senior Citizens.

**HORTICULTURIST.** See: Extension Services, Tree Planting.

**HOSPITALS.** City residents are served by an emergency-care facility, a nursing home and two fully accredited hospitals, all operated by INOVA, a non-profit organization.

- ACCESS (Ambulatory Care Center and Emergency Services System) of Fairfax, 4315 Chain Bridge Road, offers 24-hour emergency care for both minor and life-threatening illnesses and injuries. Laboratory and x-ray services are available on-site, and rapid helicopter evacuation to Fairfax Hospital's trauma unit is available for critically ill and injured patients. For information, call 591-9322.

- Commonwealth Care Center is a modern, 120-bed nursing home at 4315 Chain Bridge Road. For information, call 934-5090.
- Fair Oaks Hospital, 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive, phone 391-3600, is a 160-bed facility located near the city. Services include 24-hour emergency department, intensive care unit, obstetrics, cardiac care, radiology, laboratory and physical therapy; psychiatric care is available on a consulting basis.
- Fairfax Hospital, 3300 Gallows Road, phone 698-1110, located near the intersection of the capital Beltway and U.S. 50, offers surgical, medical, obstetric, neo-natal, pediatric psychiatric and trauma care. The 658-bed hospital, the largest in Northern Virginia, also provides outpatient clinics, diagnostic services and a fully staffed emergency department for around-the-clock service. For emergency ambulance service, dial 911.
- The Woodburn Mental Health Center at 3340 Woodburn Road in Annandale, offers publicly funded mental health services for residents of the city of Fairfax; call 573-0523 (emergency 24-hour service: 573-5679). Among the mental health services available are emergency service and treatment, individual and group psychotherapy for children and adults, services to the chronically mentally ill, residential-based treatment services, court-related services and a prevention program. The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (12011 Government Center Parkway; 324-7000) administers all mental health programs.

**HOTLINES.** Assistance is available 24 hours from these phone numbers:

Adult Protective Services .....	324-7450
Northern Virginia Hotline .....	527-4077
Children Protective Services .....	324-7400
Poison Control Center .....	202/625-3333
Rape Crisis Hotline .....	360-7273
Victim Assistance .....	360-7273
Women's Shelter .....	435-4940
Woodburn Mental Health Center Emergency Line .....	573-5679

See also: Children, Disabilities Services, Senior Citizens, Women's Services.

#### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS**

**WASTE DISPOSAL.** Residents may take household hazardous waste, such as insecticides and household cleaners, to the Fire and Rescue Training Academy, 4600 West Ox Road. This site is open 1-5 p.m. Thursdays, 8 a.m. to noon Fridays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. For information, call 324-5068.

Citizens can take oil-based paints, pesticides and petroleum products (such as gasoline and diesel fuels) to the Fairfax County Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road. For information, call 324-5230.

#### **HOUSING ASSISTANCE**

**PROGRAMS.** The city of Fairfax participates in the federally-funded Community Development Block Grant Program. Under this program, eligible citizens receive loans for renovations or home improvements.

As part of the block-grant program, the city also participates in the Home Repair Program for the Elderly, which provides minor home repairs for income-eligible senior citizens as well as handicapped homeowners of any age.

Under the U.S. Department of Housing and Human Services Section 8 Existing Housing Program, elderly and low-income households also are eligible for rental assistance in the city.

All housing programs are administered for the city by the Fairfax County Housing and Community Development Authority. For information about home-improvement loans and home repair for the elderly and disabled, call 385-7870; about Section 8 Housing Program, call 246-5000.

**HUDDLESON LIBRARY.** See: Library.

**HUMAN SERVICES.** Citizens who need help in locating community resources should call the Human Services Office at 385-7894 (TDD: 385-7859) from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. After business hours, residents may call the 24-hour Northern Virginia Hotline at 527-4077.

**HUNTING LICENSES.** State license is required. Licenses are available from area hardware and sporting goods stores. For information, contact the Virginia Commission on Game and Inland Fisheries, P.O. Box 11104 Richmond, VA 23220.



**IMMUNIZATIONS.** Virginia law requires that every new student be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, measles, rubella and mumps. Without proof of required immunizations, students will not be allowed to attend school. Objections based on religious grounds may be discussed with the school principal.

Routine immunizations are provided

through the Fairfax County Health Department without charge. Immunizations are performed at the Willard Health Center, 3750 Old Lee Highway, from 2:30-4 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 246-7100. See also: Schools.

### **INCOME TAX, STATE AND**

**FEDERAL.** State income taxes are required of every person who lived in Virginia during the tax year or maintained a residence in Virginia for more than 183 days (provided their Virginia adjusted gross income is above the filing threshold). Income and exemptions are prorated for less than a full year. For forms and assistance contact the Commissioner of the Revenue in City Hall at 385-7882.

The federal government operates a tax information and assistance office at 5205 Leesburg Pike, Bailey's Crossroads; for inquiries, call (800) 829-1040.

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**CELEBRATION.** The city's Independence Day Parade—Northern Virginia's largest—begins at 10 a.m. July 4 rain or shine, stepping off from the Massey Building and winding through the downtown historic area. During the afternoon, firefighters from around the region compete in an old-fashioned firefighters' competition. A night show, featuring entertainment and fireworks is held at Fairfax High School's Stalnaker Stadium July 4 (rain date: July 5). For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 385-7858.

When July 4 falls on a Sunday, festivities are held July 5 (with a rain date of July 6 for fireworks).

**INFORMATION.** See: Community Relations.

**INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES.**

See: Automobiles.

**INSPECTIONS.** See: Building Alterations, Inspections and Permits; Facilities Inspections.

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**JAIL.** See: Detention Facilities.

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**LANDLORD/TENANT PROBLEMS.**

For landlord/tenant disputes or problems, call the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs at (804) 786-2042.

**LAWN CONCERTS.** See: Summer Entertainment Series.

**LAWYERS.** See: Attorneys.

**LEAF COLLECTION.** Each autumn, the city operates leaf-collecting vehicles throughout the city from mid-October through the end of December. Citizens should rake leaves to the curb for pick-up, ensuring that only leaves are left for collection. Stones, brush and other debris will damage machinery and delay pick-up.

Leaf collection vehicles also operate during April—the city's Spring Clean-up Month.

The city's air pollution ordinance prohibits all open burning. Leaves are not collected with trash, as leaves are banned from the Fairfax County landfill, which the city uses.

The leaf collection schedule is published in the *Cityscene*. For more information, call 385-7810.

**LEGAL ASSISTANCE.** Legal Services of Northern Virginia provides civil legal services at no charge to low-income, dis-

advantaged and elderly residents. For information, call 246-4500. See also: Attorneys.

**LIBRARY.** Library services are provided to city residents under a contract agreement with Fairfax County. The Fairfax City Regional Library at 3915 Chain Bridge Road, near the center of the city, contains the largest number of books of the county's 22 libraries. The library provides reference services, video cassettes, newspapers, magazines, records, tapes, compact discs, talking and large-print books, business/technical and Virginia collections, copy machines and meeting rooms; there is a fee for some of these services. For information, call 246-2741.

*Hours:*

- Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday noon-6 p.m.

The Huddleson Library Board of Trustees operates a small lending library on the second floor of Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. Huddleson Library is open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Friday, and features an excellent selection of recent bestsellers, regional histories and one of the area's best collections of mystery and detective novels.

**LICENSE PLATES.** See: Automobiles.

**LICENSES AND PERMITS.** See information under individual listing.

**LITTLE LEAGUE.** See: Children.

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**MAGISTRATE.** See: Courts.

**MAPS.** Free street maps of the city are available from the Department of Public Works, Room 204 in City Hall. Other city maps are available for a nominal fee (tax maps, zoning maps, flood plain maps, topographic maps, etc.). For information, call 385-7810.

**MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES.** The Fairfax County Circuit Court maintains a record of all certified marriages performed after being licensed by Fairfax County. Copies of these certificates are available from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Third Floor, Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road for \$2.50 each (money order made payable to the Clerk of the Court or cash) and may be requested in person or by mail. If requested by mail, allow at least three weeks for delivery.

To apply for a copy of a certificate, include the full name of the groom and the bride (including the bride's maiden name) and the date of marriage. For information, call 246-4361.

A copy of a marriage certificate also can be obtained from the Virginia Department of Health in Richmond. Include the information listed above and a check or money order for \$5—made payable to the Virginia Department of Health—and mail to the Division of Vital Records, P.O. Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23208-1000. Allow at least four weeks for processing and mailing of the certificate. For information, call (804) 786-6228.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES.** Marriage licenses are issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Third Floor, Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road. The fee is \$20 cash. Both parties must appear before the clerk to obtain a license and must be 18 or older (proof required) or, if between 16 and 18, have formal parental

consent in writing or in person. If the applicants are Virginia residents, one must be a resident of the city of Fairfax or Fairfax County. No blood tests are required and there is no waiting period once the license is issued. The license is valid for 60 days. Marriages are not performed in the Clerk's office, but applicants may get a list of marriage celebrants (a ceremony by a celebrant costs \$20). For more information, call 246-2993.

**MEALS TAX.** See: Restaurant Tax.

**MEDICAID.** See: Social Services.

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.** The Woodburn Mental Health Center at 3340 Woodburn Road in Annandale offers publicly funded mental health services for residents of the city of Fairfax; call 573-0523 (emergency 24-hour service: 573-5679). Among the mental health services available are emergency service and treatment, individual and group psychotherapy for children and adults, services to the chronically mentally ill, residential-based treatment services, court-related services and a prevention program. The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (12011 Government Center Parkway; 324-7000) administers all mental health programs.

**MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES.** The Community Services Board provides a number of services for persons with mental retardation and their families, including information and referral, adaptive skills training, work skills development, sheltered and competitive employment opportunities, case-management services and respite and residential placement. For information, call the Community Services Board's Case Management Center at 359-9010.

**METRO.** The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority operates buses and a rapid-rail train system throughout the metropolitan Washington area commonly called "Metro." The nearest Metrorail station is Vienna, which is about a mile north of the city and is accessible from the city's CUE Bus system. Parking is available at the station, although it does fill up rapidly on weekdays.

For scheduling and fare information, call (202) 637-7000 from 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

**MISS UTILITY.** To locate city water lines and other utilities, contact Miss Utility 48 hours in advance at (800) 257-7777.

**MOTOR VEHICLES.** See: Department of Motor Vehicles.

**MULCH.** Citizens may help themselves to free mulch at the city's mulching facility at 10660 Page Avenue. The facility is accessible daily (including weekends and holidays) during daylight hours. For information, call 385-7995.

**MUSEUM.** The Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center, run by Historic Fairfax City, Inc., is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week (except major holidays). The museum is located in the historic Fairfax Elementary School Annex at 10209 Main Street and features many exhibits showing the history of Northern Virginia. The museum also offers tourist information for the area and a brochure outlining a walking tour of historic Old Town Fairfax. For information, call 385-8414.



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**NAME CHANGES.** Name changes for adults and children are handled by the Clerk of the Circuit Court on the third floor of the Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road.

Those who wish to change their name need to get the proper documents from a sample book in the clerk's office, Room 337 in the Judicial Center. Copies of the documents can be obtained from the copy center for a fee. The documents can be notarized in the building, copied (for a fee) as required by law and filed the same day if the petitioner has proper identification. The filing fee is \$20 cash.

Name changes can be done by mail by sending the proper documents (notarized) to the office with a \$20 money order. Mail the request to Clerk of the Circuit Court, Third Floor, Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

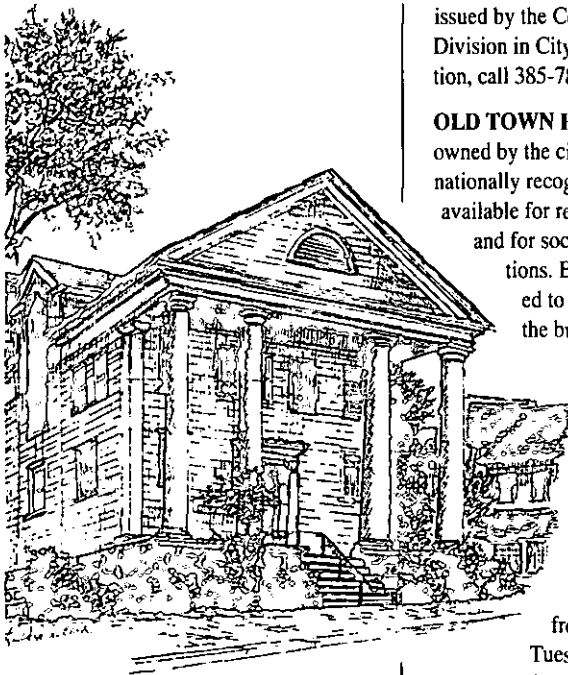
Allow at least two weeks for processing of the documents. For more information, call 246-4358.

In divorce proceedings, name changes are part of the final divorce decree (if such a request is specified).

**NEWSLINE.** The city has the following newlines

- Arts Information Line (concerts, etc.)—352-ARTS
- City Newline—273-1776
- Fire and Rescue Services Newline—352-7984
- Police Information Newline—385-7956

**NEWSPAPER RECYCLING.** See: Recycling



*Old Town Hall*

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE.** See: Colleges and Universities.

**NOTARY INFORMATION.** For information on becoming a notary, call the Clerk of the Circuit Court Office at 246-4100. Notaries are available at City Hall; call 385-7855.



**OCCUPANCY PERMITS.** An occupancy permit must be issued before a new single-family home is occupied, before a new business or office occupies a new or existing building and before a non-resident property owner rents or leases a single-family house. Permits are

issued by the Community Development Division in City Hall. For more information, call 385-7820.

**OLD TOWN HALL.** Old Town Hall, owned by the city and a landmark of its nationally recognized historic district, is available for rent, for community use and for social and business functions. Built in 1900 and presented to the citizens of the town, the building is used for parties, wedding receptions, business meetings and seminars. Old Town Hall has a modern kitchen and bathroom facilities.

On the second floor of Old Town Hall is Huddleson Library, open from noon to 5 p.m.,

Tuesday and Friday. Also on the second floor is a gallery featuring the work of local artists with the Fairfax Art League, open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information or to schedule use of Old Town Hall, call 385-7976.

See also: Library.



**PARKING PERMITS.** Residents in a few neighborhoods in the city must display a parking sticker on their vehicles. The neighborhoods have signs advertising the need for these stickers, which are free of charge from the Treasurer's Office in City Hall. The neighborhoods requiring parking permits are those near George Mason University and other areas in which there is a problem of non-residents congesting the streets with parked cars. For information, call 385-7900.

**PARKING TICKETS.** Parking tickets issued by the City of Fairfax Police are processed through the city's Treasurer's Office. For information on payment of parking tickets, call 385-7900. However, if a ticket has gone to summons, the citizen will have to contact the General District Court in City Hall; call 385-7866.

**PARKS.** The quality of life in the city is enhanced by the existence of open space, parkland and a varied recreational program. The city maintains approximately 150 acres of parkland and athletic facilities. Citizens help maintain and enhance city parkland through the Adopt-a-Park and Gifts for Parks programs. The Parks and Recreation Department schedules use of all athletic fields in city parks. The department also schedules park picnic shelters and prepares picnic kits for community use. For information about these programs and facilities, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 3730 Old Lee Highway or call 385-7858.

Perhaps the most popular city park, Van Dyck Park on Old Lee Highway, covers 20 acres and includes sheltered picnic facilities, a lighted basketball court, exercise trail, four lighted tennis courts, a tot lot, three large multipurpose play areas and an activity center with a slide, tire swing and balance beam. The largest park, 48-acre Daniels Run, separates the Little River Hills and Old Lee Highway subdivisions. The heavily wooded site includes a picnic shelter with grills, playground equipment and bike paths.

Seventeen-acre Providence Park at the end of West Drive and 18-acre Ranger Road Park also are heavily wooded and equipped with a variety of innovative playground equipment. Park facili-

ties include paved basketball courts, sheltered picnic areas with grills and, at Providence Park, a tennis court.

At the western edge of the city is Kutner Park, which has a tennis court, soccer field and an activity center. In addition, smaller parks and several lighted ballfields are scattered throughout the city.

In addition to city parks, a mutual agreement between Fairfax County and the city allows city residents to use county parks and recreation programs. The county's parks system offers more than 14,000 acres of parkland and a variety of facilities, including neighborhood, community, district and historic parks, nature study and recreation centers, skating rinks, swimming pools, marinas, public golf courses, tennis courts, paths and trails, playing fields, picnic grills and tables, as well as special activities and programs. For more information on county park facilities and programs, call the 24-hour park hotline at 941-5008.

The city of Fairfax annually contributes to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and city residents may enter the parks free of charge. The authority operates 11 parks in Northern Virginia, five of which are in Fairfax County. These parks offer 9,000 acres of hiking, picnicking, boating, fishing, camping, children's playgrounds, swimming and many other outdoor recreational activities. The NVRPA offices are located at 5400 Ox Road. For information, call 352-5900.

*See map of parks on page 35.*

**PASSPORTS.** For information, call the Clerk of the Circuit Court Office at 246-4100.

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# City Parks

## COBBDALE PARK

- Burrows and Howerton avenues; one-half acre
- Playground equipment

## DALE LESTINA PARK

- Plantation Parkway; 7 acres
- Playground equipment

## DANIELS RUN PARK

- Heritage Lane, Embassy Lane, Tedrich Boulevard and Estel Road; 48 acres
- Primarily in natural state
- Bike/hike/jog trail
- Picnic shelter
- Small tot lot

## DRAPER DRIVE PARK

- Beech Drive; 16.6 acres
- Bike trail
- Multi-use field
- Two soccer fields

## FAIRCHESTER WOODS PARK

- Warwick Avenue; one acre
- Small basketball court
- Park benches
- Playground equipment

## FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL

- 3500 Old Lee Highway
- Two baseball/two softball fields
- Four indoor/four outdoor basketball courts
- Three racquetball courts
- Six tennis courts
- Outdoor track
- Two weight rooms

## GREEN ACRES ELEMENTARY

- 4401 Sideburn Road
- Outdoor basketball court
- Little League field
- Playground equipment
- Two soccer fields
- Indoor activity rooms

## JERMANTOWN

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 3616 Jermantown Road
- Outdoor basketball court
- Two practice football fields
- Playground equipment
- Two softball / three Little League fields
- Indoor activity rooms

### KEITH AVENUE PARK

- Keith Avenue, 4.1 acres
- Football field
- Two Little League fields
- Playground equipment

### KUTNER PARK

- Jermantown Road and Route 50; 10.5 acres
- Hiking trail
- Horseshoe pit
- Picnic shelter
- Play equipment
- Soccer field
- Tennis court
- Volleyball court

### SIDNEY LANIER

#### INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

- 3710 Bevan Drive
- Four indoor / four outdoor basketball courts
- Three soccer fields
- Little League field
- Indoor activity rooms

### LAYTON HALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 3705 Old Lee Highway
- Playground equipment
- Two practice soccer fields
- Two softball fields
- Indoor activity rooms

### PROVIDENCE PARK

- West Drive; 17 acres
- Large paved basketball court (partially lighted)
- Bike/hike trail
- Picnic shelter
- Playground equipment
- Tennis court

## RANGER ROAD PARK

- Ranger Road; 18 acres
- Paved basketball court
- Picnic area
- Playground equipment

## RATCLIFFE PARK

- Locust Street and Sager Avenue; 6 acres
- Two basketball courts
- Little League field
- Small multipurpose field
- Playground equipment

## THAISS MEMORIAL PARK

- Pickett Road; 10 acres
- Five Little League Fields
- One picnic shelter
- Playground equipment

## VAN DYCK PARK

- Old Lee Highway; 20 acres
- Lighted basketball court
- Exercise trail
- Multipurpose play areas
- Two picnic shelters
- Playground equipment
- Four lighted tennis courts
- Sand volleyball court

## WESTMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 11000 Berry Street
- Outdoor basketball court
- Little League/softball field
- Playground equipment
- Soccer/football practice field
- Indoor activity rooms

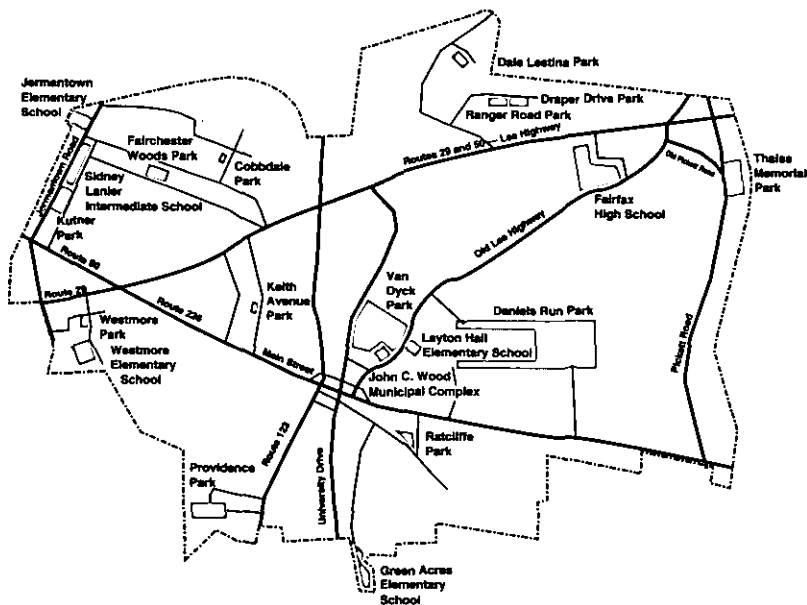
## WESTMORE PARK

- Fern and Oakwood streets; one acre
- Basketball court
- Picnic shelter
- Playground equipment
- Practice tennis court

## JOHN C. WOOD MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

- 3730 Old Lee Highway
- Little League practice field
- Indoor activity room

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**PERMITS AND LICENSES.** See information under individual listing.

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX.** City residents who own motor vehicles, boats, campers or trailers are subject to a personal property tax. Citizens are required to file an annual report of taxable property with the commissioner of the revenue in early May. Personal property taxes are prorated. Forms are supplied by the commissioner's office. Returns filed after the May deadline are subject to a penalty of 10 percent of the tax assessment (or a \$10 minimum, not to exceed the tax).

The commissioner assesses the value of personal property and the City Council sets the rate of the property tax. Personal property taxes are payable to the city treasurer by December 5. Personal prop-

erty reports should be filed within 30 days of moving into the city. For more information, call the commissioner of the revenue at 385-7881.

See also: Taxes

**PLANNING.** See: Community Development and Planning.

**PLAYGROUND PROGRAM.** See: Children, Recreation Department.

**POISONING.** Call the Poison Control Center at (202) 625-3333.

**POLICE.** In emergencies, call 591-5511 (TDD: 359-2480).

Law enforcement, including patrol and detective services, crime prevention and community service activities, are carried out by the City of Fairfax Police Department. The department is located in the John C. Wood Municipal Complex, 3730 Old Lee Highway. The central non-

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emergency number is 385-7924 (TDD: 359-2480).

The police department participates in several crime prevention, youth services, community relations and traffic safety programs, including the Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS), Block Watch and Block Mother programs, Operation ID, Operation Touchback, fingerprinting identification for youngsters and residential and commercial burglary prevention. A Chief of Police-Citizens Advisory Council meets regularly to address citizen concerns. For information about any of these programs, contact the police community services officer at 385-7975.

**POOLS.** The city does not have municipal pools. However, the Oak Marr Recreation Center, a regional facility located just outside the city at 3200 Jermantown Road in Oakton, has pool facilities; call 281-6501. In addition, citizens can purchase memberships at a number of community pools; call the civic associations to get information on community pools. See also: Civic Associations.

**POST OFFICE.** City residents are

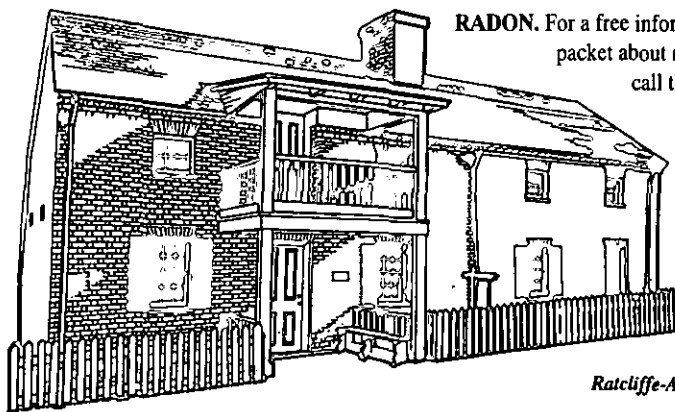
served by two post offices. Those whose zip code is 22030 are served by the Fairfax City Post Office, 3951 Chain Bridge Road, phone 273-5571. Those whose zip code is 22031 or 22032 are served by the Turnpike Post Office, 3601 Pickett Road, phone 239-2900.

**PUBLIC WORKS.** The Public Works Department provides a full spectrum of citizen services. Public Works maintains roadways, curbs, gutters and sidewalks; maintains traffic signals, storm drainage and lighting; and administers construction contracts. The department also is in charge of sanitation, recycling, maintaining facilities and rights-of-way and beautification. See: Curbside Collection/ Recycling Program, Leaf Collection; Recycling Service; Refuse Service; Storm Drainage; Street Maintenance; Street Opening Permits; Traffic Signals; Traffic Signs; Tree Planting.

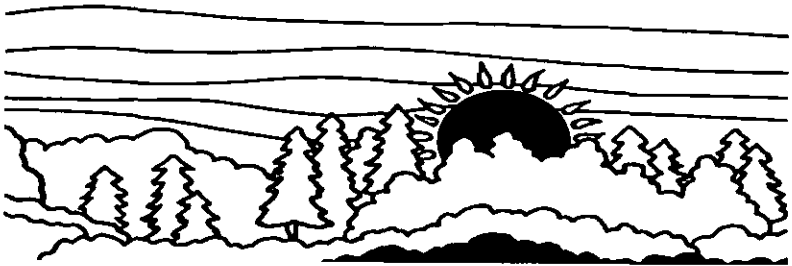
**PURCHASING.** Those who wish to bid on projects and services for the city may place their names on a bid list; call the Purchasing Office at 385-7875.

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**RADON.** For a free information packet about radon gas, call the



*Ratcliffe-Allison House*



Environmental Health and Radon Hotline at 246-2108.

**RATCLIFFE-ALLISON HOUSE.** This is the oldest house in the city of Fairfax and, in 1973, was the first city-owned building to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The oldest section of the house, the eastern portion, was built by Richard Ratcliffe around 1812. The Women's Club offers tours upon request. For information, call the Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center at 385-8414.

**REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS, TAXES.** Real estate in the city is assessed and taxed annually; payment is due semi-annually, on June 5 and December 5. The Assessment Office assesses the value of real property and the City Council sets the tax rate each April when it adopts the budget. To find out what the current tax rate is, call 385-7870.

All assessments reflect the property's fair market value and must be equitable with comparable properties. Real estate assessments are effective January 1 and are at 100 percent of fair market value.

As defined in the Commonwealth of Virginia, fair market value is "the price a property will bring when it is offered for sale involving a buyer who does not have to buy and a seller who does not have to sell."

Taxpayers dissatisfied with their assessments may appeal them to the Real Estate Assessments Office and, if necessary, to a three-member Board of Equalization.

For more information about real estate assessments, call 385-7840.

Real estate tax relief benefits are available to eligible senior citizens and to permanently disabled city residents.

See: Disabled Services; Taxes; Senior Citizens.

**RECREATION PROGRAMS.** The Parks and Recreation Department provides all age groups with a wide variety of year-round leisure activities. Programs offered include fee classes in tennis, dance, karate, gymnastics, aerobics and a variety of recreational and cultural activities for children, teens, adults and senior citizens. In addition, the department sponsors bus trips to scores of sporting and cultural events. Times and locations of upcoming programs are publicized in the monthly *Cityscene* and on Cityscreen-12, the city cable television station.

The department also sponsors a free series of summer lawn concerts and special events throughout the year at the Veterans Amphitheater.

A seven-week playground program for city youngsters in grades preschool-9

is conducted each summer at city schools. The program offers sports and games, swimming, films and field trips, arts and crafts and special events. The program operates from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekdays June to August. In conjunction with the program, extended hours are offered from 7-9 a.m. and from 3-6 p.m. in some elementary schools. The Teen Center will be open at Fairfax High School for seven weeks in the summer from 3-10 p.m.; call 385-7858.

The Parks and Recreation Department is located in the Wood Municipal Complex, 3730 Old Lee Highway. For information, call 385-7858.

See also: Chocolate Lovers Festival, Concerts, Fall Festival; Festival of Lights and Carols; Holiday Craft Show; Independence Day Celebration; Spotlight on the Arts; Summer Entertainment Series.

**RECYCLING SERVICE.** The city offers curbside recycling of newspapers, cans, bottles and some plastics.

Recyclables are collected on the same day as regular trash pickup; simply place the blue recycle bin at the curb by 7 a.m. to assure collection. Residents can put the following in their bins:

- newspapers (without glossy inserts)
- aluminum and metal beverage and food cans
- glass containers (clear, green or brown)
- plastic beverage containers (with narrow necks)

The city contracts with BFI for its curbside recycling service. For questions

on recycling service, call BFI at 471-1320.

Bins are property of the city and should be left in the home when residents move from the property. New residents who need a recycle bin should call 385-7995.

All residents may take their recyclables to the Property Yard on Pickett Road, which has a 24-hour drop-off center for:

- newspapers (without glossy inserts)
- aluminum cans
- glass containers (clear, green or brown)
- plastic beverage containers (with narrow necks)
- used oil filters
- automobile batteries
- household batteries
- motor oil
- antifreeze
- freon
- tires

Aluminum cans also are collected at Fire Station 3 and Fire Station 33 as part of the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program, where proceeds from the sale of the cans fund the care of child burn victims.

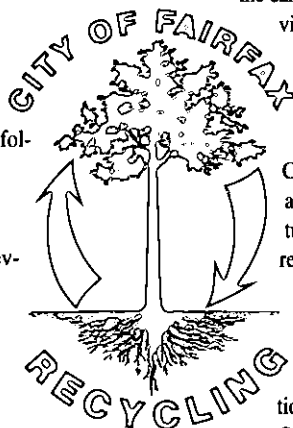
As a health precaution, please make sure all recyclables are clean.

The city also collects Christmas trees, grass clippings and yard debris, which are turned into mulch available to residents at no cost.

Phone books are collected once a year for recycling; for information, call 385-7995.

For recycling information, call 385-7995.

See also: Curbside Collection/ Recycling; Christmas trees, Grass clippings; Leaf Collection; Mulch.



**REFUSE SERVICE.** The Public Works Department provides weekly refuse collection for residents in townhouses and single-family houses. Collections are made on regular schedules. However, the schedules may be altered due to holidays; check the *Cityscene* for holiday trash collection schedules, or phone 385-7810.

Trash should be put out no earlier than the night before pick-up.

Waste materials must be packaged in metal or plastic containers with handles and tight-fitting covers. Trash containers should be a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 31 gallons. Plastic bags are acceptable. No container may exceed 60 pounds or be taller than five feet. Larger items (such as furniture) will be picked up on the regular trash schedule and must be placed by the curb.

Large appliances, or "white goods," must be disposed of through a special pick-up. To arrange a special pickup, call 385-7825.

Grass, brush and yard debris are collected upon request through a curbside collection program. See also: Curbside Collection / Recycling.

**RENTAL OCCUPANCY PERMITS.** Absentee landlords who rent or lease detached housing, townhouses and condominiums must acquire a business license from the Commissioner of the Revenue and a rental occupancy permit in the zoning office in City Hall. For information, call 385-7820.

**RESTAURANT TAX.** The city levies a tax on all meals sold by restaurants. The city uses these funds for transportation projects.

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**SAFETY INSPECTIONS.** Residents may request a home safety inspection or fire safety inspection of their home. These inspections are offered free of charge. For information, call the Fire and Rescue Services at 385-7940 or the City of Fairfax Police Department at 385-7946.

**SCHOOLS.** By contractual agreement, the Fairfax County Public School System operates city schools and provides educational services for city students. The city pays for these services according to a cost formula agreed to in the tuition contract. The school buildings are owned by the city, however, and city funds are used to improve, construct or renovate buildings.

The City Council appoints a five-member school board, and each member serves a three-year term. The terms are staggered so that one or two terms expire each year. A student representative from Fairfax High School also serves on the board. The superintendent is the chief executive officer of the school board, appointed by the board to this part-time position.

The school board executes the school tuition contract, implements the annual operating budget and develops the school facility improvement program. The board meets the first Monday of each month in City Hall. Residents are invited to attend and present their views. For more information, contact the Superintendent's Office at 385-7910.

Virginia law states that any child who has reached the fifth birthday on or before September 30 must be enrolled in kindergarten for that school year beginning in the fall unless the parent or

guardian notifies the school system that he or she does not wish the child to attend. Children who will reach the fifth birthday after September 30 and on or before October 31 may be enrolled in kindergarten; the elementary schools provide counseling for parents or guardians of children who reach their fifth birthday during this period regarding the advisability of school attendance. A child who will be six years old on or before September 30 must attend school during the school year beginning that fall.

Parents should take a birth certificate or equivalent and a transfer slip or report card from the previous school to the school office when enrolling a child. Evidence of immunization also is required; a certificate of a physical examination is required for elementary students. For schools information, call 246-2502.

### City Schools

- Green Acres Elementary  
4401 Sideburn Road  
273-5389
  - Layton Hall Elementary  
3705 Old Lee Highway  
273-3643
  - Jermantown Elementary  
3616 Jermantown Road  
273-5421
  - Westmore Elementary  
11000 Berry St.  
273-1470
  - Sidney Lanier Intermediate  
3710 Bevan Drive  
273-0790
  - Fairfax High School  
3500 Old Lee Highway  
591-8350
- Two parochial schools also are

located in the city.

- St. Leo the Great Catholic School  
Grades K-8  
3704 Old Lee Highway  
273-1211
- Paul VI High School  
Grades 9-12  
10675 Lee Highway  
352-0925

### SECURITY ALARM ORDINANCE.

Every city of Fairfax business protected by a security alarm system must obtain a permit to operate it. The city imposes a progressive service charge for false alarms to which police officers respond.

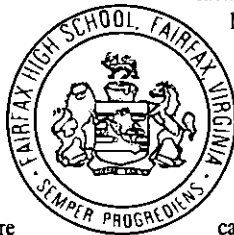
Residences protected by security systems do not need a permit but are subject to the false-alarm service charge.

Applications for a security alarm permit can be obtained from the Treasurer's Office by calling 385-7900.

For more information about the alarm ordinance, contact the Police Department at 385-7950.

**SENIOR CITIZENS.** A variety of programs are available for senior citizens in this area. Most services apply to people aged 60 and older, but eligibility varies. Programs include adult education classes, employment services, recreation centers (some with low-cost lunches), Meals-on-Wheels, legal and paralegal service, special library facilities, Medicare and Medicaid

help and volunteer opportunities. A brochure, *A Directory of Services for Senior Adults in the Fairfax Area*, is available from the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, 12011 Government Center Parkway; call 324-5411.



Area seniors are welcome to participate in programs offered at the city's Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the John C. Wood Municipal Complex. For information, contact the city Parks and Recreation Department at 385-7858.

The Learning in Retirement Institute at George Mason University provides opportunities for seniors to explore intellectual and cultural subjects and to share their experience and talents. LRI offers classes, forums and other special events and social activities year-round. For information, call 385-1593.

Seniors may wish to volunteer for "Seniors in Action," a program that matches seniors with volunteer programs based on the individual's interests and skills. For information, call 324-5407.

Suspected abuse or neglect of elderly people should be reported to the Adult Protective Services. For information, call 324-7450.

People aged 60 and older may ride the city's CUE Bus for free. Metro or Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging Senior Identification Cards may be used for proof of age. The city also offers a program called CITY WHEELS for those who are physically unable to use the regular CUE Buses. For more information, call the human services coordinator at 385-7894.

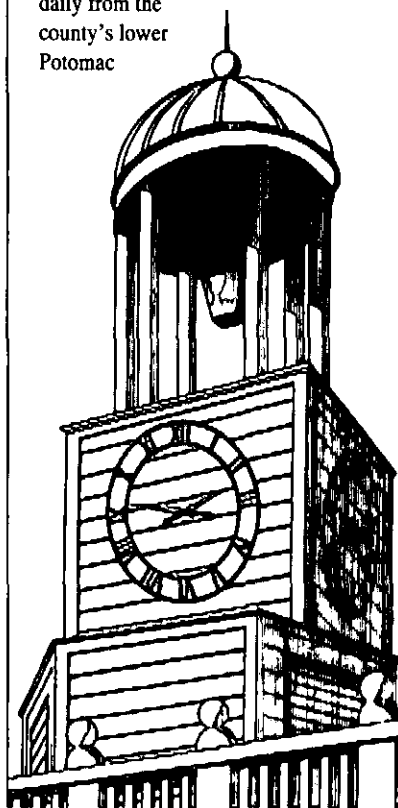
Real estate tax and rental relief benefits also are available to eligible senior citizens and permanently disabled city residents. Seniors must be 65 years old or older. For information about eligibility or for an application, call 385-7870.

The city of Fairfax participates in the federally funded Community Develop-

ment Block Grant Program. The program offers loans to low- and moderate-income citizens for housing rehabilitation and home improvement. The city also participates in the Home Improvement Loan Program and the Home Repair Program for the Elderly, which offer assistance to eligible low-income elderly and disabled homeowners. For information, call 385-7894.

See also: CITY WHEELS, Housing Assistance.

**SEWER.** Sanitary sewer service, contracted from Fairfax County, extends throughout the city. Up to 4.2 million gallons of sewer capacity is purchased daily from the county's lower Potomac



*Fairfax Clock Tower*



pollution control plant near Lorton.

Sewer service charges are calculated on the basis of the amount of water used during each regular billing period; fees are collected as part of the utility bill. For more information, or if you have questions about your bill, contact the Transit and Utilities Department at 385-7915.

In case of emergency, call 385-7920 (TDD: 385-7859). After 5 p.m., call 385-7924 (TDD: 359-2480).

**SHERIFF.** The city shares a sheriff with Fairfax County and other local communities. The sheriff is an elected official who has criminal and civil jurisdiction in the city and surrounding jurisdictions. The sheriff is responsible for operation of the city's General District Court, County Adult Detention Center and County Pre-Release Center, serving civil processes, and security of the Judicial Center and various county courts. The Sheriff's Office has more than 400 uniformed deputies and civilian employees. The office is located in the Judicial Center at 4110 Chain Bridge Road; for information, call 246-3227.

**SIGNS.** The location and size of all signs, including temporary banners, real estate and construction and yard sale signs, are governed by the city's zoning ordinance. In many cases, permits are required.

Signs in the Old Town Historic District and transitional overlay districts require the additional approval of the Board of Architectural Review.

For more information, contact the zoning office at 385-7820.

**SNOW REMOVAL.** The city maintains its own streets and therefore is among the few area jurisdictions to do all its own

plowing. Crews first salt and sand snow-emergency routes, then side streets.

The city's snow-emergency ordinance authorizes the city manager to declare a snow emergency which, in essence, decrees that routes must be kept clear for emergency vehicles and snow plows and that all vehicles stranded or stalled on snow-emergency routes will be ticketed and towed. These routes are Jermantown Road, Chain Bridge Road, Main Street, Old Lee Highway, Pickett Road and Arlington Boulevard/Lee Highway.

Property owners are responsible for cleaning snow from their driveways and sidewalks. Pile snow to the right-hand side of the street so city trucks can push it away from residences. It is against the law to push snow onto city streets. For information during inclement weather, call 385-7980.

The most up-to-date information about the city government closings and other snow-related news is generally on the city Newsline—273-1776—or on Cityscreen-12, the city's cable-TV channel. The Community Relations Office also supplies news to radio and television stations. See also: Street Maintenance.

**SOCIAL SECURITY.** Social Security is administered by the federal government. The nearest office is at 7777 Leesburg Pike, Suite 700, Lobby Level, Falls Church, VA 22043. For information, call (800) 772-1213.

**SOCIAL SERVICES.** Many financial aid, supportive and rehabilitative services are available to eligible city residents under contract through the Fairfax County Department of Human Development. Programs include Medicaid, food stamps, Aid to Dependent Children, adult and child protective services, prevention

and employment training services. The department is located at 12011 Government Center Parkway. For information, call 324-7500.

**SOIL ANALYSIS.** See: Extension Services.

**SPECIAL EVENTS.** See: Chocolate Lover's Festival, Concerts; Fall Festival; Festival of Lights and Carols; Holiday Craft Show, Independence Day Celebration; Spotlight on the Arts; Summer Entertainment Series.

**SPECIAL USE PERMITS.** The city's zoning ordinance specifies particular purposes for which land can be used in each zoning category. Some uses are by right, but others—such as dancing, amusement machines, nursery schools, commercial recreation, automobile sales and repair and major home occupations—are designated "special permit" uses. Depending on the use, these permits require a public hearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals or the City Council. For more information, or to obtain an application, contact the zoning office in City Hall at 385-7820.

**SPORTS GROUPS.** See: Athletic Groups, Children.

**SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS.** Held each April, Spotlight on the Arts features several days of art exhibits, plays, dance and choral, jazz and classical concerts. Spotlight on the Arts, sponsored by the city in cooperation with George Mason University, takes place at several city and university locations. For more information, call 352-ARTS.



**STORM DRAINAGE.** The Department of Public Works maintains the city's storm drainage system. To report clogged drains or creeks, call 385-7979.

**STREET LIGHTS.** To report problems with street lights, call Virginia Power at 934-9670. To request new installation, call 385-7816.

**STREET MAINTENANCE.** The city maintains all its traffic lights, streets and highways, curbs, gutters and sidewalks. The Public Works Department is responsible for patching pavement, snow removal and road resurfacing of the more than 11 miles of primary highways and 52 miles of secondary and residential streets in the city. Private streets, however, are maintained by individual homeowners' associations. For information, call 385-7980.

**STREET OPENING PERMITS.** Right-of-way/easement, street repairs, connections, wet taps and other street openings require special permits. For information, call 385-7810.

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE.** Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) provides comprehensive alcohol and drug treatment services for residents of the city. ADS, an agency of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, offers outpatient, residential, family, court-related and other special programs. Outpatient services are offered at four locations, including the city of Fairfax. These services—which vary in length, type and intensity—include information / referral, consultation, assessment/evaluation, substance-abuse education, individual and group counseling,

extended treatment and case management. Specialized programs are available for adolescents, young adults, women and Hispanics. For more information about any ADS service, call 359-7040.

### **SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT SERIES.** See: Concerts



**TAXES.** The city treasurer collects all taxes and revenues due the city and state. The commissioner of the revenue determines the taxable value of personal property such as cars, trailers and boats and administers all taxing and licensing laws of the city and state. Both offices are located in City Hall.

More than half of the city's general fund budget is provided through direct city taxes, the largest of which is the real estate tax, based on the market value of land and buildings. The city also taxes tangible personal property, utility bills, cigarettes, hotel-motel occupancy and licenses. The city collects a sales tax in addition to the state's tax. Also, the city collects a tax on meals sold by city restaurants.

See the tax information listing in the center portion of the handbook. See also: Business Property Tax, Cigarette Tax, Gasoline Tax, Income Tax, Personal Property Tax, Real Estate Tax and Utility Tax.

### **TDD (TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES FOR THE DEAF)**

**SERVICES.** The city government has three TDD numbers. The two that share a line with a voice phone—385-7855 (Community Relations Office) and 385-7859 (Transit and Utilities)—are open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The City of Fairfax

Police Department has a dedicated TDD phone number for both emergency and non-emergency: 359-2480. For fire and medical emergencies, 911 services both voice and TDD calls.

Residents also may use, at no cost, the Virginia Relay Center. This 24-hour service enables communication between those with and those without TDD machines. The numbers are (800) 828-1120 (TDD) and (800) 828-1140 (voice).

**TOURISM INFORMATION.** The Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center in the heart of the city has much information about tourist attractions in the area, including battlefields and historic buildings. For information, call 385-8414. The Economic Development Office also offers lodging and restaurant information from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; call 385-7862. See also: Economic Development, Museum.

**TRAFFIC SIGNALS.** The city maintains more than 50 signalized intersections. Technicians are on-call at all times to correct malfunctioning signals. To report a malfunctioning signal, call 385-7987. On evenings, weekends and holidays, call the Police Department at 385-7924.

**TRAFFIC SIGNS.** To report missing or damaged signs, call 385-7980. To request new traffic signs, call 385-7810.

**TRANSIT.** See: CITY WHEELS, CUE Bus System; Metro.

**TRASH.** See: Recycling; Refuse Service.

**TREE PLANTING.** The city encourages tree planting, partly through the residential tree-planting program. In this

*Downtown Fairfax*



program, citizens and community groups may purchase white dogwood or purple-leaf flowering plum trees at wholesale prices from the city, which, for no extra cost, will plant the trees in city right-of-ways. To participate, contact your civic association or call the city at 385-7995.

**TREE REMOVAL.** Before any tree with a trunk diameter of five inches or larger in the city can be removed, a permit must be obtained from the zoning office in Room 102 of City Hall. For more information, call 385-7820.

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**UNEMPLOYMENT.** To apply for unemployment insurance, contact the Virginia State Employment Commission. In addition to administering the unemployment insurance program, the commission offers free job placement, counseling and special job programs. There is one local office to serve city residents: 13135 Lee-Jackson Highway, Suite 340; call 803-1100.

**UTILITIES.** These companies supply utility service to city residents:

- City of Fairfax Water—385-7915
- C&P Telephone—876-7000 (new service)
- C&P Telephone—954-6611 (line repairs)
- Northern Virginia Natural Gas—750-9500
- Virginia Electric Power Co. (VEPCO)—934-9670

**UTILITY TAX.** The city imposes a utility tax on the first \$15 per month of electric, water, gas and telephone bills of city residents. City commercial establishments also pay a 15 percent utility tax of the first \$500 per month for electric, telephone, gas and water bills. See also: Taxes.

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**VEHICLE INFORMATION.** See: Automobile

**VISITORS CENTER.** See: Museum.

**VISITORS INFORMATION.** See: Tourism.

**VOLUNTEERS.** The Volunteer Center of Fairfax County provides a volunteer referral service and other programs. For information, call 246-3460. Those who wish to join the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department may call 385-7869 for information.

**VOTER REGISTRATION.** To vote in city, state and national elections, citizens must register and must be a United States citizen, 18 years old by the time of the next November general election, and a resident of Virginia and the precinct in which they vote. Once registered, a resident may vote in primaries, special elections and referendums.

To register, a social security number is required (unless one has never been issued). Voters do not specify party affiliation. Military personnel and their spouses may register by mail using Form

76 furnished by a voting officer or by requesting forms from the city registrar. Residents moving from one of the city's six precincts to another must notify the registrar by mail or in person at least 29 days prior to an election.

The city provides registered voters with identification cards that serve as proof of citizenship when traveling to Canada, Mexico and many other countries.

City residents may register to vote at the following locations and times:

- General Registrar's Office (Draper House, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA 22030): 8:30 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Open all year.
  - Fairfax City Regional Library (3915 Chain Bridge Road): All open hours.
  - Division of Motor Vehicles (11215-G Lee Highway): 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday when the books are open.
  - Fairfax Post Office (3951 Chain Bridge Road): 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays when the books are open.
- Registration closes 29 days before

each regular election and six days prior to any special election. New residents who were registered to vote at their old address may apply for an absentee ballot from their former residence.

Groups may organize a registration drive in conjunction with the registrar's office; be sure to submit the request in writing three days before the desired date. Registration assistance for homebound residents with disabilities is available upon request at any time the office is open.

For more information, call the general registrar at 385-7890.

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**WATER.** The city owns and operates its own water supply system, a 200-million-gallon raw water reservoir and water treatment plant on Goose Creek in Loudoun County. In the event of a severe drought, additional capacity is provided by a 1.3 billion gallon side storage reservoir.

The reservoir is linked to the city by a 25-mile transmission line which also serves part of eastern Loudoun County and parts of Fairfax County. The city's water system also is interconnected with surrounding jurisdictions.

To arrange to have their water turned on, new residents should contact the water billing clerk at 385-7915. There is a \$15 charge for this service and a \$35 deposit, the latter of which is applied with interest to the final bill on the account.

For information, or if there is a daytime emergency, call 385-7920 (TDD: 385-7859). After 5 p.m., or on weekends and holidays, call 385-7924 (TDD: 359-2480).

**WILLARD HEALTH CENTER.** See: Health Services.

**WILLS AND ESTATE INFORMATION.** Call the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 246-4193.

**WOMEN'S PROGRAMS.** The Commission for Women acts as an advocate for women in the city of Fairfax and conducts educational programs of interest to women. For information, call the Office of Human Services at 385-7894.

Temporary emergency shelter for battered women and their children is available at the Women's Shelter. Counseling also is provided. For help, call 435-4940 (24 hours a day).

Counseling, emergency assistance and advocacy for women who are victims of sexual assault or spouse abuse are provided by the Victim Assistance Network at 360-7273 (24 hours a day).

The Career Development Center for Women is an agency of Fairfax County that specializes in career development. Residents of the city of Fairfax are eligible for career counseling and job search services. Fees are on a sliding scale, based on total family income. For information, call 324-5730.

The Women's Center, 133 Park Street, N.E., Vienna, is a private non-profit organization that offers a wide range of programs and services, from counseling to lawyer referrals, from seminars on money management to coping with stress. For information, call 281-2657.

### **WOOD MUNICIPAL COMPLEX.**

Named for former Mayor John C. Wood, this facility at 3730 Old Lee Highway houses the City of Fairfax Police Department, Fire and Rescue Services administrative offices, the Senior Center and the Department of Parks and Recreation, as well as a space reserved for community use. This includes one large multipurpose room, two single rooms and one double room. Space may be reserved on an annual basis, although no room may be reserved for the exclusive use of any group. For more information or to schedule use of this facility, call 385-7858.

**WORK PERMITS.** Work permits are required for students younger than age 16 and may be obtained at the student's high school. While there is no fee, students must have a physical examination before the permit is issued. Students

under age 16 must be accompanied by a parent when applying. For more information, and the application forms, contact the Fairfax High School office, 3500 Old Lee Highway, at 591-8350. The office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

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**YOUTH GROUPS.** See: Children.

## **Zz**

**ZONING.** See: Community Development and Planning.

**ZIP CODES.** The city of Fairfax does not have an exclusive zip code. The three zip codes in the city are 22030, 22031 and 22032, all of which are shared with Fairfax County.



# City of Fairfax Statistical Profile

## DEMOGRAPHICS

Population (1992 Census) .....	19,911
Households (1990 Census) .....	7,362
Average Household Size (1990 Census) .....	2.6 persons
Registered Voters .....	10,972
Public School Membership (1992) .....	2,331
Unemployment Rate (September 1992) .....	2.1%
Median Household Income (1992) .....	\$50,913
Per Capital Personal Income (1992) .....	\$21,929
Median Family Income .....	\$56,419

## HOUSING/INFRASTRUCTURE

Total Housing Units (1992 est.) .....	7,677
Single-Family .....	5,465
Multi-Family Units .....	2,182
Average Assessed Value Single-Family Homes (1992) .....	\$166,500
Percent of Renter Occupied Housing .....	32.7%
City Land Area (square miles) .....	6.3
Arterial Roads .....	15.7 miles
Collector/Local Roads .....	51.2 miles
Sewer Line .....	90 miles
Water Main Line .....	172 miles

## FINANCIAL

Total Assessed Value of Real Property (not including exemptions)	
1992 .....	\$1,900,061,900
1991 .....	\$2,026,833,800
Tax Rates (1992)	
Real Property .....	90 per \$100
Personal Property .....	3.29 per \$100





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