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# The City Scene

A Report to the Citizens of the City of Fairfax

## Dateline

### Government Offices Close November 25 - 26

In observance of Thanksgiving, city government offices will close November 25 - 26. General District Court also will close these days.

CUE Buses will not run November 25 but will follow a modified weekday schedule November 26; for information, call 385-7859.

Trash and recyclables will be collected as follows:

Usual Date	Collection Date
Monday, 11/22	Monday, 11/22
Tuesday, 11/23	Monday, 11/22
Wednesday, 11/24	Tuesday, 11/23
Thursday, 11/25	Wednesday, 11/24
Friday, 11/26	Friday, 11/26

For information on trash collection, call 385-7810; for information on recyclables collection, call 471-1320.

### Phone Book Recycling Begins November 1

Residents and merchants may continue their strong recycling efforts by recycling phone books beginning November 1.

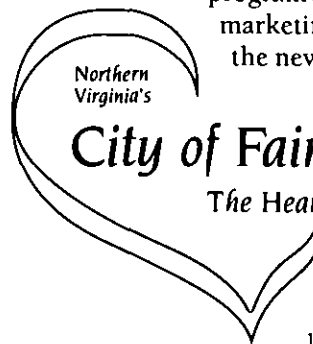
Just place the phone books in the bin in the municipal parking lot on Old Lee Highway and North Street.

Please place books toward the rear of the bin.

Only phone books are collected at this site through March 1. For information, call 385-7810.

## City Launches New Logo for Economic Development

The city of Fairfax is proud to introduce the economic development program's new logo and theme. As part of the city's strategic marketing plan to promote business development and tourism, the new design uses simplicity and style to convey the unique qualities that make Fairfax an ideal place to visit, live and work.



The logo is the culmination of a year-long research and planning process defining and focusing the city's

economic development efforts. The new look will be gradually incorporated throughout various marketing materials, creating continuity and synergy in the city's economic development program. The logo was

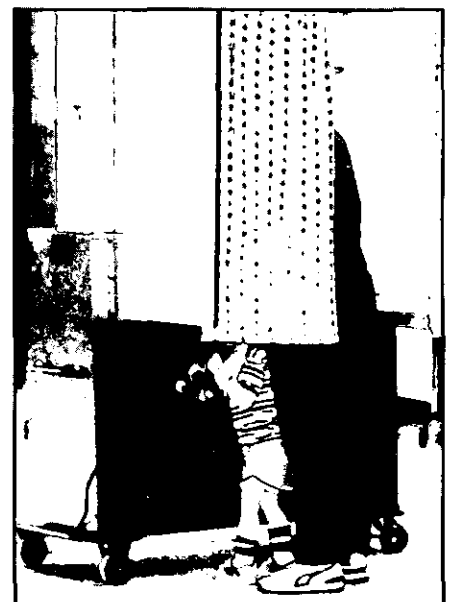
developed by Capitol Marketing Group, a city business specializing in strategic marketing communications.

In coming months, look for the new logo in a variety of materials introducing businesses and tourists to the city of Fairfax. For information, call 385-7862.

## Cast Your Ballot November 2

- ✦ *State Officers*
- ✦ *State Constitutional Officers*
  - ✓ *City Treasurer*
  - ✓ *Commissioner of the Revenue*
- ✦ *Referenda*
  - ✓ *School Board Selection Method*
  - ✓ *Bond Issues*

For information,  
call 385-7890



### Leaf Collection Underway

Curbside leaf collection and grass clipping collection will continue weekdays through December 31.

No bagged leaves or bagged grass clippings will be collected from the curb.

Please rake leaves to the curb for pickup. Brush, stones or yard debris in leaf piles will ruin machinery and delay service.

To assure all neighborhoods receive equal service and are treated fairly, a leaf collection crew works exclusively in one of four sections of the city.

Crews try to collect leaves once a week but heavy leaf fall and inclement weather may delay leaf collection.

Leaves are mulched at the city's mulching facility at 10660 Page Avenue; the facility is open during daylight hours for residents who wish to collect free mulch.

Residents are encouraged to compost their leaves and grass. The city sponsors free composting classes regularly; for information, call 385-7995.

### City Workers Hold Bake Sale, Sell Cookbook

Stock up on baked goods for the holidays with a quick stop by the bake sale that begins at 8:30 a.m. November 2 in City Hall. Whole cakes and other items suitable as gifts will be sold, as well as individual-sized snacks.

Hundreds of favorite city recipes are featured in *What's Cooking in Fairfax*, a collection of recipes from city workers and friends.

Copies cost \$7 (plus \$1 for postage, if applicable) and are available from the city's Employee Recreation and Welfare Committee, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Proceeds from the bake sale and cookbook go to employee welfare and recreation programs.

## Santa's Workshop Set Up at Craft Show November 20 - 21

The popular Holiday Craft Show will fill Fairfax High School with nearly 300 vendors for two days — November 20 and 21 — while children shop in the new Santa's Workshop and pets have their photos taken with Santa.

Children can shop for the holidays at Santa's Workshop, a special kid's store with items costing no more than \$5; gift wrapping is free. Sales from Santa's Workshop will support the 1994 Independence Day festivities. Volunteers will help children with their purchases and perhaps take wish lists from the family.

Youngsters will still be able to have their photos taken with Santa. Pets also can have their photos taken with Santa in the parking lot by appointment between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. November 21; to make an appointment for a pet, call 385-7949.

Vendors will line the halls of Fairfax High School with their handcrafted wares, and shoppers can restore their bargain-hunting fires at one of the many food courts set up around the school.

The craft show at the high school will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. November 20 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. November 21. Admission is \$1 each day. For information, call 385-7858 or 591-CITY.

## Real Estate, Personal Property Tax Bills Out in November, Due December 6

City of Fairfax real estate and personal property tax bills will be mailed by November 5 and payments for each are due no later than December 6.

Payments made or postmarked after December 6 will incur a 10 percent penalty and a 10 percent interest charge.

Residents who lived in the city and owed personal property tax during 1993 and do not receive a tax bill should phone 385-7901.

Those residents who receive a real estate tax bill and whose mortgage company escrows the payment for them should forward the bill to the company immediately. Those who are supposed to pay these taxes and do not receive a tax bill should call 385-7904.

For questions concerning personal property assessments, call 385-7881. For information on real estate tax assessments, call 385-7840.

This year, the city implemented a more equitable system for assessing and collecting personal property tax on motor vehicles based on the length of time the automobile is garaged in the city. This prorated system replaced a method that taxed only vehicles located in the city on January 1 of each year.

*Interested in starting a home business?  
Want to expanding an existing home business?  
Receive assistance from*

- *GMU Small Business Development Center — 993-2130  
for training, counseling, planning*
- *Virginia Asset Financing Corporation — 476-0504  
for financing and refinancing business loans*
- *Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce — 591-2450  
for support and networking*

# City of Fairfax

## Pickett Road Petroleum Tank Farm Update

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November 1993

The city of Fairfax publishes the tank farm update to keep the residents informed on the activities regarding the Pickett Road Petroleum Tank Farm.

The Star Enterprise terminal, one of four distribution and storage companies located at the Pickett Road Petroleum Facility, has been involved in an oil leak investigation and cleanup effort in the city of Fairfax and Fairfax County since September 1990.

Materials from all government agencies involved in the tank farm are available for review in the Virginia Room of the Fairfax City Public Library, 3915 Chain Bridge Road.

For information about the city's actions regarding the tank farm, call the City Manager's Office at 385-7850.

### City Devotes Additional Staff To Tank Farm Enforcement

The city has promoted one of its firefighters to the position of assistant fire marshal in the Code Enforcement Office. The work of this fire marshal, with the two existing assistant fire marshals, will result in the commitment of at least a full-time equivalent city position to tank farm inspection and oversight.

All Star Enterprise facility improvements under order of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency must conform to city regulations and Star must obtain all necessary and appropriate city permits. The city is closely monitoring this process. New city ordinances also require a safety attendant to be on duty at all times at each of the tank farm facilities.

### Community Remediation Committees Formed

Representatives from the city of Fairfax, Fairfax County, Mantua and Stockbridge civic associations, Citizens for a Healthy Fairfax and state and federal agencies participate on two committees: the Tank Farm Oversight Committee and the Community Remediation Committee. The two groups meet to address concerns regarding the remediation of the subsurface contamination in the Pickett Road / Stockbridge area.

The oversight committee was formed to oversee the independent audit of the Star facility being conducted by Clean Sites. Task I of the audit — to determine if structures at Star's facility leaked — was completed and a report was issued indicating there were no significant ongoing leaks. Task II — an examination of the on-site trench barrier system — is near completion and a report will be issued later this year. For information on the committee's next meeting, call 385-7850.

The Community Remediation Committee was formed to ensure communications between the EPA, who is in charge of directing cleanup of the Star site, and the citizens of the affected area. The CRC's next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. November 17 in City Hall. For information, call 385-7850.

## **EPA, Star, Government Agencies Agree Upon Clean-Up Program**

Phase II of the Star cleanup is now underway. Star Enterprise and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency established a workplan to remediate, under EPA's direction, subsurface petroleum contamination at the tank farm and vicinity.

As part of the workplan, Star's contractor has begun drilling deep wells at Convento Terrace, Coronado Terrace, Tovito Drive and the Fair City Mall. Information from these deep wells will show how deep the petroleum product has seeped into the soil.

Before the end of the year, Star Enterprise will submit to the EPA a report on the status of the workplan and the Remedial Assessment Plan and risk data. Based on the data, EPA will select the best possible long-term remedy to clean up the site.

This is part of the work plan Star Enterprise and the Environmental Protection Agency agreed upon in September to recover the product leaked from the tank farm and to assure the health of those living on and near the site. A copy of the EPA-Star workplan is on file in the Virginia Room at the Fairfax Library.

The first phase of EPA's response was to contain and stop the spread of the plume. EPA continues to monitor those operations. Phase II is to explore alternatives and identify the best long-term remedy. EPA expects to select a method within two years. Phase III is to set up the selected remedy and Phase IV will be the actual cleanup, expected to take as long as 10 years.

## **Government Agencies Launch Health Assessment Study**

To assess the health effects of the tank farm petroleum product leak, the Fairfax County Department of Health will begin a two-step health assessment study.

The first phase will establish a registry to track citizens who are living or have lived in areas affected by the tank farm during a specific time period. The registry will include information like:

- demographics of citizens (date of birth, sex, ethnic group)
- occupation or place of work
- dates and locations of residence in the Mantua-Stockbridge area
- current address (if living outside subdivision)

The registry will be updated annually for the duration of the study, which is expected to last five years or longer.

Citizens from the Stockbridge, Mantua and Comstock areas will take part in a limited health survey, and the results of this survey will be compared to responses to surveys taken in areas not affected by the tank farm.

The survey will examine medical conditions of these control groups, including their incidence of diseases or conditions associated with low-level exposure to toxic chemicals emanating from the tank farm plume.

In addition, the county will establish a health advisory panel with representatives from the county, the city and the state to:

- review existing health studies / environmental data
- review EPA risk assessment
- recommend additional health studies and environmental monitoring as needed
- prepare an overall report on health impacts from the petroleum plume.

## **Star Enterprise Installs New Double-Bottom Above-Ground Tanks**

New double-bottoms are being installed in the above-ground storage tanks at the Star Enterprise tank farm. The change will enhance the safety of oil storage at the tank farm.

Before the tanks are placed back in service, their integrity will be verified by Star Enterprise and third-party inspectors and inspected by the city's Office of Code Enforcement.

## Fairfax 2020 Commission Series

# Fairfax Should Enhance Educational Opportunities and Support Arts, Parks

Education is changing with the growing use of electronic technology, said the Fairfax 2020 Commission education subcommittee, but education must include the "three A's" — arts, athletics and academics.

The subcommittee recommends Fairfax's schools emphasize technology in the classrooms and support educational innovation.

The recreation and culture subcommittee noted that part of Fairfax's small town charm is the parks and historic buildings. The group suggested the city continue its support of recreation by protecting open spaces and parks. The city also needs adequate facilities for recreation and cultural activities — a community center with emphasis on the performing arts and other fine arts, as well as recreation.

Other recommendations by these subcommittees include:

- Completing the restoration of historic structures under city ownership, such as the Ratcliffe-Allison House and the Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center
- Instituting preschool and full-day kindergarten pilot programs

Watch Cityscreen-12's presentation on these subcommittees at 2 p.m. November 20 and at 7 p.m. November 30.

## City Council Requests Strategic Plan for Electronic Community

After hearing a report from the consultants at Ernst & Young on their visioning sessions with the community, the City Council asked the consultants to create a strategic plan for the city's electronic community.

The strategic plan includes a time-phased set of activities identifying project milestones and schedules for completion. The plan also will assess alternative technology options, investigate partnering with vendors, estimate costs and investigate funding sources. The council allocated \$25,000 for Ernst & Young's plan.

For the electronic community report, *Vision of the Future*, call 385-7850.

## Grading Permits, Siltation Controls Required For Some Home Improvements

Recent changes in state law require the city to change its permit procedure for construction projects including home additions.

Contractors and residents planning construction projects must obtain grading permits and siltation controls for construction activities that cover more than 2,500 square feet of land, including residential building additions.

These new regulations protect the environment by preventing soil erosion and sedimentation. For information, call 385-7820.

## Sipan Places Monitoring Wells On University Drive

Sipan, Inc. has begun placing monitoring wells on University Drive to find out if petroleum hydrocarbons are in the groundwater beneath the lot at University Drive and North Street. If hydrocarbons are found, Sipan must clean up the site, which once was a gas station with underground fuel tanks. The city's purchase of this property from Sipan is contingent on the analysis of the environmental condition of the site and cleanup of any hazardous situations.

## Survey Prompts Home Pride Seminar

While most residents are satisfied with the appearance of their neighborhoods, many plan to change the insides of their own homes, according to results from the Home Pride survey distributed in the August *Cityscene*.

Most of the 135 surveys returned were from five neighborhood areas: Fairchester Woods/Fairfax Acres/Fairfax Woods; Country Club Hills; Old Lee Hills; Green Acres/Fairfax Towne Estates; and Mosby Woods.

Nearly three-quarters of the respondents plan home improvements during the coming year. Most will update their kitchen or bathroom, while nearly a third plan to re-roof or install storm windows and doors.

The average estimate for repairs was almost \$15,000, with most respondents planning to pay for improvements with cash.

More than half would consider additional improvements or home upgrades if they received favorable financing — low payments, low interest rates and longer repayment terms.

The city is working with a consortium of local lenders creating home improvement financing alternatives and initiating a pilot remodeling program to meet the needs of city homeowners. The city sponsors the first of a series of Home Pride seminars November 13. For information, call 385-7930.



**How  
to  
Select  
a  
Home Improvement  
Contractor**

**Saturday, November 13  
10 a.m. • Old Town Hall  
free seminar**

**For information, call  
385-7930**

## Dateline

### Volunteers Sought for Board Vacancies

Residents interested in these volunteer positions should write to City Manager Bob Sisson at City Hall by November 30. Applicants must be registered voters. For information, call 385-7935.

- **Board of Architectural Review** (one vacancy, incumbent does not wish reappointment) — hears requests for new construction or alterations to buildings, signage and design.

- **Board of Building Code Appeals, Housing Hygiene Division** (one vacancy, incumbent does not wish reappointment) — hears appeals to the health officer.

- **Commission on the Arts** (three vacancies, one incumbent wishes reappointment) — encourages and provides opportunities for artistic expression within the city. Anyone with an interest may apply, particularly those who have some business experience.

- **Fairfax County Project Selection Committee** (one vacancy, incumbent does not wish reappointment) — reviews and makes recommendations on applications for Community Development Block Grant Funds.

- **Industrial Development Authority** (one vacancy, incumbent does not wish reappointment) — grants industrial revenue bonding for the purpose of inducing business to locate in the city.

- **Personnel Advisory Board** (one board and two alternate positions vacant, incumbents do not wish reappointment) — hears grievances of city employees.

### Holiday Bazaar at Fire Station 3 November 13

Enjoy the various crafts and items at the Holiday Bazaar November 13 sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department.

For information, call 323-8919.

## Winter Weather Brings Its Own Programs, Procedures

Winter can cause inconveniences to residents with possible water main breaks and snowfall. City workers do everything in their power, however, to provide service during weather emergencies.

Cold weather means the possibility of water main breaks in older underground pipes. In this event, water to surrounding buildings would be shut off for about four or five hours while workers fix the problem. Main breaks can be reported by calling 385-7920 (or 385-7924 evenings and holidays).

The city is among the few local jurisdictions to do its own snow plowing. Public Works crews work around the clock to make city streets passable.

Property owners must clean snow from their own driveways and sidewalks. Pile snow to the right side of the driveway (as you face the street) so city trucks can push it away from residences. It is against the law to push snow onto city streets because it impedes snow removal activities.

The Office of Human Services maintains a list of people who will shovel snow for city homeowners; call 385-7894. Shovelers set their own rates and make their own arrangements.

If the city manager declares a snow emergency in Fairfax, citizens must remove their cars from designated routes immediately to keep roads clear for emergency vehicles, or the cars will be ticketed and towed.

Public Works has published a brochure on the city snow program called *City of Fairfax Snow and Ice Control Program*, available in Room 204 at City Hall.

Snow emergencies and closures are announced on Cityscreen-12, the city's cable station, as well as on the city newsline (273-1776) and on local radio and television stations.

## HFCI Semi-Annual Meeting November 10 Features White House Curator

Rex Scouten, curator of the White House, will present a slide program at the Historic Fairfax City, Inc., semi-annual meeting at 8 p.m. November 10 at Old Town Hall. The meeting is open to all citizens and HFCI members.

Scouten, who also is the newest member of the HFCI board of directors, will present his slide show on "The White House and its Presidents." The meeting will end with a reception and refreshments. For information, call 385-7864.

Before the meeting, visit the Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center on Main Street and view the extensive Mosby collection, shared with the museum by the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society. The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for major holidays; call 385-8414.

## Spotlight on the Arts Poster Contest Deadline Is November 15

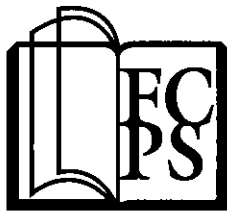
Fairfax artist, take note: the Spotlight on the Arts Committee is accepting entries for the design of its 1994 festival poster.

Deadline for submissions is November 15. The first prize entry will win a \$250 cash award and a percentage of poster sales.



Artists must submit color renderings of the poster design (with their name, address and phone number) to the Spotlight on the Arts Poster Contest, Department of Parks and Recreation, 3730 Old Lee Highway Fairfax, VA 22030.

For information, call 352-ARTS.



# Schoolscene

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## Educators Get Master's Degree at City Schools

### Elementary Teachers Earn MAIS in Pilot Program With GMU

Fairfax elementary school teachers are going back to class in their own classrooms — with a little help from George Mason University.

This semester, 20 teachers began a totally new 3-year program in which they will earn a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies (MAIS).

In this innovative program, GMU faculty members go to the city elementary schools — this semester, Jermantown Elementary — and meet with the teacher-students.

Each semester the courses are taught at a different elementary school. Participants take one class per semester during the school year and two classes each summer. Teachers may take classes without the intent to earn the degree.

A steering committee of eight Fairfax teachers chose the courses for the MAIS program with the input of others in the program. The steering committee designed the program with the guidance of GMU program specialist Susan Klein.

This semester, Vic Kryston with the Northern Virginia Writing Project is guiding his students through "Writing and Learning." Future classes will be on subjects such as com-

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puter technology, science, multi-cultural literature and dysfunctional families.

Jermantown Elementary's Gayle Sandgate said she already used information from her writing class to teach her sixth graders, and they have critiqued her homework for this class.

Sandgate likes the flexibility of the classes; this semester, they started a little

later than other GMU students to accommodate their hectic back-to-school schedule, but they'll make up the time with a longer semester.

"And the networking [with other educators] makes it fabulous," added Jane Coyne, Jermantown's librarian. Coyne is one of two librarians in the program.

The Fairfax City School Board committed \$5,000 this year to the program, which allows as many as 30 pupils in each class.

Klein said parents will appreciate the "academic environment in the schools."

"This is a wonderful opportunity for parents, students and teachers. Where the teachers are learning, so are the kids," she said.

## Sidney Lanier Changes Philosophy, Name

In Fairfax, no one goes to intermediate school anymore.

Middle schools have replaced intermediate schools, with a different structure and philosophy. At Lanier, the change was implemented in stages, beginning in 1989 with the seventh grade. The school is completely converted to a middle school and is refining its programs.

Educators recognize adolescents are in a special period of growth. Their bodies grow at different rates and they work hard to look, sound and act the same. Lanier gives them a teacher-based guidance program that



help students develop positive attitudes, values and self-esteem. These skills serve as a base as they expand problem-solving and critical thinking skills that evolve into the abstract stage of learning.

Students also are given an extensive program of enrichment, exploratory and special interest classes such as keyboarding, technology education and teen living.

In a middle school, students are assigned to teams of about 135 students, instead of being a computer number unknown to their assigned teacher. Students have the same four core teachers and become known as individuals.

"Each student in the school is known well by at least one adult," said Principal Jim Walters.

The change to middle schools has been implemented throughout the Fairfax County school district, and parents and educators have responded favorably to the change.



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# SCHOOL BRIEFS

## 1993 - 1994 School Holidays Set

Local schools are scheduled to close the following days:

- Teacher Work Days: November 1 - 2
- Thanksgiving: November 25 - 26
- Winter Vacation: December 23 - January 2
- Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (observed): January 17
- Teacher Work Days: January 31 - February 1
- Presidents' Day: February 21
- Spring Vacation: March 28 - April 1
- Student Holiday: April 15
- Memorial Day: May 30
- High school graduation: June 20 - 21
- Last day of school: June 21 (subject to change if school has more than three snow days)

For information, call 385-7910.

## Yes to Less at Westmore

Television is an integral part of most American's lives, but some programs send youngsters the wrong messages — and can interfere with schoolwork.

Westmore Elementary School students and their parents are taking a closer look at how they spend their time and how they use the television in "Yes to Less TV." In this program,

parents evaluate the programs their children watch and find alternative programs (or more constructive activities).

The Westmore PTA sponsors family nights at school once a month to give an alternative to television. Students and adults alike play bingo, learn about their neighbors at International Night and spend time with a book or two at a library lock-in.

For information, call 273-1470.

## Technology, Science, Math Focus at Jermantown

Students are hunkering down behind a computer or at the business end of a pencil for this year's multimedia approach to math and science.

The year began with a 3-week Math and Science Camp and will culminate in a family night in January.

Students have new equipment to help with their scientific explorations. First graders participate in the model technology/curriculum resource project on Macintosh computers. This program teaches students (and their educators) how to use computers and educational software.

Most classes will dedicate one of their annual field trips to science — with a trip to Luray Caverns and the

Smithsonian Museum's Insect Zoo — and every classroom will have computers with math and science software. For information, call 273-5421.

## Green Acres Students Exposed to Art at GMU

Students at Green Acres Elementary School will learn about the thrill of live performance in the theatre with the help of George Mason University.

Youngsters will visit the GMU Center for the Arts for a performance of three childhood classic stories adapted to the stage: *Curious George*, *Charlotte's Web* and *The Secret Garden*.

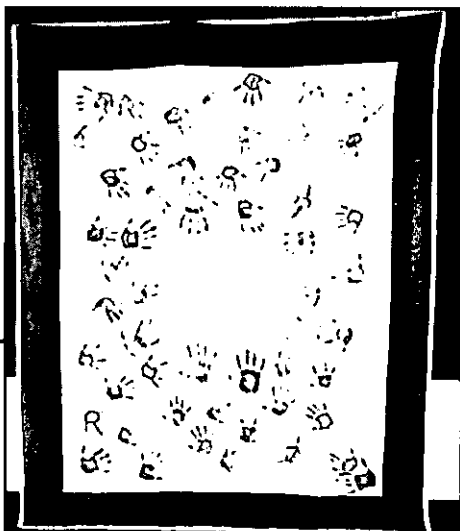
Later in the year, students will take to the stage themselves and perform their own original works for family and friends.

## FHS Parents Get Help with Algebra

Parents might find helping their young students with math questions a problem — especially if they haven't studied the subject themselves in years.

To refresh parents' memories of what  $x$  equals, Fairfax High School offers "Algebra for Parents" on the second Tuesday of each month.

For information, call Ginny Theisen at 591-8350.



Westmore's first graders presented a handmade quilt to the residents of the Fairfax Nursing Home, who helped create it as part of the interactive program that began last year. Handprints of all the quilters is on the quilt, which is embossed with the theme, "Hand In Hand We Learn." (Photo courtesy of Debbie Knachel)

## PTA MEETINGS

Each school has its own Parent-Teacher Association. For information, call the PTA president or the school.

Green Acres Elementary .....	second Tuesday each month	
Marty Doyle, president .....		273-0983
Jermantown Elementary .....	1st Tuesday each month	
Susan Lamar, president .....		352-0071
Layton Hall Elementary .....	1st Tuesday each month	
Toby Sorensen, president .....		352-5966
Westmore Elementary .....	last Tuesday each month	
Mary Ross, president .....		591-0232
Sidney Lanier Middle .....	2nd Tuesday each month	
Dianne Yeager, president .....		250-3061
Fairfax High .....	3rd Monday each month	
Ellen Brouwer, president .....		273-7203

# Layton Hall Elementary Tapped For Model Technology School

Layton Hall Elementary School was selected by the Area 4 Superintendent as one of two Model Technology schools in Fairfax County School's Area 4.

This year, seven primary classrooms at Layton Hall each will be equipped with four Macintosh computers, printers, CD Roms, modems, laser disc players and color scanners.

Training was provided for teachers during the summer with follow-up training during the school year. Teachers will train their students to use these computers with the educational software.

Students will use software such as Kid Pix, a graphics enhancement program, Claris Works and Kid Works, multi-faceted word processing programs; and Discis Books, interactive software for reading children's literature books in Spanish and English.

Next year, the remaining primary classrooms and the fourth grade each will be equipped with four Macintosh

computers and peripherals.

## Other Computer Activity

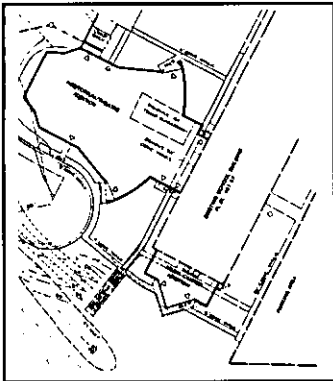
**Lanier Shop Classes Go High-Tech** — At Lanier, the din of hammering and drilling in shop class now is accompanied by the hum of computers.

The class, now called Technology Education, focuses more on problem solving and critical thinking with the aid of Macintosh computers. Students design on the computers the very items they create with metal, wood and tools.

**FHS Library Goes On-Line** — Fairfax High School is bringing the science classes into the computer age. The school is bringing into the classrooms several laser disc programs to teach students new concepts; this will aid in the traditional methods and allow students to better understand difficult theories.

In addition, a new computer lab in the pilot physics program will help students learn physical science principals that do not lend themselves to laboratory hands-on activities.

## Lanier's Auditorium To Be Completed in Spring 1994



Mark spring of 1994 on the calendar for the completion date of Sidney Lanier Middle Schools' new auditorium and media center.

The center will be used primarily for school functions and as a large group instructional space.

However, the addition has been designed to allow for community use, such as community theater productions, meeting areas for local organizations and more.

Plans for Lanier's expansion and improvement include a driveway to the auditorium from Jermantown Road. The proposed driveway will access an existing asphalt playground which can be used for additional parking after school hours.

For information on Lanier's auditorium and media center, call the city school superintendent's office at 385-7910.

## Fairfax High Focuses on Community for 1993 Self-Evaluation

Students and workers at Fairfax High School are continuing for the second year an extensive 5-year self-evaluation of the curriculum and the environment that will culminate in a series of reports packed with recommendations for improvement.

This year, the students and faculty will concentrate on the community. Administrators, staff and students will examine how FHS can better interact with the community.

FHS administrators plans to bring into the classroom more volunteers from the community. Administrators will ask the volunteers and other members of the school community to share new and vital ways to use the skills in the community. They will examine how to find "hidden" talent in the community and how to attract more volunteers to the schools.

Principal Don Weinheimer will host "coffee klatches"

with the community and FHS' administration officials to acquaint new members of the community with FHS.

The self-evaluation is required for re-accreditation by the Southern Association, which comprises schools in 11 states. Accreditation is granted for 10 years, after which the self-evaluation process begins again.

FHS has been accredited by SA since the 1950s, and the next accreditation will be approved in 1997.

Last year, the school focused on FHS curriculum and issued a report this summer.

## For information

For a copy of last summer's report, or for information on current re-accreditation efforts, call FHS at 591-8350.



# SCHOOL BOARD MESSAGE

In the *Schoolscene*, each principal of a city school has an opportunity to inform city residents and Fairfax County parents whose children attend city schools about important items pertaining to each city school.

In no other way do we have the opportunity to go into every home in the city and into our greater school community. And the board appreciates the efforts of the Community Relations Office for their publication of the *Schoolscene*.

## Gratitude for Support

The school board is grateful to the citizens for their support of the school system.

When Fairfax became a city in 1961, the citizens decided to let Fairfax County Public Schools continue to operate the schools.

For more than 30 years, this arrangement has offered city students the advantages of a large, sophisticated school system at a much lower per-pupil cost. Parents continue to be complimentary of the education their children receive.

Because the school board has no direct responsibility for the education process, it directs its attention to upgrading and maintaining the buildings and grounds of the six city schools.

## Plans for Lanier

In this next fiscal year, the board's first priority is a continuation of the upgrading of Sidney Lanier Middle School.

The last several years we have built a new music room, upgraded the home economics facilities, built a new gymnasium, installed air conditioning in the entire school and renovated the administration offices.

The most ambitious project is underway — the expansion of the Media Center and the creation of a large group

instructional space.

These improvements, including adherence to the latest fire codes, will make Lanier comparable to the other area middle schools.

By the end of this school year, all elementary classrooms will be carpeted and all education spaces in the schools will be air conditioned.

## Addressing Tech Needs

The school board will then turn its attention to the physical technological needs, especially in the elementary schools.

This will require wiring our schools for the purpose of networking computers among classrooms and the school's media center, public libraries and George Mason University.

The school board has continued contact with the Department of Instructional Services with Fairfax County Public Schools in order to fulfill their responsibility to the student attending city schools.

## Citizens Asked to Participate

The school board invites all parents and other citizens to the meetings held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street.

Citizens also may offer comments by calling 385-7910.

*Patricia King, chair*

*James C. Smith, vice-chair*

*Alvin Doehring*

*Cathy Pumphrey*

*Suzanne Levy*

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# Schoolscene

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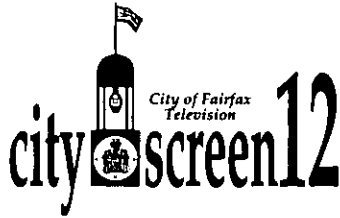
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE CITY OF FAIRFAX SCHOOL BOARD AT 385-7910.



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## November Cable News

### Election Coverage November 2

Cityscreen-12 will cablecast election returns after the city polls close November 2.

### 2020 Commission Series Focuses on Education, Recreation, Culture

Cityscreen-12's series on the Fairfax 2020 Commission continues with a look at education, recreation and culture in the city. The show airs at 2 p.m. November 20 and at 7 p.m. November 30.

### Cable Rate Regulations Discussed November 9

Residents are invited to attend the City Council public hearing on cable rate regulation at the November 9 City Council Meeting.

#### City Council Meeting

T, November 9, 8 p.m., LIVE

W, November 10, 8:30 p.m., replay

F, November 12, 11 a.m., replay

T, November 23, 8 p.m., LIVE

W, November 24, 7:30 p.m., replay

#### City Council Work Session

T, November 9, 7 p.m., LIVE

W, November 10, 7:30 p.m., replay

F, November 12, 10 a.m., replay

T, November 16, 7:30 p.m., LIVE

W, November 17, 7:30 p.m., replay

F, November 19, 10 a.m., replay



## Proposed Agendas for City Council, Planning Commission Meetings

### City Council

#### November 9 work session and regular meeting

- Fiscal year 1993 - 1994 update and budget guideline for 1994 - 1995 (7 p.m.)
- Public hearings: for Chuck E. Cheese Restaurant for a special use permit for an amusement arcade; for Fairfax Mobil at 11098 Main Street for a special exception for signage; on an ordinance amending section 14-50 prohibiting public nudity; on ordinance change for cable television rate regulation

#### November 16 work session

- Status and update on an Economic Development/Redevelopment activities for the Route 29/50 Corridor
- Overview of Americans with Disabilities Act
- Discussion: of draft city legislative program; of Moore Street cemetery; with constitutional officers on report on compensation issues

#### November 23 regular meeting

- Public hearing for: Crestar Bank at 4020 University Drive for a special exception for signage; 3171 Spring Street for special exception for signage
- Adoption of city legislative program

### Planning Commission

#### November 8 Meeting

- No agenda items have been set

#### November 22 Work Session

- Discussion of policy in regard to the Community Appearance Plan (tentative)

Citizens but are advised to confirm meeting time, date and agenda items, as they are subject to last-minute changes. For information, call 273-1776 the day of the meeting.



## Senior Corner

### Prepare for Winter With Immunizations

Prepare for the cold weather with flu and pneumonia immunizations. Shots will be given by appointment November 4 at the John C. Wood Complex, 3730 Old Lee Highway. Cost is \$9 for the flu shot and \$10 for the pneumonia shot. Only Medicaid is accepted at the shot clinic sponsored by the Fairfax County Health Department. For information and for an appointment, call 246-7100.

### Learn About Financial Planning November 8

Join a representative from the John Hancock Financial Services at 10:30 a.m. November 8 for a discussion on dealing with long-term health care and living expenses.

### Senior Center Information

The city Senior Center is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Wood Complex. Seniors age 55 and older may bring their lunches to the center; beverages are provided. Reservations are required for activities and trips; call 385-7858.

The center will close November 25 and 26 for Thanksgiving.

- Sign up for the candlelight tour of the White House this holiday season.

- Share your favorite tuna recipe at 10:30 a.m. November 5.

- Join friends at the Fish Bake and Cake Day at 10:30 a.m. November 8. Bring your favorite fish dish — or any dish — to share.

- Bring the great outdoors inside at the Green Thumb Party at 10:30 a.m. November 10.

- Jaunt to Jersey November 17 for a day in Atlantic City.

- Spring into autumn with the November Fool's Day at 10:30 a.m. November 19.

- Gobble up the potluck Thanksgiving spread and bring a dish to share at 10:30 a.m. November 24.

# Council Reporter

## September 7 Special Meeting

### Actions

- Approved, 5-1, a resolution to apply to Federal Communications Commission for the city of Fairfax to be eligible to regulate cable TV basic rates. Councilmember Larsen voted against the motion.
- Approved, unanimously, authorization to hire an attorney to represent the Board of Zoning Appeals.

## September 14

Entire Council was in attendance (Councilmember Silverthorne arrived at 8:52).

### Consent Agenda

- Approved by consensus (Councilmember Silverthorne was absent for consensus vote): Introduced an ordinance amending and reordaining sections of the City Code pertaining to the family and medical leave act (public hearing set for September 28); Introduced an ordinance amending the City Code concerning annual incorporation by reference certain provisions of state motor vehicle laws ensuring the city receives fines levied against defendants for violations of these state code provisions (public hearing set for September 28); Introduced a resolution incorporating ordinances adopted through April 13, 1993 as Supplement #41 to the City Code (public hearing set for September 28); and Introduced an ordinance granting a deed of easement between Sipan, Inc., and the city of Fairfax regarding the installation by Sipan of wells within the right-of-way of University Drive (public hearing set for September 28).

### Actions

- Approved, unanimously, the request of Stanley-Martin Bailiwick Limited Partnership for approval of a general development/preliminary site plan and proffer amendments at 4166, 4100, 4210, 4230

and 4236 Chain Bridge Road.

- Approved, unanimously, the request of Stanley-Martin Bailiwick Limited Partnership for a special exception to the City Code to allow a ground-mounted sign less than the required twenty feet from any property line at the Chancery Square site at 4166, 4200, 4210, 4230 and 4236 Chain Bridge Road
- Deferred, unanimously, at the applicant's request to October 26, consideration of Hana Oriental Supermarket, Inc. for special exceptions to the City Code at Lotte Plaza, 3250 Old Lee Highway to permit: a change in use which increases the parking space requirement by more than 30 percent without the required site improvements; off-site provision of required parking spaces where practical difficulties unreasonably restrict the provision of on-site parking spaces; display of off-site signage and deferred, unanimously, at the applicant's request to October 26, consideration of special use permit for average daily traffic volume in excess of 700 trips.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance to amend the definition of gross receipts to exclude trade associations and non-profit organizations' dues and fees from business license fees.
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriations resolution in the amount of \$148,386 to fund the engineering contract for silt removal at Goose Creek.
- Approved, unanimously, an ordinance amending the City Code to define the requirements for draining swimming, wading and spray pools.
- Approved, unanimously, awarding a contract to Rust Environmental and Infrastructure for \$183,386 for the design of the Goose Creek Reservoir Dredging Project.
- Approved, unanimously, writing-off of 1989 delinquent taxes and publishing delinquent real estate and personal property tax lists through 1993 on Channel 12.

### Certification of Executive Session Topics

- Council convened in executive session to consider appointments to the

Board of Electrical Examiners, Community Appearance Committee, Historic Fairfax City, Inc., Personnel Advisory Board, and the Fairfax 2020 Commission.

### Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Appointed Bunny Abel to the Community Appearance Committee, Michael Greeley to the Board of Electrical Examiners, Rex Scouten to Historic Fairfax City, Inc., and concurred with the appointment of Dr. Chris Jones as chair of the Fairfax 2020 Commission Environmental Subcommittee.

## September 28

Councilmember Miller was not in attendance.

### Actions

- Approved, 5-0, an ordinance amending the City Code pertaining to erosion and sediment control regulations.
- Approved, 5-0, an ordinance amending and reordaining sections the City Code pertaining to the 1993 federal Family and Medical Leave Act.
- Approved, 5-0, an ordinance amending the City Code to incorporate by reference certain provisions of state motor vehicle laws ensuring the city receives fines levied against defendants for violations of these State Code provisions.
- Approved, 5-0, an ordinance incorporating ordinances adopted through April 13, 1993 as Supplement #41 to the City Code.
- Approved, 5-0, an ordinance granting a deed of easement between Sipan, Inc. and the city of Fairfax regarding the installation of wells within the right-of-way of University Drive to monitor petroleum hydrocarbon in the groundwater by Sipan.

The Council Reporter was condensed due to space constraints. For a complete copy, call 385-7855.



# City of Fairfax Community Calendar

# November 1993

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<p><b>1</b> Phone book recycling begins FCPS Student Holiday School Board, 7:30 pm, City Hall</p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>Election Day — polls open 6 am - 7 pm</i> FCPS Student Holiday Farmers' Market, 8 am - 12:30 pm, Main and North streets Board of Zoning Appeals, 8 pm, City Hall</p>	<p><b>3</b> InerService Club Council Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers, 6:30 pm, Silver Plate Board of Architectural Review, 7:30 pm, City Hall Carrier, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>	<p><b>4</b> Fairfax Toastmasters, 8 pm, Fairfax High School (and 11/18) <i>American Youth Philharmonic</i>, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts Carrier, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>	<p><b>5</b> Carrier, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>	<p><b>6</b> Carrier, 2 pm &amp; 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts <i>Royal Lipizzan Stallions</i>, 8 pm, Patriot Center</p>	
<p><b>7</b> <i>Royal Lipizzan Stallions</i>, 2 pm, Patriot Center Carrier, 2 pm, GMU Center for the Arts <i>Sergio &amp; Odair Assad</i>, 7:30 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>	<p><b>8</b> Planning Commission, 8 pm, City Hall <i>GMU Combined Choruses</i>, 8 pm, GMU Harris Theater</p>	<p><b>9</b> Farmers' Market, 8 am - 12:30 pm, Main and North streets <i>The Fairfax Scene</i>, 6 pm, Cityscreen-12 City Council Work Session and Meeting, 7 pm, City Hall</p>	<p><b>10</b> Historic Fairfax City Semi-annual Meeting, 8 pm, Old Town Hall Carrier, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>	<p><b>11</b> Local Emergency Planning Committee, 10 am, Wood Park &amp; Recreation Advisory Board, 7:30 pm, Wood <i>The Fairfax Scene</i>, 8 pm, Cityscreen-12</p>	<p><b>12</b> FHS Football, 7:30 pm (h) <i>Yvonne Caruthers</i>, 8 pm, Old Town Hall Carrier, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts <i>Salute to Veterans</i>, 8 pm, GMU Concert Hall</p>	<p><b>13</b> <i>Selecting a Home Improvement Contractor</i>, 10 am, Old Town Hall Holiday Bazaar, 10 am - 3 pm, Fire Station 3 Carrier, 2 &amp; 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts <i>Irish Ceili Dance</i>, 8 pm, Wood</p>	
<p><b>14</b> Carrier, 2 pm, GMU Center for the Arts HUBCAPS, 4 pm, Fairfax High School <i>Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm: Children's Theatre</i>, 4 pm &amp; 7 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>	<p><b>15</b> <i>Spotlight on the Arts poster contest deadline</i> <i>Barbara Walters Lecture</i>, 6 pm, GMU Concert Hall</p>	<p><b>16</b> Farmers' Market, 8 am - 12:30 pm, Main and North streets Commission for Women, 6:30 pm, Wood City Council Work Session, 7:30 pm, City Hall</p>	<p><b>17</b> Tank Farm Remediation Committee, 6:30 pm, City Hall Board of Architectural Review, 7:30 pm, City Hall Commission on the Arts, 8 pm, Wood</p>	<p><b>18</b> Fairfax 2020 Steering Committee, 7:30 pm, City Hall Spotlight on the Arts Committee, 7:30 pm, Wood <i>The Fairfax Scene</i>, 8 pm, Cityscreen-12</p>	<p><b>19</b> Carrier, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts <i>Uptown String Quartet</i>, 8:30 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>	<p><b>20</b> Holiday Craft Show, 10 am-5 pm, Fairfax High School <i>2020 Commission Series</i>, 2 pm, Cityscreen-12 Carrier, 8 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>	
<p><b>21</b> Holiday Craft Show, 11 am - 5 pm, Fairfax High School Carrier, 2 pm, GMU Center for the Arts <i>Warsaw Philharmonic</i>, 7:30 pm, GMU Center for the Arts</p>	<p><b>22</b> <i>Monday and Tuesday trash and recyclables collected</i> Planning Commission, 8 pm, City Hall <i>GMU Symphonic Band</i>, 8 pm, GMU Concert Hall</p>	<p><b>23</b> <i>Wednesday trash and recyclables collected</i> Farmers' Market, 8 am - 12:30 pm, Main and North streets City Council Meeting, 8 pm, City Hall</p>	<p><b>24</b> <i>Thursday trash and recyclables collected</i></p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>Thanksgiving Holiday, City government offices closed; General District Court closed; no CUE Bus service; no trash and recyclables service</i> <i>The Fairfax Scene</i>, 8 pm, Cityscreen-12</p>	<p><b>26</b> <i>Friday trash and recyclables collected</i> <i>Holiday, City government offices closed; General District Court closed; schools closed; CUE Bus on a modified weekday schedule</i></p>	<p><b>27</b> <i>The Nutcracker</i>, 2pm &amp; 7:30 pm, GMU Concert Hall</p>	
<p><b>28</b> <i>The Nutcracker</i>, 1 pm &amp; 5:30 pm, GMU Concert Hall <i>Potomac Valley Organ Society</i>, 3 pm, GMU Harris Theater</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> <i>2020 Commission Series</i>, 7 pm, Cityscreen-12</p>	 <p><b>Call 993-3260 for the game schedule</b></p> <p><i>The Fastest Game Around!</i></p>				<p>City Events Information Line 591-CITY FHS Sports Hotline 749-8130 GMU Events 993-1007 2020 Commission Information 385-7850 Chamber of Commerce 591-2450</p>

# Parks & Recreation Highlights

## Old Town Hall Performance Series Continues

The Old Town Hall Performance Series continues in November with a performance by Yvonne Caruthers at 8 p.m. November 12 and the Atlantic Winds at 8 p.m. November 26.

The free concerts are held through the spring in Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive. For information, call 352-ARTS.

## Fill Autumn Hours With Recreation Classes

People of all ages and interests can find classes regularly offered by the city's Department of Parks and Recreation to fill their schedule.

For information, call 385-7858 or visit the office at 3730 Old Lee Highway.

- Ballet and pre-ballet (begins November 11)
- Fencing (begins November 13)
- Belly dancing (begins November 15)
- French matting and framing (begins November 18)
- Country dancing (begins November 30)
- Line dancing (begins December 1)

- Karate (begins January 3)
- Self-defense (begins January 8)
- Community square dancing (begins January 10)
- Meditation (ongoing on Tuesdays)

## Fitness Classes Designed for Adults

Adults can take advantage of fitness classes contracted through the YMCA. Cost for these 8-week sessions are \$35 for YMCA members, \$40 for nonmembers.

- **Cardiomotion** — work out to a collage of music and dance to improve cardiovascular endurance, muscular strengths and flexibility.
- **Cardiostep** — Use step aerobics and upbeat music for a great low-impact aerobic workout.
- **Fit for Life** — spend an hour

doing easy-to-follow exercises for cardiovascular conditioning, stretching and floor work.

## Teens Travel to Ski Liberty February 1

Middle school and high school students can take a ski trip to Ski Liberty February 1, 1994.

Cost is \$26 for transportation and lift tickets, \$16 for rentals and \$13 for lessons. To register, call 385-7858.

## Watch the Bullets in D.C.

Watch the Bullets in 1994 take on the New York Knicks February 2, the Chicago Bulls February 25, the Phoenix Suns March 9 and the Charlotte Hornets April 24.

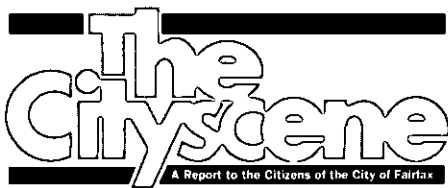
To register for these trips, call 385-7858.

*Festival of Lights and Carols December 4  
12:30 - 6 p.m.*

*Free lunch with Santa, sponsored by the Olive Garden Restaurant — participants must have a ticket from the Department of Parks and Recreation, 3730 Old Lee Highway, or from the Country Collection, 10417 Main Street. Children also will enjoy hay/eleigh rides, puppet and magic shows, snacks, music and photos with Santa.*

*For information, call 385-7858 or 591-CITY.*

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