

History Comes Alive at Civil War Day This Saturday

Step back in time to witness Falls Church during the Civil War. Cherry Hill Park plays host to Civil War Day on Saturday, May 15 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. This free event features reenactments, drilling exercises, live music, and more!



This year will also feature soldier and civilian reenactors with a focus on the African American experience during the Civil War, and a special 19th century mourning exhibit by nationally known collector Georgia Meadows.

For more information, call 703-248-5171 (TTY 711) or visit www.fallschurchva.gov. The City of Falls Church is committed to the letter and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act. To request a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability, call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711).

Celebrate Memorial Day in Falls Church City

Planning is underway for the City's 29th Annual Memorial Day Parade and Festival on Monday, May 31. This free event will be held rain or shine from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Falls Church City Hall grounds, located at 300 Park Ave.



Those who have served in the armed forces will be honored at a Veterans Ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial in front of the Community Center, 223 Little Falls St.

The day also features the Don Beyer 3K Fun Run at 9 a.m. The Memorial Day Parade steps off at 2 p.m. under the direction of this year's Grand Marshal, Edna Frady.

Throughout the day, festival-goers of all ages will enjoy amusement rides, pony rides, arts and crafts, food, civic and business booths, public safety tips, stage entertainment, and more. Live musical entertainment will be provided by the Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition, Big Tow, the City of Falls Church Concert Band, and Judo Chop.

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Free Leaf Mulch Loading

Saturday, May 22, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Property Yard (217 Gordon Road)

Need leaf mulch? Let us do some of the work for you! Operations Division staff will use heavy equipment to load pickup trucks and open-bed commercial trucks for free at the Property Yard on May 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Staff will only load open-bed vehicles. Be prepared to sign a waiver prior to vehicle loading. You do not need to be a City of Falls Church resident or business to participate. There is no limit to the number of loads available per customer. For more information call 703-248-5176 (TTY 711).

Leaf mulch improves the quality and structure of soil and provides nutrients and retains moisture for healthier plants. It is produced by double-grinding leaves collected from City streets in the fall.

Leaf mulch is also available for self-load at the Recycling Center (next to the Property Yard), daily from 7 a.m. to dusk. Customers must bring their own tools and containers.

Composting for Beginners

Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m.

Cherry Hill Park Picnic Shelter (223 Little Falls St.)

Learn how to turn leaves and yard trimmings into rich organic compost for your garden at a free presentation. Topics will include hands-on composting demonstration, making compost tea, proper food waste composting, and vermicomposting (composting with worms). Participants will take home a free portable yard waste compost bin. To reserve your spot, contact Master Gardener Sandy Tarpinian at 703-536-7186 or e-mail starpinian@yahoo.com.

Wednesday is Waste Day

Beginning June 2, Wednesday is Waste Day in the City of Falls Church. For current residential customers, refuse, recycling, yard waste, bundled brush, special collections (by appointment) and seasonal Christmas tree collection will all be collected each Wednesday for the entire City.



For more information, visit www.fallschurchva.gov or call the Solid Waste Hotline at 703-248-5160.

Residents Invited to Pedestrian, Bicycle and Traffic Calming Plan Kickoff

The City has contracted KLS Engineering to examine every City street to find deficiencies in pedestrian and bicycle access and to develop a plan for improvement. The City invites residents to provide input on the areas that need improvement and learn more about the project at kickoff meetings on Saturday, May 22. Bring walking shoes or bike to get a first-hand look at what will be studied. The meetings will be at 9 a.m. in the Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., and 11 a.m. at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, 601 South Oak St.

Look for more information in next week's edition of the *City Focus*.

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- 13 Aurora House Citizens Advisory Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Board of Zoning Appeals, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Farmers' Market, 8 a.m. - noon
- 17 Civil War Day, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 17 Yard Waste, Bundled Brush and Special Collections Summer Class Registration for City Residents
- 18 City Council Work Session, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Historical Commission, 7:45 p.m.
- 19 General Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 Summer Class Registration for non-City Residents
- Senior Citizens Commission, 4 p.m.
- Library Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
- Tree Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Questions or Comments?

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