

UPDATE

City Seal

Monuments & Markers

Street Renaming

City Council Subcommittee

March 1, 2022

Process Order

The City Seal

Historic
Monuments and
Markers

Major arterial
roads and
highways

Neighborhood
Street Names

The City Seal

1. Solicitation of artist
2. Review of Virginia jurisdictions
3. Council action to change seal
4. Legal review for copyright
5. City-wide seal rollover (est. Aug 2022)

Monuments and Markers

1. Add contextual information to the two monuments in the Fairfax City Cemetery
2. Review text on historical markers for accuracy and consistency
3. City Council consideration prior to installation
4. Revise Local Marker Policy

Highways

1. Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions and rename major arteries (est. 6+ months)
2. Seek input from residents, institutions, and businesses on new highway and street names
3. Council action on name change
4. Submit to CTB for approval

Residential Streets

1. Create policy for naming and renaming streets
2. Seek input on new names from residents most affected
3. Council action to change names
4. City assistance with legal address changes

August 2022

City Seal

Subcommittee has reviewed the first design submissions for a new seal.

Agreement reached on:

- Using 1805 date for the Town of Providence, now the City of Fairfax
- Retaining image/s of dogwoods
- Staying away from a blue and gray color scheme
- Retaining shape of current Seal
- Retaining Motto in Latin
- Replacing yellow braided roping with yellow encircling line
- Using image of a city building from a nontraditional vantage point (City Hall, Old Town Hall)
- Considering using “Live Life Connected” Logo as the new seal



Council Feedback Requested Regarding:

- One center picture or four quadrants
- Use of Old Town Hall
- If 4 quadrants – what in each
 - Oak Tree
 - Dogwoods
 - Headwaters of Accotink
 - Old Town Hall

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- Looking for Council direction for next iteration

Option 1



Option 2



Option 3



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Monuments and Markers

REVISED - City of Fairfax – Historic Fairfax City, Inc. Local Marker Program Policy and Procedures

- Clarifies purpose of historical markers
- Outlines differences between VDHR and local markers
- Includes criteria following VDHR's January 2022 revisions
- Includes requirement for a text standard (Associated Press Style) to include military rank, professional titles, etc. Final will include standards for listing military rank, etc.
- Broadens review and approval process to include City staff, HFCI, independent historian, etc.
- Adds waysides and any future heritage trail markers to the policy.

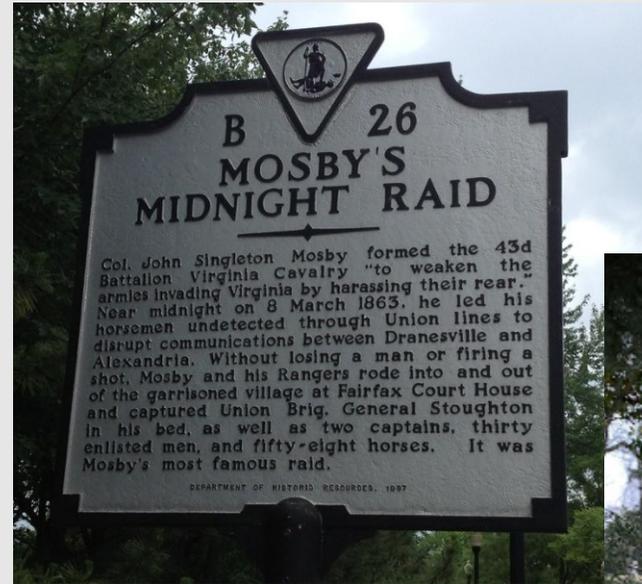
PROPOSED Marker Criteria.

No historical marker shall be erected to commemorate a living person.

- To be eligible for a marker, an historic event must have occurred at least 50 years ago.
Likewise, a place or person must have attained its significance at least 50 years ago.
 - Exceptions may be allowed if the person, site, building, or event contributes to the city's goal of recognizing its changing demographics and more contemporary historical events and people.
- Designs for local markers must be distinguishable in design from VDHR markers using different colors, a local emblem or seal rather than the state seal, the name of the City of Fairfax.
- Historical markers must commemorate persons, sites, buildings, or events of national, state, regional or local significance as defined by the "Historic Landmark Criteria."
- All markers shall be installed in safe locations, at or close to the places being described, and where they will be visible to the public.
- VDHR markers require approval from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).
 - The City of Fairfax Public Works Department shall approve the site and install any marker approved under the Local Markers Program.

Monuments and Markers

- City Staff continues development of a revised Local Markers Policy that sets standards and procedures to include wider community engagement and independent review.
- HFCI Markers Committee is examining people, events, and sites to consider for future markers.
- City staff is examining how to broaden stories told on some City markers, including the ones at the “old” Fairfax High School, the Dr. William Gunnell House, and in the Old Town Fairfax Historic District.
- Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) will consider has been contacted regarding retiring, revising, and/or relocating the “Mosby’s Midnight Raid” marker.
 - Next Application date for new or revised markers are due May 1, 2022 for the September VDHR Board meeting.
- Jermantown Cemetery trustees and other groups are interested in an interpretive historical markers at the cemetery and other sites of African American history.



SAMPLE MARKERS

CITY OF FAIRFAX CEMETERY

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One Landscape: Many Stories to Tell

The stories we know start in 1866 with the Fairfax Ladies Memorial Association purchasing 2 1/3 acres to reinter unknown Confederate soldiers gathered from surrounding battlefields. Those burials gave the cemetery its first name: "Southern Soldiers Cemetery." With reinterments completed and societal mores preferring community cemeteries (though segregated ones) over family burial plots, the cemetery gained a new name: "Fairfax Cemetery."

Dedicated on October 1, 1890, to "Confederate Dead, the monument stands atop the remains of 200 unknown Confederates reburied in the 1860s. Names of 93 men, who died in the Civil War but are buried elsewhere, are inscribed on the obelisk's four sides. The main dedication inscription verse honors



Broadside, Dedication of the Confederate Monument, October 1, 1890. Courtesy City of Fairfax Historic Collections

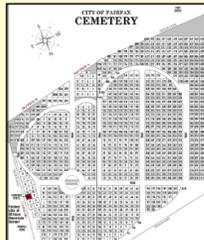
dead loved ones and what southerners saw as a lost but honorable cause. "... men whom defeat could not dishonor" is a tenant of the southern "Lost Cause," mythology, which used monuments and memorials to honor Confederate heroes along with legislative actions designed to support "White Supremacy."

Owned and maintained by the City of Fairfax since 1962, the cemetery holds the graves of 63 identified Confederate soldiers and 6 Federal soldiers. Revolutionary War veteran Thomas Millan, pioneer aviator Moss Lee Love (for whom Love Field airport in Dallas was named), and Virginia Lt. Gov. (1875- 1878) Henry W. Thomas are among the notables buried here.



African American students and teachers, 1916. Courtesy Ella Bowles Richards Strouss

Another story of the current landscape comes from a former student at the first free public school (ca. 1878) for African American students. That building once stood on the eastern boundary of the cemetery. Ella Bowles Richards Strouss, born in 1916, described the school this way: "One room with a pot-bellied stove in the middle... no electricity and no indoor plumbing." The African Methodist Episcopal Church, ca. 1870s, stood next to the school. The use of both buildings ceased in the 1920s; the Fairfax County School Board then sold the land for cemetery expansion.



DRAFT Cemetery Marker



DRAFT Museum and Visitor Center Marker



FAIRFAX COURT HOUSE

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Crossroads of War



Israel Crump, Co. E, 1 Regiment U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1862-1865

The crack of gunfire, rapid galloping of horses, and men's excited shouts aroused residents just after midnight on the night of June 1, 1861. With those sounds, the reality of the Civil War came to Fairfax Court House. Confederate Capt. John Quincy Marr was killed in this brief nighttime exchange of fire between a federal cavalry unit on a scouting mission from Falls Church and three poorly armed and trained Confederate units. "The Skirmish at Fairfax Court House" made headlines as the first land engagement of the Civil War but quickly faded in importance with the First Battle of Manassas on July 21, 1861.

Fairfax Court House escaped the devastation and destruction of major battles, but for the next four years remained a crossroads of conflict and intrigue -- its landscape ravaged by both armies. The Federal army arrived in March 1862 to expand the defensive line around Washington, D.C. Soldiers described a "busy hum" from the crowded camps, many died here of disease. Suspected Confederate spies, including Antonia Ford, were arrested, and imprisoned in the Old Capitol Prison in Washington.

Confederate Col. John Singleton Mosby's surprising capture of a sleeping U.S. Gen. Edwin H. Stoughton on March 9, 1863 at the Dr. William Gunnell's house led to the Federals chasing Mosby until 1965. "We are hear for Mosbey," Delaware soldier Levi McCormick wrote his wife in January 1864.

Escaped enslaved persons took refuge with nearby Federal units. With Emancipation on January 1, 1863, men enlisted in the U.S. Colored Troops. In 1864, the Freedmen's Bureau opened a school near here for black students. At war's end in 1865, thousands of Federal soldiers mustered out of the army here. War-weary residents then began rebuilding their lives.



Antonia Ford Willard. Courtesy City of Fairfax Historic Collections

Self-guided walking tour maps and guides to the Old Town Fairfax National Register Historic District are available here inside the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center.



Union artillery at Fairfax County Courthouse, ca. 1863. Before 1861, enslaved people were bought and sold on the Courthouse lawn. Courtesy Fairfax County Public Library Photographic Archives



Dr. William Gunnell House (Stoughton's HQ)

Moore House

Ford Building

Jonas Gunnell House

Fairfax County Courthouse

You Are Here

Fairfax City Cemetery

Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center

Other Civil War Site

Monuments and Markers

Proposed Story Board Language

The Fairfax Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) purchased three lots, including this one, starting in 1910 for interments of Confederate veterans, spouses, and family members. Fairfax men buried here include former members of the 43rd Cavalry Battalion, commonly known as “Mosby’s Rangers.”

The UDC, perhaps to raise funds, sold several of the unused burial sites through the 1970s to local Fairfax families with familial links to Confederate soldiers.

Dedicated in 1934, the three-foot stone monument named this cemetery lot as “The Confederate Plot.” and its inscription, *The Glory They Won Shall Not Wane for Us*, confirms the UDC’s intent to continue remembering the Confederate cause as an honorable one.



Highways

Fairfax County created a task force for the renaming of Route 50 and Route 29.

Route 50 – Lee Jackson Highway

- Little River Turnpike
- Unity Highway
- Route 50
- Fairfax Boulevard
- Blue & Gray Highway

Route 29 – Lee Highway

- Cardinal Highway
- Route/Highway 29
- Langston Boulevard/Highway
- Lincoln-Douglass Highway
- Fairfax Boulevard/Highway



- Chairman McKay asked Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) to conduct a survey requesting feedback from residents and businesses along Lee Highway (Route 29) and Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway (Route 50).
 - Results of this outreach will be presented at the June 2022 Board Transportation Committee meeting.
 - Any formal change to the highway names needs approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board
 - The county would need to agree to pay the cost to update street and highway signs for both corridors.

Street Naming Policy

- New Street Names
 - Through Development Process
 - Approval through Site Plan Process
- City Council Initiated Street Name Change
 - Approval by ordinance of City Council
 - City incurs cost to change
- Publicly (individual, resident, group, or community) Initiated Street Name Change
 - Approval by ordinance of City Council
 - Public incurs costs to change
- Street Name Reservation Process
 - 3 years with extension

DRAFT Street Naming Guidelines

- No name shall be eligible if it in any way reasonably connotes anything that
 - (i) is profane, obscene, or vulgar;
 - (ii) is sexually explicit or graphic;
 - (iii) is excretory related;
 - (iv) is descriptive of intimate body parts or genitals;
 - (v) is descriptive of illegal activities or substances;
 - (vi) condones or encourages violence; or
 - (vii) is socially, racially, or ethnically offensive or disparaging (33.2-213)
- Cannot be a duplication of an existing street name in the City of Fairfax or Fairfax County (911)
- Proposed street name is after a living or deceased person (first & last name) – requires consent
- Names of historical figures require Council approval
- Compass points (NORTH, EAST) may not be used
- Articles (The, A, An) may not be used
- Naming after a commercial entity or implies a commercial endorsement is prohibited
- No homophone (“Forrestview” and “Forestvue”)

Residential Streets

Streets Recommended for Change by SAG

Mosby Woods Community

- | | # of Parcels |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| ▪ Confederate Lane | 40 |
| ▪ Mosby Woods Drive | 167 |
| ▪ Plantation Parkway | 67 |
| ▪ Raider Lane | 26 |
| ▪ Ranger Road | 104 |
| ▪ Reb Street | 0 |
| ▪ Scarlet Circle | 6 |
| ▪ Singleton Circle | 10 |
| ▪ Traveler Street | 10 |

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Major Arterial Roads

- | | |
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| • Lee Highway | 49 |
| ▪ Old Lee Highway | 152 |

201

Additional Roads in the City

- | | |
|--------------------|----|
| ▪ Mosby Road | 15 |
| ▪ Stonewall Avenue | 14 |
| ▪ Lee Street | 3 |

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Council action on each road tentatively scheduled for April 26, 2022



Total of 663 Parcels
 479 Residential
 165 Businesses
 19 Exempt Properties
 (religious, education, gov., etc.)



Subdivisions Recommended for Change by SAG
 *Council does not have authority to change

- Pickett's Reserve (Subdivision)
- Old Lee Hills (Subdivision)
- Mosby Woods (Subdivision)
- Stonewall Estates (Subdivision)

Once street name changes have been approved by City Council

Where will the City change addresses for residents?

- Real Estate/Personal Property tax/Property tax
- DMV – Vehicle Registration/Driver’s License/State ID
- Business License
- Dog Tags, Visitor Hanger, Alarms, State Tax
- Open building, planning and zoning permits
- Decal License Reader
- 911 - County services for Fire and City for Police
- Land Records – certified letter to Circuit Court
- Post Office – Local Offices (Judicial Dr. and Pickett Rd.) and Address Management Center in Ashburn
- Voter Registration
- Water Utility – Fairfax Water
- Schools – City School Principals and FCPS
- Replacing of Street Sign
- UPS/FedEx
- Washington Gas/Dominion Energy/Cox/Verizon

Where do residents need to change their address?

- IRS
- Social Security
- Banks and investment services
- Loan issuers
- Credit card companies and retail credit accounts
- Accountant and tax advisors
- Insurance - health, dental, life, car, house/renters
- Employer
- Doctors, dentists, and lawyers
- Veterinarian
- Retail websites – Amazon Prime
- Religious institutions
- Retail Clubs – Sams, Costco, BJ’s
- Magazine Subscriptions
- Religious institutions

Sampling of Street Names Already Approved

A	BROOKWOOD	CRESTAR	FLINTLOCK	K	MEREDITH	PRESERVATION	SHARON	VIOGNIER
ADAMS	BURKE STATION	CUNNINGHAM	FORD	KEITH	MILBURN	PRESERVE OAKS	SHARPES MEADOW	VIRGINIA
ADDISON	BURROWS	CUPP	FOREST	KENMORE	MODE	PROVIDENCE	SHELLY KRASNOW	W
ALICE	BYRD	D	G	KIRKTREE	MONROE	PUMPKIN	SHERMAN	WALNUT
ALLISON	C	DALE	GAINSBOROUGH	KITTY POZER	MOORE	Q	SHERWOOD	WALTERS
AMNESTY	CAMBRIDGE	DANIELS RUN	GATEWAY	L	MORNINGSIDE	QUEEN ANNE	SHILOH	WARWICK
ANDOVER	CAMERON GLEN	DARBY	GEORGE MASON	LAMARRE	MOSBY	R	SIDEBURN	WEST
ANN	CAMPBELL	DECATUR	GIBSON	LAURIE	MOSBY WOODS	RAIDER	SILVER KING	WESTMORE
ANNE	CANFIELD	DELEGATE	GINGER TREE	LAYTON HALL	MUSKET	RAILROAD	SIMPSON MEWS	WHITACRE
ANTIETAM	CAPEWAY	DEMOCRACY	GLENDALE	LEADERSHIP	N	RAMONA	SINGLETON	WHITE OAK
ARDMORE	CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH	DEVILWOOD	GOVERNOR YEARDLEY	LEE	NEWBURY	RANDOLPH	SNUG HAVEN	WHITEHEAD
ARMORY	CAROL	DRAPER	GREAT OAKS	LEGACY	NORMAN	RANGER	SOUTH	WILCOXSON
ARMSTRONG	CAROLYN	DUNCAN	GROOMES	LEONARD	NORTH	RATCLIFFE MANOR	SPRING	WILDWOOD
ASHBY	CATESBY	DUNSTER	H	LEWISTON	NORTON	REB	SPRING LAKE	WILLARD
ASPEN WILLOW	CAVALIER	DUSTON	HALLMAN	LEXINGTON	O	REBEL	SPRINGMANN	WILLIAM
ASSEMBLY	CAVALRY	DWIGHT	HAMPTON	LINDA	OAK	REDWOOD	STAFFORD	WILLIAMSBURG
ATLANTA	CEDAR	E	HARVEY	LINDEN	OAK HILL	REGENT PARK	STANTON	WILSON
AUTUMN	CENTER	EARLY WOODLAND	HAYNSWORTH	LITTLE BROOK	OAK PLACE	REN	STONEWALL	WINSTON
B	CHAIN BRIDGE	EAST	HEMLOCK	LOCUST	OAKWOOD	RICHARD	STOUGHTON	WOOD
BALLYNAHOWN	CHANCERY	EATON	HERITAGE	LORD CULPEPER	OLD LEE	RICHARDSON	STRATFORD	WOODGATE
BARBARA ANN	CHANCERY PARK	EDOSOMWAN	HIGH OAK	LOST CREEK	OLD PICKETT	RIDGE	SUTTON	WOODHAVEN
BARBOUR	CHARLES	EGAN	HILL	LYNDHURST	OLD POST	ROANOKE	SUTTON HEIGHTS	WOODLAND
BARLOW	CHESTNUT	ELMONT	HOLLY	M	OLD RESERVE	ROBERTS	SUTHERLAND	WRENS
BARRISTERS KEEPE	CHURCH	EMBASSY	HOWERTON	MADISON	OLIVER	ROCK GARDEN	SYRAH	Y
BEAUMONT	CLEVELAND	ESTATE	HOWSEN	MAIN	ORCHARD	RODGERS	T	YORKTOWN
BEECH	COBB	ESTEL	HUME	MALBEC	OXFORD	ROSENWALD	TABA COVE	
BEECHTREE	COBBS GROVE	EVERGREEN	HUNTER	MAPLE	P	ROYAL	TECUMSEH	
BERRITT	COLLIER	EXCELSIOR	J	MAPLE TRACE	PAGE	ROYAL COMMONS	TEDRICH	
BERRY	COLONEL MENDEZ	F	JAMES SWART	MARILTA	PANTHER	RUST	TERRY	
BEVAN	COLONIAL	FAIRCHESTER	JAMES WREN	MARQUIS	PARK	RUST HILL	THAYER	
BLACKTHORN	COLONY	FAIRFAX	JANCIE	MASON	PARK HILL	S	TOMS	
BLAKE	CONFEDERATE	FAIRGROUNDS	JEAN	MASON OAKS	PARKLANE	SABER	TOWLSTON	
BLUE COAT	COPPER	FAIRHAVEN	JENNY LYNNE	MASSEY	PATRIOT PARK	SABLEWOOD	TRAPP	
BOB	CORNELL	FAIRVIEW	JERMANTOWN	MATHY	PERROTT	SAGER	TRAVELER	
BOLTON VILLAGE	CORNWALL	FARMINGTON	JESSIE	MAVIS	PERRY	SAINT ANDREWS	TROWBRIDGE	
BONDS	COUNTRY HILL	FARR	JOHN MASON	MAYORS	PETERSON	SCARLET	TUSICO	
BOXFORD	COURTHOUSE	FARR OAK	JOHN TRAMMELL	MCCARTY CREST	PICKETT	SCHOOL	TUSSICA	
BRADWATER	COURTNEY	FARRCROFT	JOHNSON	MCLEAN	PINEHURST	SCHUERMAN HOUSE	U	
BRECKINRIDGE	COVER	FERN	JONES	MCLEAREN	PLANTATION	SCOTT	UNIVERSITY	
BRIGADE	CRESENCE	FIRST	JOYCE	MEADOW BRIDGE	PLAZA	SECOND	V	
BROADVIEW	CREST	FIRST OAK	JUDICIAL	MERCEDES	POPLAR	SESSIONS	VANDERBILT	

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Next Steps

- April 5, 2022 Work Session Discussion of:
 - A Street Naming Policy for City owned streets and roadways
 - A City of Fairfax – HFCI Marker Policy
 - SAG Recommended Street Names for Council Consideration
 - Navigating through policy including public engagement
- April 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Action Items:
 - Consideration of a Street Naming Policy for City owned streets and roadways
 - Consideration of a City of Fairfax – HFCI Marker Policy
- April 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Action Items:
 - SAG Recommended Street Names for Council Consideration

Questions? Comments?

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