



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: April 20, 2016
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

900 Block of Princess Anne Street – Conversion to Brick Sidewalk - Public Works crews recently completed the conversion of the sidewalk from concrete to brick in a significant portion of the west side of the 900 block of Princess Anne Street (i.e., from William Street to the north end of the Princess Anne Building property.) This area provided some interesting challenges, including the discovery during excavation of two abandoned coal chutes that nobody (including the current owners of the adjacent building) knew existed. The sidewalk in front of the Princess Anne Building was recently also converted to brick.

The remainder of the concrete sidewalk on this side of this block – in front of the former National Bank of Fredericksburg – will be converted to brick during the George Street Brownstones project.





Fredericksburg Department of Social Services’ Protective Services Team receives State Award from the Family and Children’s Trust Fund (FACT) -

The Fredericksburg Department of Social Services’ (FDSS) Protective Services team was recognized for their “Safe Sleep Program” at the statewide Child Abuse Prevention Conference on April 4, 2016.

FACT has the distinguished honor of recognizing the contributions of special individuals whose prevention, intervention and treatment efforts in the area of child abuse and neglect have shown exceptional merit. Recognition is given to public practitioners, private practitioners, and corporate/business, volunteer, and community representatives who have made outstanding contributions to the field of child welfare in Virginia.

The Fredericksburg Department of Social Services (FDSS) Protective Services Team (PST), led by

supervisor Shannon Hartung, implemented the Safe Sleep Program in October 2012. The program was implemented following the preventable death of an infant in our locality due to unsafe sleep practices. According to the March 2014 report from the Virginia State Child Fatality Review Team, “Sleep-related Infant Deaths in Virginia”, 119 infants died in 2009 unexpectedly in a sleep environment – 95% of these deaths were preventable and 90% were related to an unsafe sleep environment.

The program’s goal is to increase awareness and educate the community about the dangers of unsafe sleep sleeping environments for infants. The program is funded through a combination of grants, private and corporate donations.

Since the program’s inception, nearly \$5,000 has been raised, 224 portable cribs have been distributed and countless hours of education and advocacy have been provided as a direct result of this program. This program saves lives and reduces preventable deaths due to unsafe sleep environments.

Police Department Hosted Skills USA Events at Police Headquarters - On Saturday, April 16th, the Fredericksburg Police Department and Sheriff’s Office hosted part of Skills USA’s statewide competition. High school students from around the state competed in one of two competitions: patrol scenario or crime scene investigation. In preparation for the event, police department staff spent time creating real-life crime scenes and incidents for students to investigate. The top finalist from Saturday will go on to compete in the national Skills USA competition this summer. Following the event, Skills USA State Coordinator Lauren-Anne Sledzinski sent an e-mail to the department stating, “Thank you again for THE BEST run state competitions I have ever seen. I cannot express enough gratitude. Please take a giant bow and thank each of your role players and judges for me.” The event was a success and we hope to host more in the future.



School Resource Officer Julie Keen Participated in Wounded Warrior Fly-Fishing Event -

When School Resource Officer (SRO) Julie Keene is not busy building positive relationships with students at our City schools, she is busy giving her time to Project Healing Waters, a local organization that supports the Wounded Warriors Project. On Saturday, April 16th, SRO Keene participated in Project Healing Waters' fly-fishing event for veterans on the Rappahannock River. 16 veterans participated in the fly-fishing event, many of whom it was their first time fly-fishing. SRO Keene has been involved with Project Healing Waters for four years.



Police Department Celebrated Communications Officers during National Telecommunications Week -

National Telecommunications Week was April 10th to the 16th and is a week dedicated to celebrating our Communications Officer's, who are the department's first point of contact with the public. To honor our Communications Officers, Fredericksburg Police Department employees purchased Telecommunications Week buttons and wore them all week, a catered meal was delivered fresh to each shift, and therapy dogs visited each shift. Several Fredericksburg Police Department employees also expressed their appreciation for Communications Officers on a [video](#) that was released on social media.



Picnic in the Park Concert Series – The popular concert series will start again on May 2 at Hurkamp Park from 11:30a.m. – 1:30p.m. This free event will run each Tuesday in May, June, and September (except the Tuesdays after Memorial Day and Labor Day). Sponsors include Fredericksburg Parent, B101.5, Fredericksburg Academy and COX Communications. KDz Kids World is back donating their moon bounce and Fun 2 C Faces will be on hand to do face painting. The schedule of performers is available at www.fredericksburgva.gov/PIP.

Property Maintenance Report for March 2016 – A summary of property maintenance activities is attached for your review.

Building Construction Report for March 2016 – A summary of February's construction activities is attached for your review.

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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REPORT - MARCH 2016

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	Mar-16		Mar-15		FY To Date 2016	FY to Date 2015
Complaints	23		13		137	129
Inspections	81		45		513	554
Notice of Violations Issued	29		23		210	271
Number of Violations Corrected	35		38		259	325
INOPERABLE VEHICLES						
Notice of Violations Issued	6		9		78	70
Number of Violations Corrected	8		4		71	46
Number of Vehicles Towed	0		0		0	3
STOP WORK ORDERS						
Number Issued	0		0		22	18
UNSAFE STRUCTURES						
Notice of Violation Issued	1		0		5	4
WEEDS, TRASH & GRASS						
Notice of Violation Issued	6		n/a		6	n/a
Notice of Violation Corrected	15		n/a		15	n/a

COMMENTS

This month the gas leak at Hazel Hill Apartment Project consumed much of staff time.
 The City discovered that Columbia Gas had turned off service to the entire complex due to a significant leak.
 Permits were expedited and after hours inspections were done to get the following modifications up and running as fast as possible.
 Gas line capped off to allow gas to be restored to 10 of the 17 buildings.
 Tankless propane water heaters installed in the seven remaining buildings (the area of the leak) to provide hot water.
 New electrical work in 4 of the 12 laundry rooms to allow for installation of electric dryers.
 Work continues with the design of an entire gas distribution system, with work to start soon.

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BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY - MARCH 2016

RESIDENTIAL	Mar-16		Mar-15	FY To Date 2016		FY To Date 2015		
New-Residential	16		14	43		22		
New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other	0		0	17		13		
Alterations/Additions	17		18	135		143		
Alt/Add - Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical	33		55	327		345		
Certificates of Occupancy	2		0	26		20		
Fees Collected	\$19,274.30		\$24,723.70	\$93,238.45		\$83,242.75		
Fees Waived	\$229.50		\$0.00	\$229.50		\$0.00		
COMMERCIAL/MULTI-FAMILY	SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS	
New-Commercial	0		1	8,746 sq ft	8	42,300 sq ft	7	68,854 sq ft
New-Multi-Family	0		0		5	128 units	0	
New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other	2		9		70		61	
Alterations	37		13		237		200	
Alt-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical	83		49		438		378	
Certificates of Occupancy	0		2		10		18	
Fees Collected	\$17,630.84		\$16,191.98	\$184,518.18		\$143,796.07		
Fees Waived	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		
CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY-EXISTING								
	17		11		102		106	
BUILDING INSPECTIONS PERFORMED								
	536		450		4309		4103	
UTILITY FEES COLLECTED								
Water Tap	\$2,600.00		\$0.00	\$13,752.40		\$11,062.12		
Water Availability	\$7,000.00		\$38,300.00	\$357,800.00		\$134,810.00		
Sewer Tap	\$5,100.00		\$0.00	\$20,400.00		\$20,400.10		
Sewer Availability	\$11,600.00		\$64,200.00	\$596,200.00		\$239,210.00		

COMMENTS

16 New Single Family Attached Townhomes in Summerfield