



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: March 4, 2014
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

“Call Me Fred” the New Regional Tourism Blogger - The Department of Economic Development and Tourism is proud to present “Fred”, a blogger and regional tourism expert who offers touring advice and interesting facts on www.VisitFred.com/blog. Want the latest scoop on what to do and where to go in the Fredericksburg region? Fred is a truly unique tour guide. Here is Fred's self introduction:

Call me Fred. All my friends do.

I'm here to guide you through some of the most interesting and entertaining experiences the Fredericksburg region has to offer. Find my weekly dispatches on VisitFred.com.

I've been around Fredericksburg a long time, but I still find new adventures, interesting people and one-of-a-kind events around every corner in this region. I'm an avid collector of outlandish timepieces and a passionate partaker in all things fun.

Join me in my travels. I'd love to have you along for the ride.

Restaurant Week 2014 Continues Strong Annual Growth - The Department of Economic Development and Tourism wrapped up its ninth annual Restaurant Week, held January 17 to 27. Twenty-one participating restaurants sold a total of 11,758 special meals during the 10-day period, despite occasional snow and bitterly cold weather. The 2014 Restaurant Week event boasted the most participating restaurants and the most meals sold since its inception in 2006.

Special Events Review Committee Approved 113 Events in 2013 - In 2013, the Fredericksburg Special Events Review Committee approved a total of 117 events, of which 60 were walks and runs held in the city. The Special Events Review committee is comprised of representatives from the Departments of Fire, Police, Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities, Planning and Community Development, and Economic Development and Tourism.

Police Canine and Officer Honored for Outstanding Work - Sergeant Josh Lynch and his canine partner "Max" were recently recognized by the Virginia Police Canine Association as one of the recipients of the award for the top cases of 2013. The patrol canine team of Sergeant Lynch and Max were praised for their efforts on a scent track in Stafford County on April 4, 2013, which led to the apprehension and arrest of a suspect who had fled from a traffic stop with the Virginia State Police. In addition to locating the suspect, Max also found a backpack carrying approximately 1.5 pounds of marijuana that had been dropped by the suspect during his flight on foot. More details of the incident can be found at this [link](#).