



## **MEMORANDUM**

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

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Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

***Refuse/Recycling Collection Pilot Program*** – Public Works has received notification that the wheeled carts to be used during the pilot program have been shipped. Over the next two weeks, PW staff will notify residents in the College Heights and Darbytown neighborhoods of the pending initiation of the program, deliver the carts to customers and otherwise prepare to start the program. Both refuse and recycling materials will be collected on Wednesdays in the pilot program neighborhoods. The first day that refuse and recycling will be collected utilizing the carts is Wednesday, June 25.

***Solar Powered Refuse and Recycling Containers*** – Public Works recently ordered two sets of refuse and recycling containers with solar powered compactors. These containers have four to five times the capacity of a typical public refuse container. One set of these containers will be placed along the Riverside Drive section of the Heritage Trail and the other set will be eventually placed at a location to be determined along the Virginia Central Railway Trail. Another interesting feature of these containers is that they can be programmed to send a text message advising that the container needs to be emptied.

***The Free Lance-Star & COX Classic Soap Box Derby*** – On June 14, the [Soap Box Derby](#) will celebrate its 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this race being held in Fredericksburg. It still holds the title of the largest local race in the world. There are 106 drivers with 99 proud car sponsors, along with a number of local businesses that have helped sponsor other aspects of the race. These include GEICO, Funland Central Park, Jewel Box, Star Radio Group, Southern Auto Body, Fredericksburg Charitable Savings Foundation, So Wise Art, Fredericksburg Parent, Fredericksburg.com, foranything.com, Wiggle Worm, Sweet Frog, Mary Washington Healthcare, Carlos O'Kelly's, Pepsi, Papa John's and Beach Fries. There are over 21 local organizations providing us with race day support. This great community event will kick off with the opening ceremonies at 8 a.m.

The race will take place in the 700-1100 blocks of William Street. Street closures will begin at 5 a.m. with the 900-1000 blocks of Sunken Road, Littlepage Street and Kenmore Avenue along with the William Street blocks. Streets will be reopened by 6 p.m.

***EDT Launches New Quarterly e-Newsletter Design*** – Two quarterly e-newsletters have been published by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in 2014. The recipient list is at an all-time high of over 7,600 businesses and individuals in the City and throughout the region. The new design through Constant Contact and facilitating a landing webpage within the Economic Development website is making the newsletter more thoroughly read and easier to navigate. The new design, drives readers directly to the newsletter articles or to the website where they may learn more about the new HUBZone Business Employment Platform, Data Center, Property Search, Business Resources along with many other informational webpages and links. The Economic Development and Tourism staff continues to further increase the contact base through many avenues such as new business meetings, seminars, City department applications, stakeholder meetings, Facebook and the online e-newsletter registration. [Read](#) the latest edition of the EDT e-newsletter.

***City Employees Receive Forklift Training*** – On May 28 and 29, the City of Fredericksburg's Safety Office hosted two, day-long Powered Industrial Truck trainings at the new FRED Transit training and maintenance facility. Equipment included forklifts, tractors and skid steers with fork attachments. The training was conducted by Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) certified instructors. City employees from Public Works, Parks Maintenance, Public Facilities, FRED Transit, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant trained alongside VDOT and Department of Justice employees. A total of 35 City employees successfully completed written and practical testing. VDOT Forklift Operator certifications were issued by instructors Allan Grady and Steve Scherrer from VDOT's Thornburg Training Academy.



James Baylor, Public Works Employee

***Fire Department Personnel Receive Specialized Training*** – In cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, members of the Fredericksburg Fire Department recently attended a program titled Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC), which is the same course SWAT teams and military personnel receive. Additionally, members participated in a new program called Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) delivered to a select group of Fire Department personnel. Both of these programs taught EMS personnel about the priorities of medical treatment in a hostile atmosphere and methods to maintain situational awareness. The TCCC program is designed for the Tactical EMS provider, while the TECC course is for the street provider. The goal of these programs is to develop response capabilities for first responders to make entry into scenes that are not fully secure, to treat and evacuate patients in order to maximize the potential to save lives. The department plans on developing procedures for TECC and teaching the program to all EMS providers in the City.