



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: October 21, 2014
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Fall Hill Avenue Bridge over the Rappahannock Canal Reopened - The new bridge opened the morning of Thursday, October 23, which reopened traffic to Fall Hill Avenue. The pedestrian tunnel that runs under the bridge and connects the Rappahannock River Heritage Trail and the Rappahannock Canal Path is also open. The bridge closed in February 2104 for demolition and rebuilding and is opening ahead of schedule.

City Employees Assist Tree Fredericksburg in Tree Planting - On Friday, October 10, Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw and ten city employees planted 57 trees in the Normandy Village subdivision in the areas of Hanson Avenue and Village Lane as part of the fall tree planting for [Tree Fredericksburg](#). The goal is to plant 600 trees per year to rebuild the urban forest in the city.



CRAV Meeting a Success - The Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia Annual Meeting was held in Fredericksburg at the Hospitality House in Central Park September 20 - 24, generating a total of 520 room nights booked. There were 242 registrants, including Commissioners and their staff, representing 100 localities across the state. Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw welcomed everyone and enticed them to enjoy all that the city of Fredericksburg has to offer. With planning assistance from Economic Development and Tourism staff, many of the participants were able to experience sights, shopping, and activities, including a trolley ride to the riverboat cruise. Some attendees brought coolers so that they could stop at Wegmans before returning home. It was a successful event with representatives from the state legislature, the governor's office, and other state agencies offering their insights and expertise. Speakers included Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam, Representative Rob Wittman, and Speaker Bill Howell. The event concluded with the installation banquet at the Museum of the Marine Corps. Attendees are still commenting on their wonderful and unique experiences at this year's conference in Fredericksburg.



National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day - On Saturday, September 27, the Police and Fire Departments along with Mary Washington Healthcare participated in the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back initiative by staffing drop-off locations at police headquarters, Fire Station 1, and the Tompkins Martin Medical Plaza. The nationwide initiative aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. In the city, over 314 pounds of prescription drugs were collected for disposal.