



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council  
**FROM:** Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager  
**DATE:** August 5, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Update

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Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

***City Receives Twenty-Fifth Consecutive Financial Reporting Award*** – The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Fredericksburg by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the year ending June 30, 2014. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This is the twenty-fifth consecutive year that the City has received this prestigious award. Fiscal Affairs is currently in the process of preparing for the return of the City's independent auditors to complete their fieldwork associated with the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

***Badges for Baseball*** – Fredericksburg Fire and Rescue, Sheriff's Office, and the Police Department teamed up with the Sunshine Baseball Park Foundation in July for the City's first annual Badges for Baseball camp. The week-long camp was held July 13 – 17 and was open to city children between the ages 8 and 12. The camp is designed to build positive relationships between law enforcement and children living in underserved communities and also teach children leadership and build their confidence. Twenty-five children participated in this year's camp.



***CALEA Accreditation*** – The Police Department completed its second re-accreditation process August 2 – 5. In 2009, the Police Department first achieved national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The Gold Standard Accreditation process involves two CALEA assessors onsite reviewing department files, talking with employees, interviewing community leaders, and listening to the community's experience with law enforcement at a public hearing. After the on-site assessment, the assessors commended the Fredericksburg Police Department for their professionalism. The Police Department anticipates being

awarded continued accreditation status and will find out at the national CALEA conference in November.



Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw

**Main Street and EDT Partner for Sandwich Invitational and Summer Restaurant Week Promotion** – The Department of Economic Development and Tourism and Fredericksburg Virginia Main Street partnered in promotion of downtown restaurants this summer with the Sandwich Invitational and Summer Restaurant Week. The Sandwich Invitational initiated last year by EDT was, with support from the Parks and Recreation Department, presented in Hurkamp Park by Main Street as a fundraising event and kick off for Restaurant Week. Twelve restaurants entered in a competition for judged and people's choice sandwich winners. Other food-related businesses participated and more than 300 people enjoyed an evening of great food and entertainment. Restaurant Week began July 31 and continues with great success through August 9.

**EDA Seeks After Hours Downtown Parking Leases** – Fredericksburg's Economic Development Authority recently expressed an interest to lease more lots along the William Street corridor for after-hours public parking. The initiative is due to the increasing popularity of the William Street corridor as a dining destination, a trend that has earned the area the nickname "Restaurant Row." The EDA is looking to pattern an after-hours lease based on the arrangement the City of Fredericksburg has with the owners of 904 Princess Anne Street. That lease opens up the 40-space lot behind 904 Princess Anne for public parking after 6 p.m. weeknights, and on weekends and holidays. Members of the EDA and staff with the Department of Economic Development and Tourism have been making inquiries to owners of well-located lots to gauge their interest in an after-hours parking lease.

**Camp Crime Fighters** – The Fredericksburg Police Department hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Camp Crime Fighters July 20 – 24. Twenty-eight children between the ages of 8 and 12 participated in this week-long day camp and learned about police operations and life skills, including self-defense and first aid. Campers also enjoyed fun activities, including rappelling, swimming at Dixon Park, exploring Braehead Farm, and fly-fishing at Motts Reservoir.



***Officer Recognition*** – On July 14, Patrol Officer Melanie Schafer was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the Rappahannock Area Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) for her hard work and dedication to the mental health community. Officer Schafer completed her CIT training in January and is already utilizing the skills she learned to positively impact lives here in Fredericksburg. [Read more](#) about why Officer Schafer was nominated and awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the Rappahannock Area Crisis Intervention Team.

