



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: September 2, 2015
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Bob Antozzi, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Retires - After 30



years of dedication to the Parks and Recreation field and over 28 years of service to the city, Bob retired on August 31. He was instrumental in the development of Dixon Park, the Heritage and VCR trail systems, the construction of the new Circuit and General District court building, and the relocation and renovation of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court buildings. Bob is looking forward to traveling with the Fredericksburg Sister City organizations to Frejus, France and Este, Italy.

Electronic Billing for City Residents - Electronic billing for personal property and real estate tax bills is now being offered by the Treasurer's Office. Treasurer Brenda Wood implemented the option to provide progressive, technological service to citizens, reduce costs of printing and postage and provide a green alternative to paper waste. E-billing will also improve delivery service of the tax bill thereby reducing the number of undeliverable pieces of mail returned by the United States Postal Service. Within the software module a tracking system validates delivery of the email, confirms when the email was read, and verifies when the bill has been viewed. This equates to sending a bill by certified mail without the cost. Signing up is a simple, self-service option hosted on the City of Fredericksburg's website via the [Online Payments](#) link. Once signed up, the user receives an email notification that the bill is available for viewing and also contains a direct link to the payment portal for ease and convenience.

Riverside Drive Slope Repair - The repair of the slope failure along the Rappahannock River Heritage Trail next to Riverside Drive has been completed. A local contractor is working to replace the section of the trail that was damaged related to the repair and otherwise restore the area so the trail detour may be removed and the section of the trail adjacent to the slope repair may be re-opened. This work should be completed by September 10 with temporary fencing between the trail and the riverbank. Permanent fencing will be installed upon delivery, anticipated to occur no later than the end of September.



Training on Boat Operation and Rescue Techniques - On the morning of July 23, the Safety Office provided training on Boat Operation and Rescue Techniques to employees working at Mott's Run Reservoir. Fire Department Swift Water Rescue Instructor, Wyatt Durrer utilized the city's Dixon Park Pool providing a controlled environment for practical exercise rescue technique training. Olivia Nicotera, a city pool lifeguard, provided stand-by rescue during the in-water training evolution. The afternoon was spent completing in-service training on documentation and boat operations.



Customer Service Training - A customer service training session for city employees will be conducted in City Council Chambers at noon on Friday, September 11. Public Works Director Doug Fawcett will give the presentation he has prepared to deliver later this month at the newly established Public Works Institute, a joint project of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the American Public Works Association and Virginia Tech. To date, approximately twenty seven city employees have indicated their intent to attend.

Co-Working Space Opens in Gateway Village - Fredericksburg's new co-working space, The Foundry, opened September 1 at 2324 Plank Road in the Gateway Village Shopping Center. [FredXchange](#) operates the 3,400-square-foot space, which allows entrepreneurs, startups and small companies to work collaboratively. A \$50,000 grant from the Fredericksburg Economic Development Authority helped FredXchange open the space.