



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council  
**FROM:** Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager  
**DATE:** October 7, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Update

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Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

***Fredericksburg Police Department Assists with Operation Medicine Cabinet -***  
On Saturday, September 26, the Fredericksburg Police Department assisted with Operation Medicine Cabinet, an annual event held throughout the region that provides the public a safe way to discard of expired or unused medications and sharps. The Fredericksburg Police Department assisted with the Fredericksburg drop-off location and helped collect 350 pounds of medicine and sharps.



***Fredericksburg Police Department Holds Its First Citizen Advisory Panel Meeting-*** On Wednesday, September 30, the Fredericksburg Police Department held its first Citizens Advisory Panel meeting. The purpose of the panel is to facilitate interaction and communication between the Police Department and a diverse committee of citizens within our community. At the first meeting, police personnel gave the panel an overview of the Police Department and focused on recent policy changes, the citizen complaint/ internal investigation process, and the review of use of force incidents.



Left to right in picture: Captain Brian Layton, Reverend Jarvis Bailey, Meredith Beckett, Chief David Nye, Sabrina Johnson, P.J. Pcsolinski, Marci Catlett, Reverend Hashmel Turner, and Lieutenant Patrick Reed.

***Highlights from Feet First in Fredericksburg*** - On Saturday, September 18, over 100 people joined in the first annual Feet First Pedestrian Campaign and left painted footprints on downtown sidewalk as a pledge to keep city pedestrian's safe. Special thanks to Vice Mayor Withers, Councilwoman Devine, Councilman Ellis, and Councilman Duffy for attending the event and also recreating the Beatles album cover "Abbey Road"!





***Program Aims to Reduce Child Protective Services Referrals Along the Fall Hill Corridor*** - The City of Fredericksburg Department of Social Services (FDSS) has partnered with Compass Counseling group to offer a series of community workshops at Heritage Park Community Center. This program was initiated in an effort to reduce the number of Child Protective Services (CPS) referrals received from housing complexes along the Fall Hill Corridor. Since January 2015, 25% of all referrals came from complexes along the Fall Hill Corridor – more than any other single location in the City limits.

The program will include a series of workshops that will be provided over the next 8 months and are free to the public. Topics were selected based on survey feedback and include: Healthy Eating on a Budget, Parenting Skills and Intervention, Understanding Mental Health Issues, and Child Safety Awareness. The final workshop will be the Stewards of Children Training – an evidenced based training that provides parents and caregivers with information on how to protect children from sexual abuse.

Research shows that early intervention, education and community involvement are key to reducing the incidence of child abuse and neglect. The program would not be possible without the enthusiasm and support of the Heritage Park management staff in both publicizing the workshops and providing the meeting space. Funding for this program is provided by FDSS' "Promoting Safe and Stable Families" grant.

***City Employees Participate in Annual Rappahannock United Way Day of Action*** – On Friday, September 25 ten employees and one council member took on a project at [Loisann's Hope House](#) as part of the annual community non-profit outreach. Three storage sheds full of items and totes were emptied, labeled and reorganized. Participants were Marne Sherman, Phaun Moore, Laura Mahoney, Nancy Segarra, Kim Herbert, Matt Kelly, Brenda Martin, OJ Johnson, Melissa Steiniger, Bob Bell and Jim Nave.



***Participate in Fredericksburg's Economic Development Master Plan Survey*** – A brief survey that will help shape the city's Economic Development Master Plan is now available online. The answers will help inform the project and analysis currently being conducted by Garner Economics of Atlanta.

The [survey](#) will be available through Friday, October 16 and is designed to take about 10 minutes to complete. It is not necessary to be a resident of the city to participate in the survey.