



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: May 7, 2013
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:



Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon – Fredericksburg plays host to the 6th Annual Marine Corps [Historic Half Marathon](#), Historic 10K and Semper Fred 5K on **Sunday, May 19**. **There are major changes to road closures this year, with many course roads closing at 6:30 AM.** [Road openings](#) and [course maps](#) show more details. More than 10,000 runners are expected to participate in the races. <http://www.marinecorpshistorichalf.com/Home.htm>.

Police Go Over the Edge for Special Olympics – On Friday, May 3, Officers Alexandra Cameron and Aimee Scott, along with Chief Nye's daughter Caroline, rappelled off the Hilton Crystal City to raise money for Virginia Special Olympics. With generous support from the community, the bravery of Team FPD garnered over \$3,000 in donations for this worthy cause.



Fredericksburg Named SBA's Small Business Community of the Year – The City of Fredericksburg has been named the “Small Business Community of the Year” by the Richmond office of the Small Business Administration. [Fredericksburg](#) offers a dozen key programs targeting small businesses, ranging from Opportunity Fund Grants and Commercial Façade Improvement Matching Grants to real estate tax abatements and an inter-departmental monthly open house. The city also offers incentives through its designated technology zones, tourism zones and an arts and cultural district. Fredericksburg also actively promotes its city-wide designation as a SBA HUBZone to attract prospective businesses interested in government contracting.

Fair Housing Seminar – In recognition of Fair Housing Month, the Department of Planning and Community Development partnered with the [disAbility Resource Center](#) to conduct a free Fair Housing Seminar at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library Headquarters on April 30. A representative from the Virginia Fair Housing Office equipped 35 attendees with information about federal and state fair housing laws, guidance to ensure compliance with the regulations, and specific provisions to provide accommodations and modifications to promote independence for persons with disabilities.

Pictometry Added to FredGIS – Information Technology has implemented Pictometry to provide oblique imagery of the city on the [FredGIS](#) website. Oblique imagery is similar to the aerial imagery that is available as a basemap on FredGIS, except that oblique imagery is a series of pictures from different angles, providing north, south, east and west views of the city. This imagery is available through the 'view in' tool in FredGIS and will pass the coordinates from whatever area being viewed in FredGIS to Pictometry, allowing the user to rotate around the area, viewing it from all sides. This oblique imagery was captured for the city in February 2012.

Building and Development Services Construction Update – A construction activity report is attached for January, February and March of 2013.

City of Fredericksburg

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

PERMITS ISSUED - Construction/Site – (January – March 2013)

Residential New:

Single Family: Village of Idlewild – 4
 Preserve at Smith Run - 3
 Estates of Idlewild - 1

Commercial New:

701 Princess Anne Street – Footing and Foundation for New Courthouse

A total of 99 permits were issued in January 2013 and Inspectors performed 499 inspections.
A total of 109 permits were issued in February 2013 and inspectors performed 500 inspections.
A total of 97 permits were issued in March 2013 and inspector performed 501 inspections.

Site Plans Approved:

Cowan Crossing – Early Grading Plan

Certificates of Occupancy:

New SF Residential:

Village of Idlewild - 11
Preserve at Smith Run - 5
Estates of Idlewild – 2
Kensington Hills - 1

Commercial :

1101 Dunes Street – Haven II, 24 new apartments
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2001 Hilton Street - Haven II, 24 new apartments
1701 Dunes Street - Haven II, 24 new apartments
1500 Dunes Street - Haven II, 24 new apartments
1001 Tyler Street – Habalis Construction, Mixed Use Business and Storage, 1776 SF
1141 Jefferson Davis Highway – Hair Cuttery, 1263 SF Hair Salon
1907 Charles Street – Mixed Use, Business 1st floor and Residential 2nd Floor (1-2 bedroom apartments)
1600 Dunes Street – Haven II, 28 new apartments