

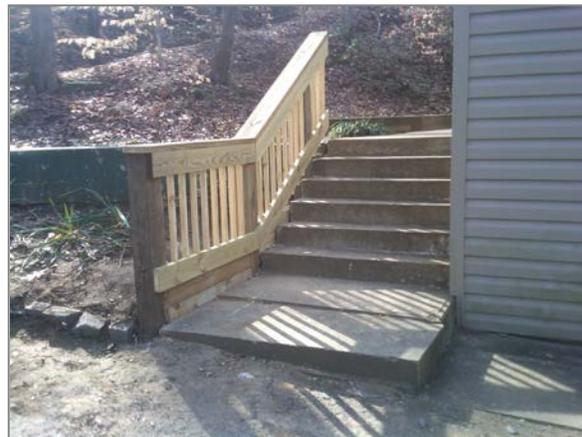


MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: January 15, 2013
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Winter Clean-Up – The Park Maintenance Division has been busy completing many projects that will have the parks ready for their increased usage in the spring months. These projects have included construction of new handrails leading to the restrooms at Alum Spring Park (photo) as well as painting the restroom stalls, clearing debris from the entrances along the Rappahannock River Heritage Trail at Old Mill Park, installing two dog waste dispensers along the Heritage Trail, repainting the floor of the administration building at Motts Run Reservoir, trimming trees and repositioning signs at Snowden Park, and installation of more engineered wood fiber at our City playgrounds to keep them within standards of the National Playground Safety Institute.



Wegmans Passport Program – With the goal of improving the lives and fitness levels of their customers, employees and citizens, Wegmans has partnered with the City of Fredericksburg to begin a “Passport to family wellness” program. The passport program allows participants who walk specific trails to etch into their passports a trail marker found along the path and offers rewards for trail achievement levels. Today there are over 60 Wegmans passport trails systems nationwide. City staff hopes to have the Fredericksburg passport program ready by this summer and to include the Rappahannock River Heritage Trail, the Canal Path, Alum Spring Park trails, Motts Run Reservoir trails, and many others.



Public Facilities Projects Update – Replacements of the roofs at Mary Washington Cottage and Fire Station 2 have been completed. Exterior wood rot replacement and painting has been completed at the cottage as well. The siding on the dormers at the cottage (below) was changed from asphalt shingles to scallop wood shingles to make the repairs historically accurate. Public Facilities worked with the Architectural Review Board for this determination.



Additional improvements in the City include the installation of a light pole at Thornton Cemetery and the completion of a security system at the Dorothy Hart Community Center. The security system should act as both a deterrent to crime and as a tool to help apprehend future suspects. There was a burglary at the community center in December 2012.

Aquia Sandstone Preserved – On January 11, Public Facilities worked with English Construction to relocate the Aquia Creek sandstone unearthed at the Courthouse construction site to an area offsite for storage.

Visitor Center – Public Facilities continues to work with English Construction on the repainting and carpet replacement in the lobby and auditorium of the Visitor Center. Substantial work was completed so that the lobby could open for business on Saturday, January 12. The Visitor Center staff will be operating temporarily from trade show tables in the lobby until the new counters arrive in approximately four weeks. Public Facilities is awaiting word from Historic Fredericksburg Foundation for the approval of replacement windows on the front façade and will schedule the window painting and replacement as soon as weather conditions allow in the spring.

City Receives StormReady Recognition - The City's Emergency Management staff has been working diligently toward [StormReady recognition](#) and on December 13, the National Weather Service StormReady Board voted unanimously to approve the certification. Being StormReady means that the City has planned for weather responses,

provided weather training to staff and citizens, has redundant measures in place for communicating internally and publicly, and has methods to monitor and evaluate the impact of the weather on the community. By achieving this recognition, the City of Fredericksburg has proven to be committed to the safety of citizens, visitors, and staff during weather related incidents by responding to these events as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Remembering Officer Todd Bahr – Officer John Alford of the Fairfax County Police Department competes in arena racing, and he uses the profits from his racing to support the Virginia Public Safety foundation. Officer Alford honors police officers and firefighters lost in the line of duty by racing with their names on his car. Officer Alford recently paid tribute to fallen Fredericksburg Police Officer Todd Bahr by adding his name to the car and unveiling the vehicle to Todd's family and co-workers at Police Headquarters.

