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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Tomzak and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: April 19, 2011
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Police Department Releases Annual Report – Police Department staff have completed the [2010 Annual Report](#), which highlights the significant accomplishments of the agency and its members during the previous calendar year. The report is available publicly on the City's website; www.fredericksburgva.gov/Departments/police/index.aspx and hard copies will be distributed within the next two weeks.

Emergency Planning for Records - On April 15, Senior Planner Erik Nelson and the Police Department's Records Officer, Sergeant Rikki Johnson, completed a training webinar for Records Emergency Planning and Response. This four week course was a follow-up to the previous training which focused on the identification and protection of Essential Records. The training will be useful for integrating records disaster recovery plans into the City's overall Emergency Operations Plan, including the Essential Records component that is needed to complete the Continuity of Operations Plan.

FRED Transit Partners with Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging – Funded by a State Senior Transportation grant from the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging has started a Travel Training Program. The program is designed to educate persons aged 60 and older, or those of any age with a disability, on how to use the FRED Transit system. The Travel Trainer schedules presentations at various 55-and-older communities throughout the region and teaches the residents about how FRED operates and how to access its service. In addition, the Travel Trainer will provide individual or small group instruction on how to ride the bus, and will accompany those being trained to ease their minds about riding and understanding the system. With grant funds, this service provides free FRED tickets during the instruction process. Information about other transportation services in the Fredericksburg area is also provided during the group presentations. For more information, go to www.raa16.org, or call 1-800-627-2892.

New Event features Food, the Farmer's Market and Family Dining - A new event called "The Family Table" will feature local foods, the reenergized Farmer's Market and family dining at City restaurants. Events will kick off Saturday, August 6 at the Farmer's

Market with interactive displays presented by Cobblestone Children's Museum and vegetable and fruit carving by "VeggyArt". There will also be activity at Market Square, where the Fredericksburg Area Museum in cooperation with *Fredericksburg Parent* magazine will present programming on good nutrition with [Doctor Yum](http://www.doctoryum.com/), (<http://www.doctoryum.com/>) food canning and preparation techniques, a children's food passport, demonstrations and more. That evening "Julie and Julia", the film biography of renowned chef Julia Child, will be featured at Riverfront Park.

This day of exciting and healthy programming will be the start of a family-friendly restaurant week running August 6 to 14. Participating restaurants will feature special kid's meals nightly from 5:00 to 6:30 pm, where kids aged eleven and under 'pay their age' for their meal, along with a 'Two for 20' adult menu where diners can select two courses for only \$20. This event was developed by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in cooperation with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities.

Fire Department Training - The Fire Department places a high priority on training and takes pride in offering to its citizens a well trained workforce that is equipped to perform the tasks assigned to them. As technology and methodologies advance, the Fire Department takes advantage of these progressive developments and provides relevant instruction to its employees. Training and education needs are identified by evaluating the many factors that impact anticipated emergency situations.

Fire and EMS personnel are currently participating in a live scenario "burn" at the regional training center. Twice each year, employees train at the regional center to test their skills and learn new methods of fighting structure fires. The scenarios cover the application of the following techniques:

- pulling different hose loads for a quicker fire attack
- methods of attacking structure fires to minimize damage
- the proper placement of ground ladders as well as proper placement of aerial apparatus for maximum reach
- victim rescue

Elevator Repairs - The City Hall elevator modernization project will take the elevator out of operation July 11 through August 11 of this year. A plan to accommodate staff and civilians who rely on the elevator is almost complete. During the repair period, Council Chambers will be the primary location for meetings involving the public.

Beginning April 15 and continuing for approximately three days, the VRE elevator at the train station will be out of operation for doorframe replacement. This repair has been coordinated with VRE staff and with the Train Station Repair superintendent. During this project, the ramp serving the side of the station will be available for use.

UMW Walkway Removal - On the weekend of April 30, the City will be working with contractor W. O. Grubb and his subcontractors Doug Bachelor (carpentry) and J&E Recycling (concrete footer disposal) to remove the wooden walkway that accesses the

University of Mary Washington's pedestrian bridge over U.S. Route 1. The walkway will be dismantled into ten 40' sections, which will then be repurposed as small bridges for the City's parks and pathways at a significant cost savings to the City. The sections will be stored at the Fred Transit Maintenance Facility in the Bowman Center until the bridge foundations are ready for placement.

Cowan Boulevard Trail Extension - This project consists of extending the Cowan Boulevard Trail from Keeneland Road to Jefferson Davis Highway, installation of pedestrian crossing signals at Cowan/Jeff Davis and extension of the trail up Rowe Street to Stafford Avenue.

The project has been advertised for construction bids. The deadline for submission of bids is May 2.

Wayfinding Signs - The repair and replacement of wayfinding signs by Dowling Signs has been completed. Major repairs were performed on seventeen signs, while moderate or basic repairs were performed on an additional forty-four signs. Also, seven new Parking signs were fabricated and installed.