

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council  
**FROM:** Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager  
**DATE:** July 9, 2020 (for July 14 Council meeting)  
**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Update

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Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:



**Love Scrub 2** – The second community event is in Hurkamp Park this Sunday morning, July 12 at 8:45 a.m. Always wanted to get involved but weren't sure how? Here's your opportunity! Perfect time to introduce yourself and your kids to the importance of Community, Caring, Giving Back and Civic Pride.

What should you bring? Something to open bags of mulch with, gloves, broom and your big smile! Be sure to bring your mask. We will be outside and social distancing is quite easy for all in the park.

See event details:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/306687373798880/>

**Chatham Bridge Closure** – The bridge closed on **June 22 and will stay closed through October 2021** for improvements. The [posted detour route](#): Route 3 Business, Blue & Gray Parkway, Dixon Street and Charles Street.

Stay updated: [www.virginiadot.org](http://www.virginiadot.org) and at [www.fxbgbridge.com](http://www.fxbgbridge.com)

The \$23.4 million rehabilitation project by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and project contractor Joseph B. Fay Co. is needed to improve the bridge's condition and remove the existing 15-ton vehicle weight limit. The project will also enhance pedestrian access. The bridge path will connect with existing sidewalks in downtown Fredericksburg and Stafford County's Belmont-Ferry Farm Trail. A scenic overlook will provide a refuge for pedestrians



to stop at the bridge midpoint. New light posts will be installed, and new bridge railings will keep the distinctive open view of the Rappahannock River. [View a simulation video](#) of the new bridge.

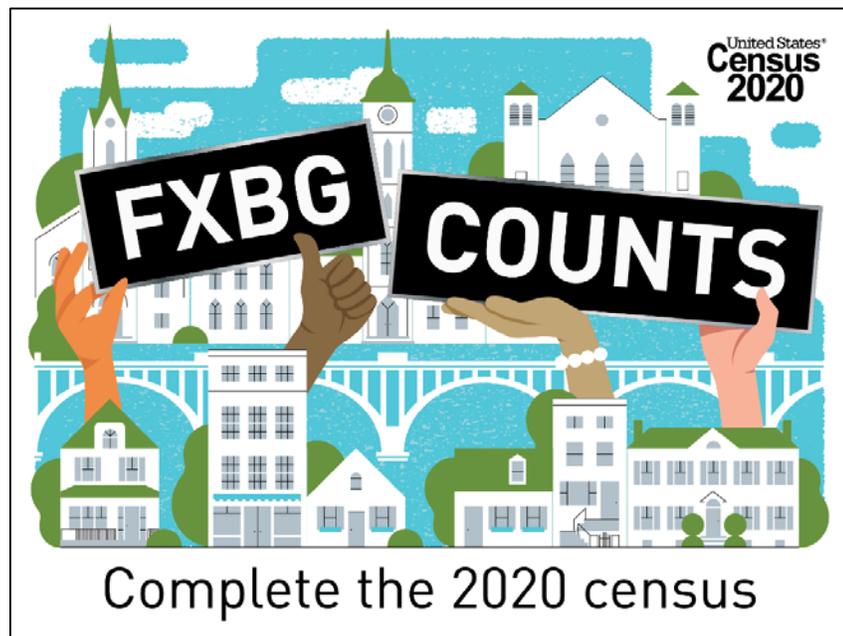
**Upcoming Council Meetings** – Council will not hold a meeting on July 28 due to their annual summer break. All council meetings will be held virtually until further notice. The public is encouraged to access the meetings through the broadcast on Cox Channel 84 and Verizon Channel 42. The meetings can also be viewed on our [www.regionalwebtv.com/fredcc](http://www.regionalwebtv.com/fredcc) or Facebook live at [www.facebook.com/FXBGgov](http://www.facebook.com/FXBGgov)

Citizens who wish to participate in the public comment period will be able to send their comments in writing by (1) dropping them in the Deposit Box at City Hall, (2) U.S. Mail, (3) through a form on our website <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/677/Public-Comment> or (4) email to the Clerk of Council. Comments must be received at least one hour in advance of the meeting – *for example, comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on nights with a 5:30 p.m. work session.* The plan is to read these comments out loud during the public comment portion of the City Council meeting. The standard rules apply to public comments: the person must identify himself or herself by name and address, including zip code, limit his or her remarks to 5 minutes or less (read aloud), and address a topic of City business. Public comments submitted during the meeting, through the Facebook Live streaming video, will not be considered part of the official public comments of the meeting. See [www.fredericksburgva.gov](http://www.fredericksburgva.gov) for more details or call (540) 372-1010.

**Census 2020** –So far, only 61% of Fredericksburg households have responded to the Census. Every person counted brings \$20,000 to the community, so it's important we count everyone! It's easy and safe to respond online at [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)

Responding is easy and confidential. You have three options for responding: 1) Online. 2) By phone. 3) By mail.

Go to: <https://2020census.gov/en.html>



**COVID-19 (Coronavirus)** – Information is continuing to be provided by Fire Chief Mike Jones through written updates on Monday and Friday's and shared through our website and social media

platforms. See [www.fredericksburgva.gov](http://www.fredericksburgva.gov) for full details. Stay vigilant and practice social distancing, wear a mask in public settings, and frequent hand washing.

Also stay updated in the following ways: follow the [Virginia Department of Health for updates](#), be notified when we make City Government related updates on this page by subscribing to the "[Fredericksburg News](#)" News Flash, subscribe to [FredericksburgAlert.com](http://FredericksburgAlert.com) for announcements for City Government, City Schools and also any changes in trash pickups, traffic, events and more.



**Where to Buy Face Coverings in FXBG** – With Virginia [Gov. Ralph Northam’s face-covering order](#) in effect, many people may be in the market for the product. Fortunately, many Fredericksburg businesses are selling them.

Among the merchants we know are selling face coverings are Alan Furs, Angel Rides Inc., Crown Trophy Fredericksburg, the Fredericksburg Visitor Center ([online sales only](#)), Goolrick’s Modern Pharmacy, J&Zs Boutique, Lady Legacy, Monkee’s of Fredericksburg and Studio Dior Hair Salon.

[The Visitor Center face covering](#) is branded with the

FXBG Love Local logo and is selling for \$10 each or five for \$40. It’s a reusable cotton face covering with a filter pocket and adjustable ear loops.

For additional questions or concerns about face-covering guidelines, please call the Virginia COVID hotline at 877-ASK-VDH3.



**Fred Focus**

**Fred Focus** – The [Fredericksburg Department of Economic Development and Tourism](#) is pleased to bring you Fred Focus, a weekly e-newsletter that goes out every Thursday and keeps you up-to-date on Fredericksburg business and tourism information and events. This week’s [edition](#).