

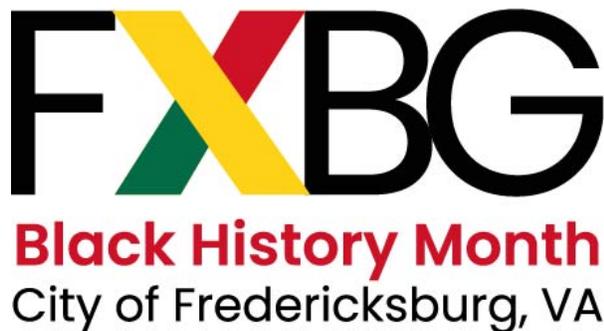


MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
DATE: February 17, 2021 (for February 23 Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:



February is traditionally celebrated as Black History Month. As a community dedicated to diversity, equity and inclusion, we are proud to celebrate Black History Month each year by fostering and sharing the history, achievements and contributions of African Americans in Fredericksburg and beyond.

We invite you to celebrate with us in our local Black history here in Fredericksburg. Share in our notable Black stories. Support our local Black-owned businesses. Find events and ways to get involved in celebrating online. And read about the importance of Black families and the rich resources available on the national websites also linked on our website at: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/1735/Black-History-Month>

Ask the Mayor Video – Mayor Greenlaw reflects on the many ways to love Fredericksburg in this Valentine's Day edition of "Ask the Mayor." What do you love about Fredericksburg? Let us know by hash tagging your posts with #LoveFXBG. Video link <https://youtu.be/KMFNYJpyQuQ>



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- ✔ **GET INFORMATION.** Learn how vaccines work, why they're safe, and how they can protect you.
- ✔ **GET PRE-REGISTERED.** Sign up and put your name on the list. Vaccinations are given to people most in need first, based on CDC guidelines for eligibility and prioritization. Sign up and be ready when your turn comes.
- ✔ **GET VACCINATED.** We will stay in touch, with regular updates. When it's your turn, we'll contact you to get scheduled.

Call 1-877-VAX-IN-VA
 7 days a week, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 Service available in English and Spanish.
 Call-back service in 100+ languages.
 TTY service for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

VACCINATE VIRGINIA Learn more at [Vaccinate.Virginia.gov](https://www.vaccinate.virginia.gov) or call **1-877-VAX-IN-VA**.

VDH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

COVID-19 Vaccination Update

– The Virginia Department of Health has a new COVID Vaccine Information Center to help Virginia residents preregister for the vaccine, check on their registration status and get vaccine information. The new website is www.vaccinate.virginia.gov or the call center is open 7 days a week from 8am – 8pm and can be reached at 1-877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4862). Based on other state roll-outs, it is anticipated that wait times will be higher initially but will begin to stabilize within 1- 2 weeks as operations stabilize. Residents do not need to re-register if they have registered previously with the Rappahannock Area Health

District. Please remember vaccine supply is limited and each individual’s turn for vaccination will be based on individual eligibility and prioritization category, per CDC guidelines.

City of Fredericksburg & Fredericksburg City Schools Plan for Energy Performance Services

Contract: *A significant step towards living Council’s goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035*

The City and the Schools are beginning the process of contracting with a qualified energy services company to assist the City and the Schools with evaluating potential improvements to City and School facilities. The contract would take advantage of future savings from energy efficiency improvements to help finance the up-front costs of the improvements. The City and Schools are consulting with officials of the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy, who have state-wide experience with these type of contracts. Last weeks’ meeting was the first step in requesting proposals from qualified energy services companies and negotiating an agreement to engage in a project.

The City also recently announced a review of the potential use of hybrid vehicles by the Fredericksburg Police Department's by Virginia Clean Cities, the results of which are expected later this month. The City will plan to purchase hybrid Police vehicles for the Police Department beginning in FY 2022 as part of a pilot project.

The City and community of Fredericksburg have already demonstrated leadership on environmental and climate issues through local solar energy projects pursued at Riverfront Park, by the Thurman Brisben Center and at the FredNats stadium. Other efforts include adoption of an ordinance (C-PACE) to help local businesses finance energy efficiency projects; participating in the George Washington Planning Region's Climate, Environment and Readiness (CLEAR) Plan; partnering with Tree Fredericksburg to enhance and manage the City's urban forest, among many other important initiatives. [Link to release online: https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18779/News-City-Plans-for-ESCO-Contract-020921-PDF](https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18779/News-City-Plans-for-ESCO-Contract-020921-PDF)



PERF Survey Opens – The City of Fredericksburg is committed to engaging its community in important conversations. Please assist us in gathering [public comment](#) on the recently published Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Report reviewing police activities during public demonstrations in May and June 2020 by providing feedback and answering our brief questionnaire linked on the website and in

the text below.

All information may be provided anonymously and questionnaire results will be shared with Fredericksburg City Council. Optional demographic information is requested after the open comment section to assist us in confirming community representation in this questionnaire. This survey will remain open through March 31, 2021 and will be closed on April 1, 2021. [Complete the public questionnaire here.](#)

Car Seat Safety Inspections Program – Recently, Sergeant Aimee Lynch and Officer Stephen Monahan became certified technicians as part of NHTSA's National Standardized Safety Training Program. This week-long intensive school is hosted by Safe Kids (www.safekids.org) and certifies participants as child passenger safety technicians and instructors. Sergeant Lynch has taken the lead on starting the Fredericksburg Police Department's Community Program for car seat

inspections. She has been working closely with Mary Washington Hospital to offer training and inspections to families of children concerning their car seats. As a mother herself she knows that child safety is extremely important and she wants to assist the community in keeping our children safe. For more information about this exciting program, please contact Sergeant Lynch at alynch@pd.fredericksburgva.gov

2021 Parks and Recreation Winter Catalog – Read the newest issue online to learn about our new programs being offered. Yes, we are bringing back Soccer, Field Hockey, Baseball, as well as Nature, STEM, Cooking classes and more. Wondering about our Covid-19 protocols? Masks are required for indoor programs. For outdoor programs, masks are required when social distancing cannot be maintained (more detail about sports protocols in the publication). Questions? Feel free to contact us at 540-372-1086 or fredprpf@fredericksburgva.gov. Read it now: https://issuu.com/fre.../docs/fpre_winter2021_catalog_online



FXBG Diverse City – The Department of Economic Development and Tourism is proud to announce the launch of a new 5 month-long program aimed at promoting diverse local businesses- FXBG Diverse City.

Every Tuesday and Saturday the FXBG EDT Facebook and Instagram pages will feature a 22401 business while following monthly themes:

February: Black-owned businesses (for Black History Month)

March: Women-owned businesses (for Women’s History Month)

April: Minority-owned businesses (for

Celebrate Diversity Month)

May: Small businesses (for Small Business Month)

June: LGBTQIA+ businesses (for LGBTQIA+ Pride Month)

While each post falls into a theme, support for these businesses should reach beyond their recognized months. However you can, in ways big or small, support diverse Fredericksburg businesses throughout the year. This program is graciously funded by the Economic Development Authority. Stay up to date on all future FXBG Diverse City posts at VisitFred.com

Chatham Bridge Update From VDOT – It's a new year, and we're getting closer every day to a new look for the Chatham Bridge! Progress is on track to reopen the improved Chatham Bridge over the Rappahannock River to traffic in October 2021. Crews continue to set beams that will

form the foundation for the new bridge deck that will carry Route 3 Business traffic between Stafford County and the City of Fredericksburg.

While beams are being set from the Stafford approach, crews on the Fredericksburg approach continue to repair the bridge pier caps that will support new beams when work advances across the river.



When the bridge reopens in October, bicyclists, runners and walkers will also be able to use a new pedestrian path on the bridge's downstream side. There will be periodic single lane closures after October as the contractor finishes the project, but these should have a minimal effect on travel as most work will be occurring underneath the deck. All construction will be finished in April 2022.

Watch the progress online from the project's time-lapse construction camera, which is updated every 10 minutes: <https://app.oxblue.com/open/vdot/chatham>

Watch a simulation video showing how the bridge will appear when it reopens: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHojfOasmc8&feature=youtu.be>

Learn more about the project at <http://www.viriniadot.org/chathambridge>

Upcoming Council Meetings – 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 www.regionalwebtv.com/fredcc or accessed through Facebook at www.facebook.com/FXBGgov.

Citizens who wish to participate in the public comment period are 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) emailed to the Clerk of Council. Comments must be received at least four hours in advance of the meeting – **for example, comments will be accepted until 1:30 p.m. on nights with a 5:30 p.m. work session.** The comments will be read 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 **3 minutes** or less (read aloud), and address a topic of City business. Public comments are limited to a **total of 40 minutes**, with priority for comments from City residence or businesses. All written comments

will be submitted to the council members. See www.fredericksburgva.gov for more details or call (540) 372-1010.

Winter Programs – Our Parks, Recreation and Events team is continually working on fun, safe, and socially distanced programs for the season. See the full [listing](#) which continues to grow!



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 Frederick'sburg business and tourism information and events. This week's [edition](#).