



**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council  
**FROM:** Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager  
**DATE:** June 16, 2021 (for June 22 Council meeting)  
**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Update

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Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

**Midnight Madness Returning this Summer** – The City Schools, Parks, Recreation and Events and the Police Department partner together to provide this free open gym program for upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders through seniors in high school (22401 only). This summer Midnight Madness will be held July 9, 16, 23, and 30<sup>th</sup> at James Monroe High School from 7:00 pm – 10:30 PM. City Schools are providing bus transportation and it will be provided from locations throughout the City. Besides pickup basketball games, teens can also enjoy video games and a hearty snack during the program. Midnight Madness is free, but **pre-registration is REQUIRED** before children may attend the program. Registration information can be found at [www.parks.fxbg.com](http://www.parks.fxbg.com)

**Traffic Safety Initiative** – The Police Department is launching a traffic safety initiative to target areas in the City where distracted driving and speeding have become a public safety concern. Drivers, be advised that the Police Department will be heavily enforcing speeding, reckless driving, disregard of stop signs, and failure to obey red lights. Want to avoid a ticket? Drive smart and safe, #FXBG.



**Fred Nats July 4th Drawing** – Buy a \$20 raffle for a chance to win the use of the City Suite on July 4th when the Fredericksburg Nationals play the Salem Red Sox at 4 p.m. The suite includes tickets for 25 guests, 6 parking passes, bottled waters, hot dogs and hamburgers for July 4th. Random Drawing will occur on June 24th at 4 pm on Facebook Live. Ticket Sales will end at noon on June

24th. Tickets are limited to 300. Proceeds benefit Fredericksburg VA Main Street's Beautification Projects and the purchase of bike repair stations. Get your raffle tickets online at <https://secure.givelively.org/event/fredericksburg-va-main-street-inc/fred-nats-july-4th-drawing>



*Around the Town*  
**TROLLEY**  
**FREE EVERY 20 MIN.**

 **FRI. AND SAT.**  
**5:00-8:30PM**

**Weekend Downtown Shuttle Returns** – The City’s popular FREE downtown weekend shuttle service resumes. Between June 4 and Labor Day Weekend, the shuttle will run Fridays and Saturdays between 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Use the service to take advantage of the plentiful parking along the route and then ride to their favorite restaurants or attractions, or simply to enjoy a scenic 20-minute trip around downtown

Fredericksburg. The shuttle, which is operated by our friends at Trolley Tours of Fredericksburg, will make the following stops: Fredericksburg Visitor Center / Intersection of Caroline and William streets / Princess Anne Street near Carl’s Frozen Custard / Canal Quarter near Red Dragon Brewery / William and Winchester streets near Mellow Mushroom / William and Charles streets near Castiglia’s. Riders can also make requests for additional stops, time permitting. Find out more [online](#) or inquire at the Fredericksburg Visitor Center. There is parking at the Sophia Street Parking Garage and the VRE lot during these times, to park and ride the shuttle to your downtown destinations.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Events** – Fourth in Fredericksburg (formally known as the Heritage Festival) will be happening this 4<sup>th</sup> of July! The annual festival on the streets, which included the craft fair, car show and bands, will not take place but there will be plenty to offer everyone to enjoy in the Fredericksburg area. The Heritage 5-Mile Run will start the festivities followed by the Children’s Roll N’ Stroll (flier attached). Ferry Farm will once again be hosting activities to include re-enactors, tours, music and family activities. The Declaration of Independence will be read at the Rising Sun Tavern throughout the afternoon. The FredNats will be hosting the Salem Red Sox for a 4PM baseball game. There will also be fireworks out at the stadium, beginning sometime after 9pm. More information on all the events can be found on the Parks, Recreation and Special

Events Facebook page or [VisitFred.com](http://VisitFred.com) which are both being updated regularly as events are being added. A great way to celebrate the Fourth in Fredericksburg!



**We are Hiring!** Looking for a rewarding career where you will make a difference in your community? Join the Police Department Team. Upcoming testing for police officer vacancies are on June 25th, 26th, and 27th. Hiring process testing will continue monthly will continue. For more information about the testing process, click here: <http://bit.ly/2LXaHT5>



**Parks, Recreation and Events held their Annual Kid's Fishing Derby at Motts Reservoir on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, with 160 children participating. Of course they came with an adult, so there were more than 300 people at Motts that morning. We received wonderful feedback about how much the community appreciates that we continue to do this**

event. One mother came by with her son, and asked if we could find anyone to give her son some quick tips on fishing, because she knew nothing. She added "I don't even get fish sticks from the freezer; I sure don't know what to do about catching them!" We were able to "hook her son" up with one of our volunteers from the Weekend Bassers to show him the basics. City Schools were able to provide free breakfast and lunch for children who participated in the Derby, and adults could purchase items if desired. A really great community event!!!!

**CARES Utility Relief Funds for Water and Wastewater Service Billed by the City of Fredericksburg** – City water and sewer customers may have an opportunity for funding from the

CARES Act. Customers must be affected by the global pandemic and have accounts in arrears greater than 30 days to be eligible for this opportunity. To be considered, please submit a brief application for CARES Utility Relief Funds. Applications may be submitted via our website. For assistance or questions, or to submit the application by telephone, please call us at (540) 372-1017 ext. 235. Applications must be submitted by close of business October 1st, 2021.

Residential refuse collection fees are not eligible for relief under program guidelines.

The amended budget for the Commonwealth of Virginia, recently signed by Governor Northam, will allow those customers who are still impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic to receive assistance with their water and wastewater bills. If you are still affected by the pandemic and have already received aid in the first round of relief, you are eligible to apply again. Previously receiving aid WILL NOT affect your eligibility for relief. This is a continuation of the program enacted in late December aimed towards relief for utility customers whose accounts are in arrears.

Submission of an application does not guarantee any or all of a customer's account arrearages will be offset by CARES Utility Relief Funds. After the application period, the City Finance Department will complete an analysis of each account to determine eligibility. Due to program guidelines, customers that are 60 days or greater in arrears will be given priority for forgiveness. See additional info [here](#).

**Picnic in the Park** – The popular concert series resumed in early May at its new location in Memorial Park! Please join us every Tuesday now through the end June from 11:30am – 1:30pm for these free musical events. Great for families! Food trucks are on site for those who want to purchase lunch. This year's themes and lineup include: June 22 - Doughnuts for Dad's Day/Cat's Meow Band; and June 29 - Beach Day; DJ Bill Carrol. Event is sponsored by B101.5, Fredericksburg Parent and Family and the University of Mary Washington Catering. More information can be found on the Picnic in the Park concerts at [www.Parks.FXBG.com](http://www.Parks.FXBG.com)

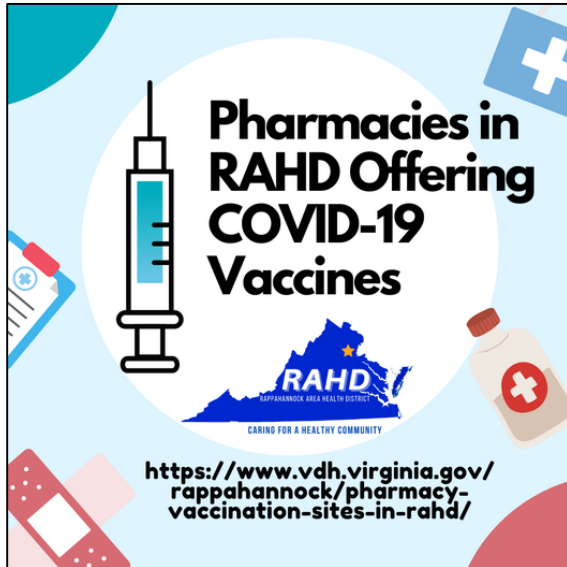
**Board and Commission Openings** – Are you a city resident? Passionate about your community? Serving on a board or commission can be an excellent way to shape government initiatives in your community. The City is currently seeking applicants for the following:

- Arts Commission
- Board of Building Codes Appeals
- Board of Social Services
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee
- Memorials Advisory Commission
- Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board & Board of Directors
- Recreation Commission

To learn more and apply, visit: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/221/Boards-Commissions> or please feel free to call the City Manager's office at 540-372-1010.



The **Fredericksburg Farmers Market** is open for the season. The farmers market is located in Hurkamp Park and open every Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. now through October, with an expanded list of vendors. Art in the Park has returned again this year, and is held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9:00am – 1:00pm now through October. More information is available online at [fxbgfarmersmarket.com](http://fxbgfarmersmarket.com) or please call 540-372-1086.



**COVID-19 Vaccines Update** – Everyone in Virginia age 12 or older is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine now. Pre-registration is no longer required. Getting a shot has never been easier—vaccines are readily available at many supermarket pharmacies, hospitals, doctor’s offices, local health department clinics, and state-run community vaccination centers. To find a vaccine provider near you, visit [vaccinate.virginia.gov](http://vaccinate.virginia.gov), call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682), or text your ZIP code to GETVAX (438829) for English or VACUNA (822862) for Spanish. Call center representatives are available from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through

Saturday. Additionally, local residents can also obtain a vaccine at Mary Washington Hospital by registering at [vaccinate.mwhc.com](http://vaccinate.mwhc.com).



**FXBG Diverse City** – The Department of Economic Development and Tourism has launched 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) - accomplished

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

April: Minority-owned businesses (for Celebrate Diversity Month) - accomplished

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. 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](http://VisitFred.com)

**Upcoming Council Meetings** – Council meetings have resumed to in person meetings. In-person attendance by members of the public is permitted, within the seating capacity of City Council Chambers with social distancing measures in place. Face coverings are required for all attendees. Due to the reduced seating capacity and the continued presence of COVID-19 in the community, the public is encouraged to access the meeting through the broadcast on Cox Channel 84 and Verizon Channel 42. The meetings can also be viewed on [www.regionalwebtv.com/fredcc](http://www.regionalwebtv.com/fredcc) or accessed through Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FXBGgov](http://www.facebook.com/FXBGgov).

Citizens who wish to participate in the public comment period remotely 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](http://www.fredericksburgva.gov) for more details or call (540) 372-1010.

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



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**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](#).