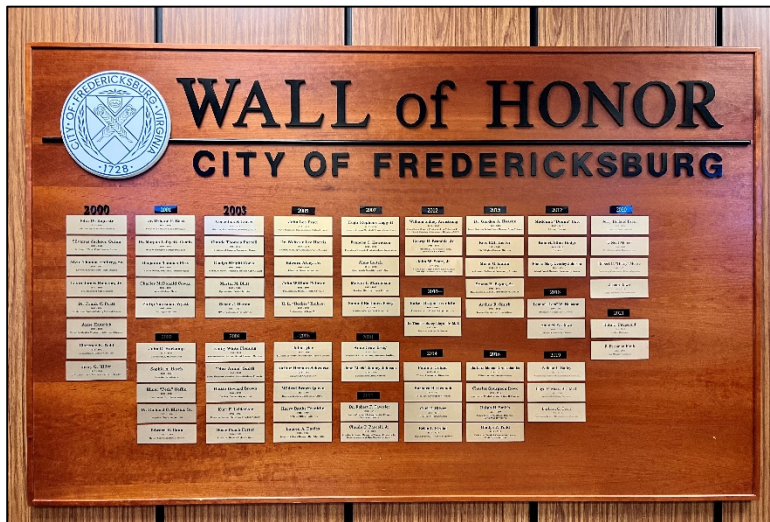




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Timothy J. Barody, City Manager
DATE: March 15, 2022 (for March 22, Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager’s Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:



Wall of Honor– The Fredericksburg Memorials Advisory Commission is seeking nominations to the City Wall of Honor for 2022. The Wall of Honor recognizes those who have made significant contributions to the welfare of the city and the betterment of society. Nominees must have been deceased for at least one year prior to the nomination. Nominations may be submitted by any person, except immediate family members.

You can find the Wall of Honor

Application [here](#). Deadline for submission is May 15. If you have questions, email Tonya Lacey, Clerk of the City Council, at tlacey@fredericksburgva.gov.

For a list of previous recipients please see the [Wall of Honor Recipients 2000-2021](#).

FY 2023 Recommended Budget Meetings – On March 8, the City Manager presented the FY 2023 Recommended Budget to City Council. The Recommended General Fund Budget is \$110.95 million which includes a recommended 3 cent increase to real estate taxes. The Recommended Budget for FY 2023 is a balanced budget that represents a responsible spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2022 with an eye to the future. Significant work has gone into ensuring that this Recommended Budget is fiscally responsible, advances the City Council's Vision and Priorities, supports our schools and our workforce, and meets the needs of a growing community.

Many budget work sessions and discussions will follow in the coming months. The **Budget Public Hearing will held on April 19, 2022 at 7:00pm** in City Hall Council Chambers. Related public hearings for tax rate increases or service fee increases will also be held at that time. The City

Council will need to adopt the budget for the schools by May 15, 2022, and the remainder of the budget by June 30, 2022. Staff recommends working towards adopting the entire budget by May 10, if possible. See full detail of budget and calendar of upcoming budget meetings at www.fredericksburgva.gov

Marine Corps Historic Half, Semper 5ive Miler and Devil Dog Double Runs – The annual event returns to the City on the morning of Sunday, May 22 with the starting line in front of Wegmans at 2281 Carl D. Silver Parkway. It's not too late to sign up to participate. See link <https://www.marinemarathon.com/events/historic-half>. Also be sure to cheer the runners on if you are on or near the route. Make plans to adjust your travel that morning as well as many roads throughout the city will be impacted.



Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED) began fare FREE service on all routes as of February 28, 2022. FRED received grant funding through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) through the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP). This

program and funding approved by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will allow the transit system to operate a zero-fare transit model, also called “fare free” transit service. Starting February 28th, the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) Grant along with support from the localities and other grant sources will allow transit riders to not pay a fare to board any of FRED’s buses. This program will be reviewed periodically to determine its impact and viability for the transit system and FRED’s local funding partners in the future.

“FRED is a valuable asset to the community and this funding award is a major step forward to improving public transportation access in the Greater Fredericksburg Region. This funding removes a barrier for all who use our public transit system; including those who rely on FRED for their daily transportation needs,” says Jamie Jackson, Director of Public Transit and Transportation.

Zero fare service is anticipated to increase ridership, as transit riders will be able to take the trips they need to get to work, school, medical appointments and to “do-life” without the financial burden of paying a fare to get them where they need to go. More information and details regarding zero fare service is located on FRED’s website, rideFRED.com.

COVID-19 Vaccinations – The Rappahannock Area Health Department continues to provide free COVID-19 vaccines in various local health department locations. Appointments are not required, but are encouraged. Days and times vaccinations are provided:

- Mondays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Spotsylvania County Health Dept., 9104 Courthouse Road, Holbart Building, Spotsylvania 22553, (540) 507-7400
- Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: City of Fredericksburg Health Dept., 608 Jackson St., Fredericksburg 22401, (540) 899-4142 and King George County Health Dept., Village Center 8097 Kings Highway, King George 22485 (540) 775-3111
- Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Stafford County Health Dept., Courthouse Complex 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford 22554, (540) 659-3101 and Caroline County Health Dept., 17202 Richmond Turnpike, Milford 22427 804-633-5465

Please call the local Call Center at (540) 899-4797 between 8am – 4:30pm with any questions.

Nearly 72 percent of adults in the Rappahannock Area Health District have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine with nearly 65 percent fully vaccinated. Nearly 72 percent of all Virginians have been fully vaccinated. About 15.3 million doses of vaccine have been administered across the Commonwealth since vaccines became available. Virginians who are unvaccinated remain at high risk of severe illness and hospitalization due to COVID-19. VDH recommends individuals who are 12 and older receive booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. To find a vaccine event near you, <https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/> or call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682, TTY users call 7-1-1). Assistance is available in English, Spanish, and more than 100 other languages.

Fire Chief Mike Jones offers his last weekly informational video on COVID-19 and its impacts. See the March 8 edition at <https://youtu.be/UbNjKkBVuc> and on www.fredericksburgva.gov



Traffic Safety Initiative – The Police Department continues 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. “The City of Fredericksburg has issued almost 1,000 speeding citations since October 2021. Want to avoid a ticket in the City of Fredericksburg – follow posted speed

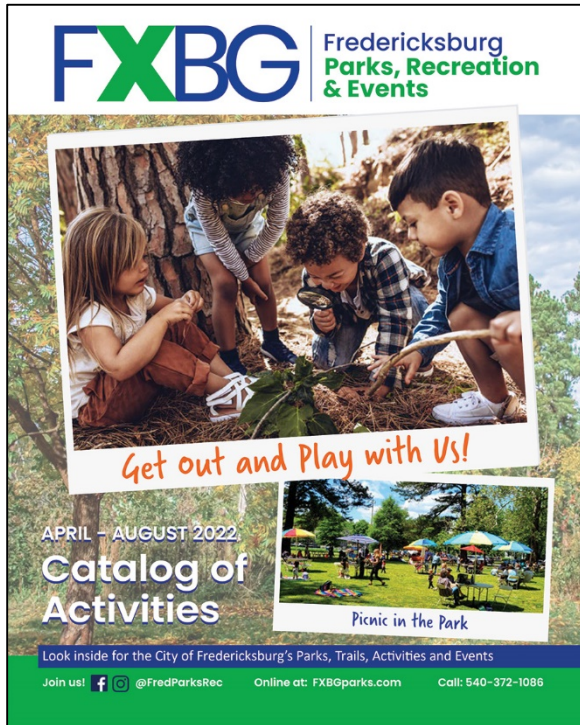
limits, it is that simple,” stated City Manager Tim Baroody. Want to avoid a ticket? Drive smart and safe, #FXBG.

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:

- Board of Building Codes Appeals (member specific, to see specifics)
- Board of Zoning Appeals (Alternate members needed)
- Economic Development Authority (Closes May 10)
- Memorials Advisory Commission
- Parking Advisory Committee
- Rappahannock Area Community Services Board
- Recreation Commission

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

Annual Earth Day Festival – Join us for our 2022 Earth Day Festival! This [event](#) will be filled with fun, family activities to celebrate Earth Day. Participate in virtual events leading up to the festival and then come to Old Mill Park on Saturday, April 23 from 11am – 4pm for our annual festival. This FREE festival is filled with interactive activities, live music, delicious food, and much more. From citizen science projects to art contests, and live music to live animals, there is something for everyone! Sponsored by [Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation, & Events](#).



The Parks, Recreation and Events Summer Catalog is now available! Get out and play with us! Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Events is offering summer camps, swimming, activities, events and more! Find out what's new in the FXBG this summer by reading the catalog online <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/370/Catalog-of-Activities> or picking up your paper copy from the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 308 Canal Street.



Spring Programs – Our Parks, Recreation and Events team is continually working on fun and safe programs for the season. Keep updated on all the activities available. See the full [listing](#).



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](#).