



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
DATE: April 6, 2022 (for April 12, Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:



Arbor Day Celebration – The City and the Fredericksburg Area Council of Garden Clubs invites the public to attend the annual Arbor Day celebration to be held on Wednesday, April 13th, at the Central Rappahannock Regional Library, 1201 Caroline Street. The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. and anticipated speakers include Lara Johnson, Urban

Forestry Coordinator, Virginia Department of Forestry and Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw.

This year's event will celebrate Barbara Pratt Willis for her contributions to the Fredericksburg Community and for her efforts to protect the Commonwealth's historical, cultural, and natural resources, and will include the dedication of a ceremonial tree in her honor. This year the City will be celebrating its 35th year as a Tree City USA, as designated by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Lara Johnson with the Virginia Department of Forestry will be presenting a memorial flag to the City in honor of the event. The public is encouraged to attend the annual celebration of the City's urban forestry program.

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 and 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 have been occurring and will continue. 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



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month – Look for Pinwheel Gardens around the City as a part of the Pinwheels for Prevention Project!

Prevent Child Abuse America launched the national Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign in April of 2008. Since then, over 5 million

pinwheels have been displayed nationwide. The campaign symbol, a blue and silver pinwheel, is a reminder of the happy childhoods and bright futures that all children deserve. Prevent Child Abuse Virginia adopted the Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign to spread a message of resilience, engage communities, and inspire individual action across Virginia.

Pinwheels in the Park! - Join us on Thursday, April 14th at 7:00pm at FredNats Stadium to receive your pinwheel and turn the stands BLUE in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Game tickets are available at <https://www.milb.com/fredericksburg/tickets/single-game-tickets>

Protecting Children is Everyone's Job - [please share our flier.](#)

See Something, Say Something - call the Virginia Child Abuse State Hotline 1-800-552-7096

For more information [download our events flier.](#)

Gun Give Back Event – The Police Department is hosting its annual Gun Giveback event Saturday, May 7th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Police Headquarters. Sponsored by our agency and the [Fredericksburg Sheriff's Office](#), the Gun Giveback event allows gun owners to voluntarily turn in unwanted firearms for proper and safe disposal. Over 180 firearms have been voluntarily surrendered since the inception of this program. Gun owners can be confident their unwanted firearms never end up in the hands of criminals or children or be used in a crime.

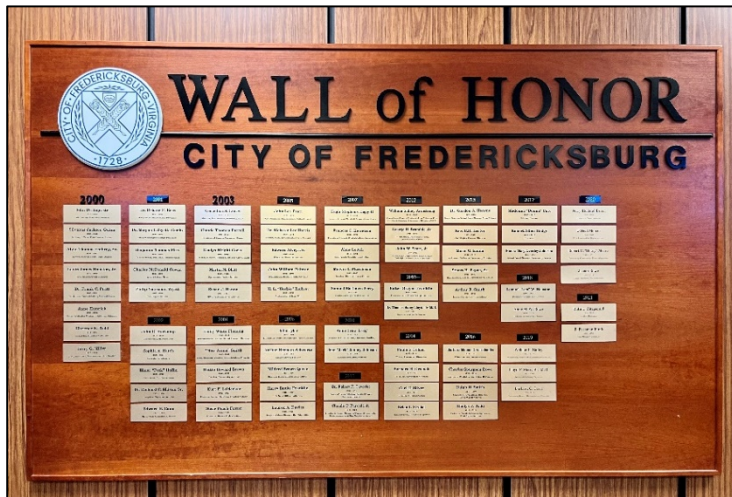
Fredericksburg Police Headquarters is located at 2200 Cowan Blvd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

The **City's Spring Community Week** is a great opportunity to clean up City yards and neighborhoods. This year's dates are April 15 – April 24. During these weeks, the Public Works Department collects certain types of materials (e.g., appliances, brush, building materials, furniture, mattresses, scrap materials, tires) from special dumpsters located throughout the City.

<https://va-fredericksburg2.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/10434/-Community-Cleanup-Flyer-?bidId=>

Abundant Parking Downtown – The City is pleased to announce the completion of public parking areas adjacent to the newly finished Riverfront Park along Sophia Street in downtown Fredericksburg. With the completion of the Riverfront Park project, the Sophia Street Parking Garage will be returning to 3 hours of free parking, \$1 each additional hour beginning on May 1, 2022. Located at the corner of Sophia Street and Wolfe Street, the Sophia Street Parking Garage provides 297 public parking spaces in the heart of Downtown, with fully automated garage access and payment system available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. An electric charging station with two ports is available on the top floor of the deck. For more information on parking rates and monthly parking passes, please visit the City's website: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/206/Parking-Garage>

The Downtown has ample additional parking options in multiple locations. Please see map highlighting public parking: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10612/Downtown-Parking-Map-2020-PDF?bidId=>



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](#).

Marine Corps Historic Half, Semper Five 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.



A dark blue rectangular advertisement. On the left, the text "GO! Fare Free." is written in white, with "GO!" in a larger, bold font. Below it, "Your new, no-charge way to get around." is written in a smaller white font. At the bottom left, "Details at rideFRED.com" is written in white. On the right side, there is a white icon of a bus with a menu symbol, set against a light blue circular background. At the bottom right, the "FXBGO!" logo is displayed in white.

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.

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.

To find a vaccine 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.



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 over 1,100 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.

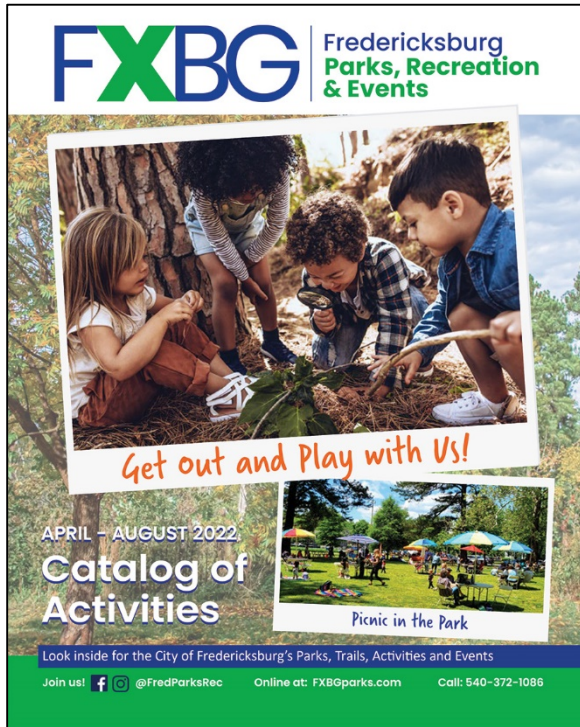
Board and Commission Openings – Are you a city resident? Passionate about your community? Serving on a board or commission can be an excellent way to shape government initiatives in your community. The City is currently seeking applicants for the following:

- 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.

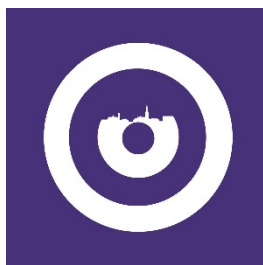
From citizen science projects to art contests, and live music to live animals, there is something for everyone! Sponsored by [Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation, & Events](#).



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](#).