



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
DATE: April 20, 2022 (for April 26, 2022 Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

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.



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.

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.



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=>

Parks Master Plan – The team from Lose Design will present the Parks Master Plan to the Recreation Commission at a special meeting Wednesday, April 27, at the Dorothy Hart Center at 5:00 p.m. The Plan will be presented to City Council in May – likely the May 24 meeting.

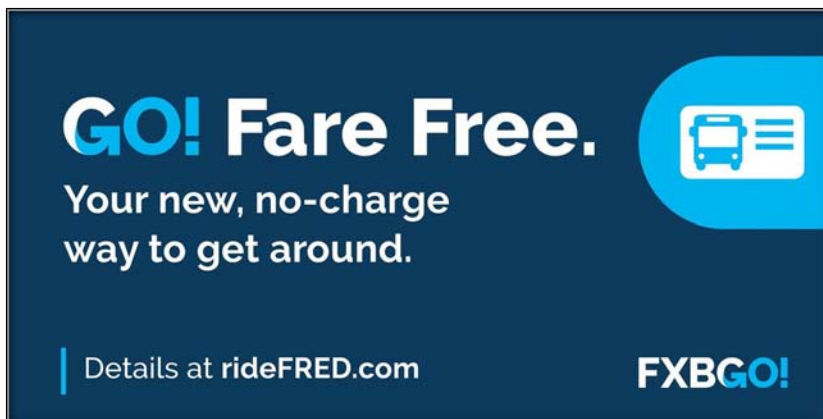


Wall of Honor – The Fredericksburg Memorials Advisory Commission is seeking nominations to the City Wall of Honor for 2022. The Wall of Honor recognizes those who have made significant contributions to the welfare of the city and the betterment of society. Nominees must have been deceased for at least 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](#).



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.



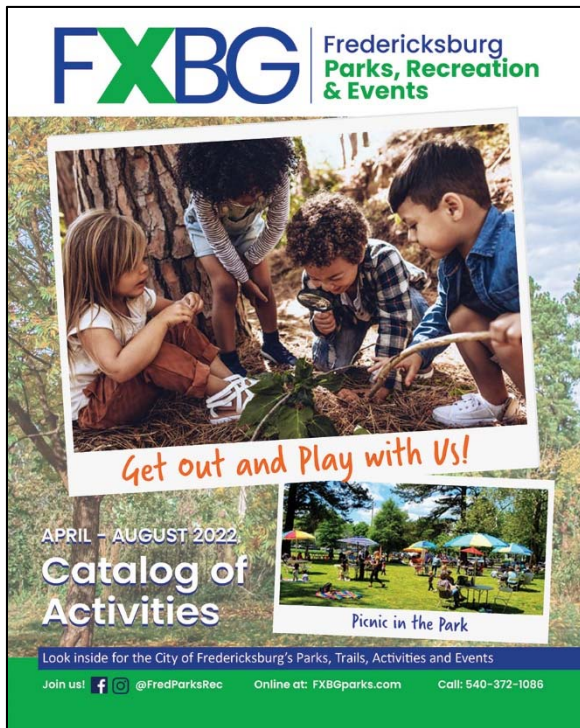
Traffic Safety Initiative – The Police Department continues a traffic safety initiative to target areas in the City where distracted driving and speeding have become a public safety concern. Drivers, be advised that the Police Department will be heavily enforcing speeding, reckless driving, disregard 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.



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.

Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills Released – The Treasurer’s Office has advised that the City’s real estate tax bills and personal property tax bills for the spring 2022 cycle are released. The due date is May 16; however, the penalty will not be applied until the following week to ensure that recipients will have adequate

time to pay the bills. If there are any questions, please contact the Treasurer’s Office at (540) 372-1001.



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](#).