



**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council  
**FROM:** Timothy J. Barody, City Manager  
**DATE:** May 18, 2022 (for May 24, 2022 Council meeting)  
**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Update

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Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

**Fire at Madonna House Update**– The City of Fredericksburg's emergency response to the May 16th fire at Madonna House is ongoing. The City's teams have now shifted primarily to assisting the displaced residents. At the time of the fire emergency, approximately 60 individuals were evacuated to FRED Central Bus Station, which opened its doors as a temporary shelter during the incident. Most of the residents were able to return to their apartments later that evening or went to stay with family. There were 34 individuals from Madonna House that were displaced and relocated on May 17 to the Clarion Choice Hotel in Central Park, Fredericksburg. Since that time, the Fredericksburg Department of Social Services (DSS) has been on site at the Clarion and have been working with many religious and community partner organizations to find alternative housing plans. Those organizations include, but are not limited to, the Continuum of Care, Micah Ministries, Healthy Generations and the American Red Cross.

Thanks to the incredible businesses and citizens who have already generously donated food and shelter these past 24 hours, our teams have been able to meet the residents' immediate needs. Area businesses that have supported this effort are numerous; notably including Clarion Choice Hotel in Central Park, Best Western Fredericksburg, Wegmans, Chick-Fil-A, Wawa, and Juan More Taco.

Many of the displaced residents have lost all of their belongings. Members of our community who wish to help may do so by donating gift cards in any amount. Gift cards may be delivered during business hours to Fredericksburg Department of Social Services, 608 Jackson St., Ste. 100, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Please note that at this time our DSS cannot accept cash or donated goods. For more information about donating, please call 540-372-1032.

Many thanks go out to all of the first responders who provided mutual aid during the incident. Those organizations include, but are not limited to, Fredericksburg Police Department, Stafford County Fire and Rescue, Spotsylvania County Fire and Rescue, Fredericksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad, Stafford County Community Response Team, Fred Transit, Fredericksburg City Schools, and Spotsylvania Animal Control. The City is very grateful for the support of all the community as we continue to assist the residents of the damaged building through the recovery process.

**Riverfront Park Ribbon Cutting and Launch of Otter-ly Amazing** – Please join us for the [ceremonial opening](#) of the Riverfront Park and the launch of Fredericksburg, VA Main Street’s Otter-ly Amazing Fredericksburg Project on May 21 at 10:30am. The ribbon-cutting for our first “smart park” will be followed by a tour of the new downtown Otter Trail. The park is located at 713 Sophia Street. For more information call (540) 372-1086.

**Marine Corps Historic Half, Semper Five and Devil Dog**

**Double Runs** – The annual event returns to the City on the morning of Sunday, May 22 with the start and finish line in front of Wegmans at 2281 Carl D. Silver Parkway for the Historic Half. The Semper Five will begin at James Monroe High School, 2300 Washington Avenue. Streets along the race route will begin closing at 6:30am with rolling reopening's as the runners pass; all streets will reopen by 11am. Pay close attention to posted signage. No parking along the downtown routes will begin at 3am. Old Mill Park will be closed till 11am. Watch for a large number of pedestrians in the areas near the start/end of the race near Wegmans in Central Park and in the James Monroe High School area for the Semper Five race and along the route.



See this link for a detailed list of temporary and rolling road closure locations and times: <http://ms.spr.ly/6188bMFBa>. [Impact Areas Map](#) (map reflects the times of impacts as the runners make their way along the routes.)

**Please come out and cheer on the runners as they pass through the many streets. Your support means a lot to them!**

**Volunteers Needed for Thunder Alley** – Let's bring the thunder to cheer on the runners of the Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon - the greatest half marathon in history! Calling all loud, motivational and fun spectators!! Bring your voices. Bring your posters. Bring your costumes. Bring the noise. Downtown is the halfway point for the Historic Half runners. They need all the cheers and motivation to get up the infamous Hospital Hill.

Italian Station (620 Caroline St) will be open at 5:00 am to help you with breakfast and get caffeinated. Dixie Power Trio Band playing at the Visitor Center parking lot. (706 Caroline St)

Pick up your free cowbells and clappers at the Visitor Center. (706 Caroline St)

Where to cheer: Corner of Princess Anne Street and William, the 900 to 600 blocks of Princess Anne Street and along the 700 to 1000 blocks of Caroline.

Where to park: Come in by way of Lafayette Street, use the public parking garage (free for the first 3 hours), parking along the side streets on the lower end of Caroline and Princess Anne Streets. See more information about Historic Half weekend:

<https://fxbg.com/events/marine-corps-historic-half-marathon/>

**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=>

**COVID-19 Vaccinations** – The Rappahannock Area Health Department continues to provide free COVID-19 vaccines and boosters at 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.



**Picnic in the Park** – The popular May and June lunchtime free concerts are held from 11:30am – 1:30pm in Memorial Park, located at 1301 Kenmore Avenue. Bring a picnic lunch or buy one from our park vendors. There are a variety of performers and activities for children to enjoy. See <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/379/Events-Upcoming> for more details.



**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)
- 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.



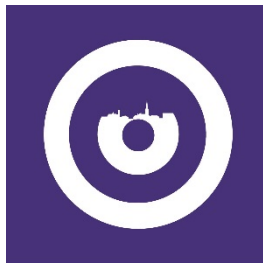
**Kids’ Fishing Derby** – The free annual event for children ages 3 -16 will be held at Motts Run Reservoir on Saturday, June 4 (rain date, June 5) from 7:30am – 11am. Pre-registration recommended but not required. There will be prizes for each age category. Volunteers are needed to assist with the event. Please contact Callie Brown at (540) 372-1086 ext 213 or [cbrown@fredericksburgva.gov](mailto:cbrown@fredericksburgva.gov)



**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](#).