



**MEMORANDUM**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Timothy J. Baroody'.

**TO:** Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council  
**FROM:** Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager  
**DATE:** February 22, 2023 (for February 28 Council meeting)  
**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Update

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Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

**Black History Month** – As a community dedicated to diversity, we are proud to celebrate Black History Month each year by fostering and sharing the history, achievements and contributions of African Americans in Fredericksburg and beyond. We invite you to celebrate with us in our local Black history here in Fredericksburg. Share in our notable Black American stories. Support our local Black-owned businesses. Find [events](#) and ways to get involved.



**Accessory Dwelling Units Ordinance Proposal Community Outreach** – A series of [community meetings and public hearings](#) will be held, over the next few months, to develop an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance for housing options and affordability in neighborhoods throughout Fredericksburg. With citizen input, the process will shape the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that permit the construction of ADUs. [See Frequently Asked Questions](#). For more information, please call the Planning Department at (540) 372-1179.

**Fredericksburg  
Fine Arts  
Show & Sale**

Sponsored by the Woman's Club of  
Fredericksburg and Fredericksburg Parks,  
Recreation and Events

Come visit the Fredericksburg Fine Arts Show  
and Sale to be held at the Dorothy Hart  
Community Center  
March 10, 10am – 8pm,  
March 11, 10am to 6pm, and  
March 12, 10am to 4pm

Proceeds from this show benefit the Woman's  
Club of Fredericksburg's charitable events and  
Parks, Recreation and Events programs

Visit our website for show rules and entry  
information:  
FXBGparks.com  
Call 540-372-1086

Dorothy Hart Community  
Center, 408 Canal Street




**72<sup>nd</sup> Fine Arts Show & Sale** – Come visit the FREE art show and sale on March 10 from 10am – 8pm, March 11 from 10am – 6pm, and March 12 from 10am – 4pm.

Proceeds from this show benefit the Woman's Club of Fredericksburg's charitable programs and Parks, Recreation and Events programs. For information please contact [Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation & Events](http://FredericksburgParksRecreationEvents.com) by calling 540-372-1086 or emailing [prfrontdesk@fredericksburgva.gov](mailto:prfrontdesk@fredericksburgva.gov).

**Recycle Right** – ♻️ Recycling confusion got you down? 📌 Remember: bottles, tubs, jugs and jars, cans, boxes and paper belong in the recycling bin. ✓ Empty, rinse and remove any pumps. If it isn't one of these shapes pictured on the flyer here, don't be a wishful recycler. When in doubt, throw it out!

Recycle Right! See the [R-Board website](http://R-Board.org) for guidance.

**DON'T TANGLE OR CONTAMINATE**

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<b>PLASTIC</b>  <b>ONLY</b>	<b>METAL</b>
Bottles, tubs, jugs and jars	All cans
	
No pumps. Empty, rinse, and reattach caps.	Empty and rinse.
<b>GLASS</b>	<b>PAPER</b>
Bottles and jars	Paper, cartons and cardboard
	
Empty, rinse, and remove lids.	Flatten cardboard.

**WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**



**Train Bridges Rehabilitation Project –** Intermittent lane closures at Fredericksburg VRE Train Bridges began January 16 as the VRE Rehabilitation Project begins with bridge work inspections.

Short term, intermittent lane closures on Charles, Princess Anne, Caroline, and Sophia Streets began the week of January 16th in the immediate area around the Fredericksburg [Virginia Railway Express](#) Express (VRE)/Amtrak

station. The contractor for VRE’s rehabilitation project will begin preliminary inspections of the bridges crossing over these roads. This will involve rotating closures of one travel lane at a time under a bridge for a duration of approximately seven days. This preliminary work is anticipated to be completed by the end of March 2023.

Following the conclusion of these inspections, bridge repair work is scheduled to begin in March 2023 and run through the first part of 2024. The same travel lanes that were closed for inspections will be closed again, one at a time, for approximately 60-day periods, to complete minor concrete repairs. Drivers and pedestrians in the area around the train station are asked to remain cautious and watch for signage and work areas throughout the year.

These lane closures and bridge repairs are one part of VRE’s Fredericksburg Station Rehabilitation Project, which is an \$11 million investment that includes lengthening the station’s platform and other improvements to enhance passenger safety and convenience.

For information on the Fredericksburg Station Rehabilitation Project, please visit <https://projects.vre.org/project?Project=Fredericksburg%20Station%20Rehabilitation>.

For additional questions, please contact Virginia Railway Express at 800-743-3873 and by email at [FredericksburgStationRehabilitation@vre.org](mailto:FredericksburgStationRehabilitation@vre.org).

**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 2,295 speeding citations since January 2022. 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
- 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 Winter & Spring Catalog is now available!** Get out and play with us! Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Events is offering many special events, nature programs, special interest classes and sports being offered. Read it online here: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/370/Catalog-of-Activities>

Pick up your paper copy from the Dorothy Hart Community Center. Registration is now open online: <https://secure.rec1.com/VA/fredericksburg-va/catalog> and in person at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street. Questions? Give us a call at 540-372-1086 or

email [prfrontdesk@fredericksburgva.gov](mailto:prfrontdesk@fredericksburgva.gov).



**Winter Programs** – Our Parks, Recreation and Events team is continually working on fun 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](#).