



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: March 8, 2023 (for March 14 Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Woman's History Month – March is National Women's History Month and is observed to commemorate, study, and celebrate the vital role of women in American history and our City's history. It is an opportunity to recognize the trailblazing women who have led the way and inspire a new generation to do the same.



Canal Cleanup and Planned Fallen Tree Removal – Representatives from the City and the Friends of the Rappahannock performed a joint cleanup effort to remove debris from the Rappahannock Canal between Fall Hill Avenue and Princess Anne Street this past Saturday, March 4th. This work involved the removal of 26 bags of trash from the water and along the canal embankments. Three canoe teams worked along the waterway in conjunction with two staff members from the Public Works Department and one from the Parks, Recreation and Events Department, which collected debris from along the canal pathway.

Beginning the week of March 13th, crews from the Public Works Department will begin removal of trees and limbs that have fallen into the canal or onto the embankments. Crews will begin with those fallen trees that will not impede use of the canal trail. There will be periods when access to segments of the trail will be closed to users for safety purposes. This overall work is anticipated to take 3 to 5 weeks to complete (weather permitting).



Annual Water Disinfection Change and Flushing Begins – On March 13, Spotsylvania County will temporarily change the primary disinfectant in their water treatment process from chloramines to free chlorine. The purpose of this temporary change in process, which occurs annually, is to help ensure a high level of disinfection in our community’s network of water mains. During this period, Spotsylvania County and the City of Fredericksburg water customers may notice a change in the taste or odor of their tap water. Spotsylvania County, will return to using chloramines on April 21, 2023.

Flushing will occur in the County and City on or about March 20, 2023, and continue through May 2023.

Crews will work each day, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. To check when crews are scheduled to flush in your neighborhood, and their progress, please refer to the following websites:

- Spotsylvania County: www.spotsylvania.va.us or you may call 540/507-7300, press option 5.
- City of Fredericksburg: www.fredericksburgva.gov or you may call 540/372-1023.

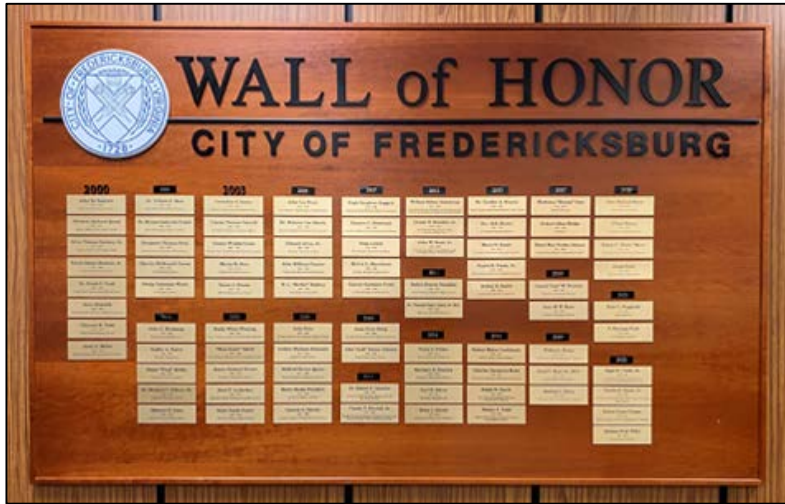
Read the full notice here: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/.../Annual-Water...>

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 in neighborhoods throughout Fredericksburg. With citizen input, the process will shape



the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that, if adopted, may permit the construction of ADUs. [See Frequently Asked Questions.](#) For more information, please call the Planning Department at (540) 372-1179.






Wall of Honor – The Fredericksburg Memorials Advisory Commission is seeking nominations to the City Wall of Honor for 2023. 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 on the city website: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/.../Wall-of-Honor...> Deadline for submission is May 13, 2023. If you have questions, email Tonya Lacey, Clerk of the City Council, at tlacey@fredericksburgva.gov.

Traffic Safety Initiative – The Police Department continues a traffic safety initiative started in October 2022 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 428 speeding citations since January 2023. 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.



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](https://www.r-board.org) for guidance.

DON'T TANGLE OR CONTAMINATE

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

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!



Train Bridges Rehabilitation Project –

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](https://www.virginia-railway-express.com) Express (VRE)/Amtrak station. The contractor for VRE's rehabilitation project is doing 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.

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 Summer 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](#).

Pick up your paper copy from the Dorothy Hart Community Center. Registration is now open [online](#) 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.



Spring 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](#).