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City of Fredericksburg to offer free "Around the Town" Trolley this summer

Trolley Tours of Fredericksburg to again provide seasonal service

(Fredericksburg, VA) May 27, 2019 - A free, family-friendly "Around the Town" service that offers participants a snapshot of the wonders of downtown Fredericksburg is returning this summer. The City of Fredericksburg is bringing back our free shuttle service for locals and tourists alike. It will transport visitors around downtown on Friday and Saturday evenings between May 31 and August 31.

The City will contract with Trolley Tours of Fredericksburg on the service, which will run Fridays and Saturdays between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. The service will include a roughly 15-minute loop of downtown and stop at four carefully selected locations. The Trolley Tours guides will have handy information for riders upon request about the downtown and its rich history and many amenities.

The four stops will be: the parking lot at Barton and William streets, Hurkamp Park near the corner of William and Prince Edward streets, the Fredericksburg Visitor Center at 706 Caroline Street, and near Carl's Ice Cream. The Carl's shuttle stop is located at 2200 Princess Anne Street near several great restaurants as well as the popular Rappahannock River Heritage Trail.

"This is a great way to visit Downtown during the summer time," says Ann Glave, Executive Director of Fredericksburg Main Street. "It adds a fun way to leave your car parked and explore our businesses and restaurants." The "Around the Town" ride is located near a variety of excellent restaurants, public restrooms, coffee shops, art galleries, museums, parks, and downtown shops as well as close to key parking infrastructure that have ample availability on weekend evenings. These include:

- The former Free Lance-Star parking lot at William and Barton streets
- The downtown garage at Wolfe and Sophia streets
- The "VRE parking lot" at Frederick and Caroline streets
- The many surface lots along Sophia Street
- The parking lot at the corner of Charles and Amelia streets

"People will have no problem parking downtown and riding the trolley to their chosen destinations," said Danelle Rose, Fredericksburg's Tourism Services Manager. "We see this service as a great primer into what makes our downtown so special. We fully expect that once visitors get a taste of everything we have to offer, they will be back."

Just look for the "Around the Town" trolley-stop signs and hop aboard on Friday and Saturday evenings this summer! For more information on where to park in downtown Fredericksburg, visit Fredericksburgva.gov. And follow #wheretoparkfxbg on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

For more information about our summer trolley service please feel free to contact Danelle Rose, Tourism Services Manager, City of Fredericksburg at 540-372-1216 or darose@fredericksburgva.gov.

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