



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: June 2, 2021 (for June 8 Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:



Move Over Campaign – Do you ever want people to just move over? So do first responders.

As part of #MoveOver Awareness Month in June, the Police Department created a [short video](#) (pre-COVID) that depicts everyday scenarios where you just want someone to move out of your way. Our hope is that portraying these real-life

scenarios will remind drivers to slow down and move over for first responders and service workers. Some City Hall employees gathered outside this week to participate in #MoveOver Awareness month. They are asking drivers to slow down and move over for Fredericksburg police officers and first responders everywhere!

Tax Due Date Announcement – The due date for city taxes is June 4 with penalty-free payments through June 11. City Council recently voted to temporarily extend the Personal Property Tax and Real Estate Tax deadline from May 15 to June 4. Penalty-free payments will be accepted through June 11. (A payment postmarked by June 11 will be processed as on time.) Bills have been mailed and are now viewable online. Contact the Treasurer's office at (540) 372-1001, option 5 or by email at trdept@fredericksburgva.gov for additional information.



Pool Opens for the Season – Despite the cold rainy weekend, Parks, Recreation and Events did open the Doris E. Buffet Pool Memorial Day weekend. Some swimmers actually braved the water on Monday. The pool is now open Monday – Friday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Swim lessons will begin the week of June 7. There is no admission fee for City (22401) residents, and only a small admission fee for non-residents. Our

enthusiastic staff is excited to have the pool back open for the community once again.

Weekend Downtown Shuttle Returning June 4 - The City's popular free downtown weekend shuttle service will resume again this year. Between June 4 and Labor Day Weekend, the shuttle will run Fridays and Saturdays between 5 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. People can use the service to take advantage of the plentiful parking along the route and then ride to their favorite restaurants or attractions, or simply to enjoy a scenic 20-minute trip around downtown Fredericksburg. The shuttle, which will be operated by our friends at Trolley Tours of Fredericksburg, will make the following stops: Fredericksburg Visitor Center / Intersection of Caroline and William streets / Princess Anne Street near Carl's Frozen Custard / Canal Quarter near Red Dragon Brewery / William and Winchester streets near Mellow Mushroom / William and Charles streets near Castiglia's. Riders can also make requests for additional stops, time permitting. Find out more [online](#) or inquire at the Fredericksburg Visitor Center.

CARES Utility Relief Funds for Water and Wastewater Service Billed by the City of Fredericksburg – City water and sewer customers may have an opportunity for funding from the CARES Act. Customers must be affected by the global pandemic and have accounts in arrears greater than 30 days to be eligible for this opportunity. To be considered, please submit a brief application for CARES Utility Relief Funds. Applications may be submitted via our website. For assistance or questions, or to submit the application by telephone, please call us at (540) 372-1017 ext. 235. Applications must be submitted by close of business October 1st, 2021.

Residential refuse collection fees are not eligible for relief under program guidelines.

The amended budget for the Commonwealth of Virginia, recently signed by Governor Northam, will allow those customers who are still impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic to receive assistance with their water and wastewater bills. If you are still affected by the pandemic and have already received aid in the first round of relief, you are eligible to apply again. Previously receiving aid

WILL NOT affect your eligibility for relief. This is a continuation of the program enacted in late December aimed towards relief for utility customers whose accounts are in arrears.

Submission of an application does not guarantee any or all of a customer's account arrearages will be offset by CARES Utility Relief Funds. After the application period, the City Finance Department will complete an analysis of each account to determine eligibility. Due to program guidelines, customers that are 60 days or greater in arrears will be given priority for forgiveness. See additional info [here](#).

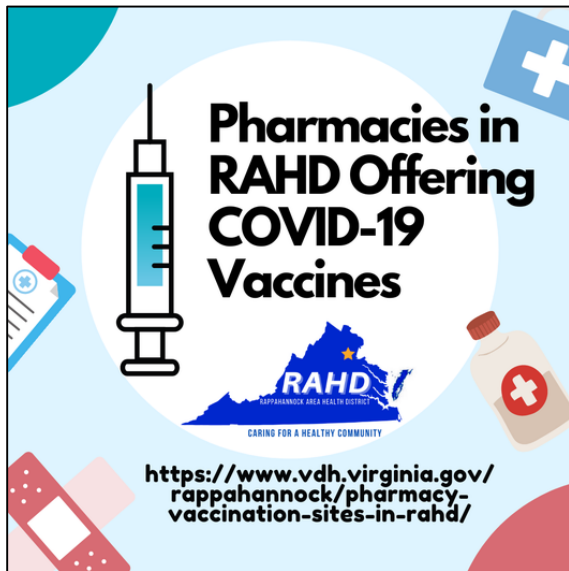
Picnic in the Park – The popular concert series resumed in early May at its new location in Memorial Park. In the first week approximately 100 people attended, which rose to 400 people attending at each of the 2nd and 3rd weeks. Please join us every Tuesday now through the end June from 11:30am – 1:30pm for these free musical events. Great for families! Food trucks are on site for those who want to purchase lunch. This year's themes and lineup include: June 8 - Best Friends Day/Darcy Dawn; June 15 - Fly a Kite Day/Spanglish; June 22 - Doughnuts for Dad's Day/Cat's Meow Band; and June 29 - Beach Day; DJ Bill Carrol. Event is sponsored by B101.5, Fredericksburg Parent and Family and the University of Mary Washington Catering. More information can be found on the Picnic in the Park concerts at www.Parks.FXBG.com

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:

- Arts Commission
- Board of Building Codes Appeals
- Board of Social Services
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee
- Memorials Advisory Commission
- Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board & Board of Directors
- Recreation Commission

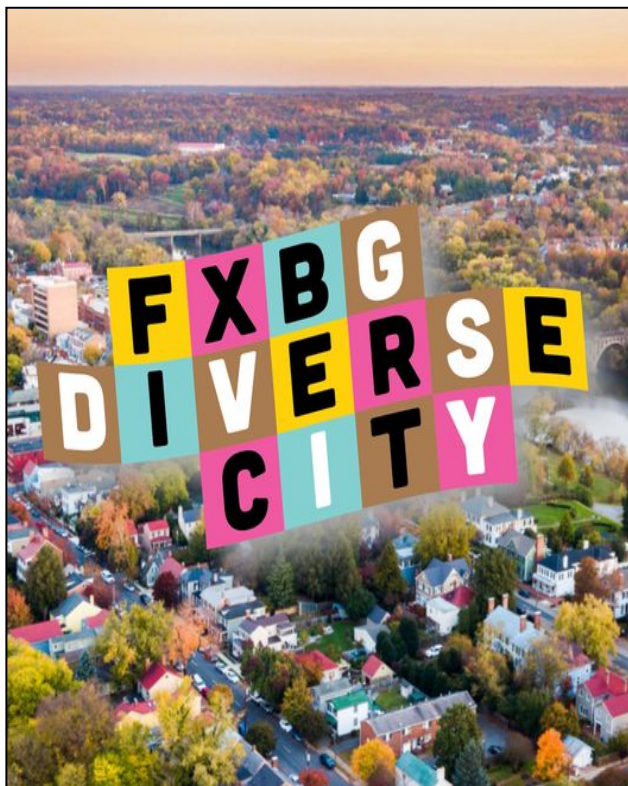
To learn more and apply, visit: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/221/Boards-Commissions> or please feel free to call the City Manager's office at 540-372-1010.

The Fredericksburg Farmers Market is open for the season. The farmers market is located in Hurkamp Park and open every Saturday, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. now through October, with an expanded list of vendors. Art in the Park has returned again this year, and is held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 9:00am – 1:00pm now through October. They are also accepting applications for the annual Kids Market, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 12th. More information is available online at fxbgfarmersmarket.com or please call 540-372-1086.



COVID-19 Vaccines Update – Everyone in Virginia age 12 or older is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine now. Pre-registration is no longer required. Getting a shot has never been easier—vaccines are readily available at many supermarket pharmacies, hospitals, doctor’s offices, local health department clinics, and state-run community vaccination centers. To find a vaccine provider near you, visit vaccinate.virginia.gov, call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682), or text your ZIP code to GETVAX (438829) for English or VACUNA (822862) for Spanish. Call center representatives are available from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through

Saturday. Additionally, local residents can also obtain a vaccine at Mary Washington Hospital by registering at vaccinate.mwhc.com.



FXBG Diverse City – The Department of Economic Development and Tourism has launched a new 5 month-long program aimed at promoting diverse local businesses- FXBG Diverse City.

Every Tuesday and Saturday the FXBG EDT Facebook and Instagram pages will feature a 22401 business while following monthly themes:

February: Black-owned businesses (for Black History Month) - accomplished

March: Women-owned businesses (for Women’s History Month) - accomplished

April: Minority-owned businesses (for Celebrate Diversity Month) - accomplished

May: Small businesses (for Small Business Month)

June: LGBTQIA+ businesses (for LGBTQIA+

Pride Month)

While each post falls into a theme, support for these businesses should reach beyond their recognized months. In ways big or small, support diverse Fredericksburg businesses throughout

the year. This program is graciously funded by the Economic Development Authority. Stay up to date on all future FXBG Diverse City posts at VisitFred.com

Upcoming Council Meetings – Council meetings have resumed to in person meetings. In-person attendance by members of the public is permitted, within the seating capacity of City Council Chambers with social distancing measures in place. Face coverings are required for all attendees. Due to the reduced seating capacity and the continued presence of COVID-19 in the community, the public is encouraged to access the meeting through the broadcast on Cox Channel 84 and Verizon Channel 42. The meetings can also be viewed on www.regionalwebtv.com/fredcc or accessed through Facebook at www.facebook.com/FXBGgov.

Citizens who wish to participate in the public comment period remotely are able to send their comments in writing by (1) dropping them in the Deposit Box at City Hall, (2) U.S. Mail, (3) through a form on our website <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/677/Public-Comment> or (4) emailed to the Clerk of Council. Comments must be received at least four hours in advance of the meeting – ***for example, comments will be accepted until 1:30 p.m. on nights with a 5:30 p.m. work session.*** The comments will be read out loud during the public comment portion of the City Council meeting. The standard rules apply to public comments: the person must identify himself or herself by name and address, including zip code, limit his or her remarks to **3 minutes** or less (read aloud), and address a topic of City business. Public comments are limited to a **total of 40 minutes**, with priority for comments from City residence or businesses. All written comments will be submitted to the council members. See www.fredericksburgva.gov for more details or call (540) 372-1010.

July 4th Events – Fourth in Fredericksburg (formally known as the Heritage Festival) will be happening this 4th of July! The annual festival on the streets, which included the craft fair, car show and bands, will not take place but there will be plenty to offer everyone to enjoy in the Fredericksburg area. The Heritage 5-Mile Run will start the festivities followed by the Children’s Roll N’ Stroll (flier attached). Ferry Farm will once again be hosting activities to include re-enactors, tours, music and family activities. The Declaration of Independence will be read at the Rising Sun Tavern throughout the afternoon. The FredNats will be hosting the Salem Red Sox for a 4PM baseball game. There will also be fireworks out at the stadium, beginning sometime after 9pm. More information on all the events can be found on the Parks, Recreation and Special Events Facebook page or VisitFred.com which are both being updated regularly as events are being added. A great way to celebrate the Fourth in Fredericksburg!

Spring/Summer Programs – Our Parks, Recreation and Events team is continually working on fun, safe, and socially distanced programs for each season. See the full [listing](#) which continues to grow!





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](#).

Fourth in Fredericksburg

2021 CHILDREN'S ROLL 'N' STROLL

Hosted by the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank and
Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation & Events

Families are encouraged to participate in this free, fun event!
Arrive at the VRE parking lot at the corner of Caroline and
Frederick St. by 10:30 a.m. on July 4. Parade begins at 11 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded for:

**Best Adult Costume, Best Child Costume, Best
Decorated Bike, and Best Decorated Wagon/Stroller.**
Judging begins at 10:45 a.m. and winners will be announced
at 10:55 a.m.

If you are not participating in the parade, line the parade
route as a spectator! The parade will follow Caroline St.
from the train station to Market Square.

For more information, contact:
sjwalker@fredericksburgva.gov

*Parents are responsible for the safety and behavior of their children.
Well behaved dogs on a leash are welcome.
No floats or motors, please.*

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