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Mayfield Community Update - August 2021

CSX hopes our neighbors in the Mayfield Community are having a safe and healthy summer. Below are updates on issues discussed with community representatives and City officials earlier this year.

Restricting Access to Yard

- **New Yard Entrance Gate** - In March CSX, Fredericksburg officials and community representatives met onsite to discuss concerns with operations in the Fredericksburg Yard. A Mayfield resident recommended CSX install a gate at the entrance to the Yard at the end of Railroad Ave to improve safety by preventing unauthorized vehicular access to the tracks. CSX agreed this was a smart idea that provides additional separation between the Yard and the community and we plan to install a gate at the Yard entrance in the coming weeks.

We also want the public to know that the gate originated from conversations with the community as another layer of protection for our neighbors on Railroad Ave., not a barrier between CSX employees and Mayfield residents. CSX appreciates this constructive, common sense dialogue and we look forward to working together on other achievable initiatives to improve relations.

Emergency Evacuation & Response Planning

- **Evacuation and Response Town Hall Meetings** - During the same meeting referenced above, residents raised the issue of community evacuation plans in the event of an incident that required such action. To improve awareness and communication on evacuation and emergency response plans within Fredericksburg and near the railroad, the City will hold Town Hall meetings on August 19 and September 9 for Fire Department officials to discuss planning and response directly with the community. [Here is a link to more information on the Town Halls.](#)

CSX appreciates Fredericksburg's proactive engagement with residents and will continue to support the City emergency response preparedness and improve communication and coordination between first responders and the CSX team. As mentioned in last month's update, CSX will also provide in-person response training for Fire Department personnel in both Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania this fall.

Trespassing Update

- **Trespassing Reports** - CSX received two reports of trespassing in Fredericksburg since our last update. These reports were primarily related to activity around the Fredericksburg Station and the area near the railroad bridge across the Rappahannock River. This brings to ten the total reports since April. CSX continues to encourage the community to contact the CSX Police Department at 800-232-0144 to report trespassing or suspicious activity around CSX's tracks. We appreciate the resident's ongoing assistance addressing this issue.