



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
DATE: October 20, 2021 (for October 26, Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!
TUESDAY, NOV. 2ND
Ride Free on FRED!

- ✓ On, Tuesday, November 2nd all FRED Transit service will be FREE to the public to promote and encourage voter participation.
- ✓ To get more information about voting & polling locations go to [ELECTIONS.VIRGINIA.GOV](https://www.elections.virginia.gov)
- ✓ Deadline to apply for a ballot to be mailed to you - Friday, October 22nd - 5:00 p.m.
- ✓ Last day of in-person early voting - Saturday, October 30, 2021

GO TO [RIDEFRED.COM](https://www.ridefred.com) OR CALL 540.372.1222 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Early In-Person Voting Runs through October 30th for the **November 2nd General Election** at the Voter Registrar Office at 601 Caroline Street, 5th floor. Saturday in-person early voting is available on October 23 and October 30 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The last day to request a by-mail ballot is October 22. The November election will include the City of Fredericksburg election of Ward specific City Council and School Board members. Additionally, it includes the selection of City Sheriff, Commonwealth's Attorney, Treasurer, and Commissioner of the Revenue. The Commonwealth of Virginia also has the Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and House of Delegates on the ballot. Fred Transit will offer FREE rides for the day as a public service. For more information please visit <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/.../Voter-Registration...> or call 540-372-1030.

Community Planning and Building Offices Relocating – The department of Community Planning and Building will be relocating to the 4th floor of the Executive Plaza located at 601 Caroline Street to one floor during the week of November 1 -5th. The joining of this large department in one central location on one floor together aims to streamline efficiency and improve customer service. Previously, these two divisions of one department have been located on different floors of City Hall. Due to the move to their new offices, the department will be closed on November 1 and provide limited services during November 2 – 5. Please contact their offices prior

November 1, if you need assistance. See <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/813/Community-Planning-and-Building>

VDH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
To protect the health and promote the well-being of all people in Virginia.

Walk-ins **Welcome**

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COMMUNITY VACCINATION CENTER (CVC)

FREE! COVID-19 VACCINES

Opens Thursday, October 21, 2021

Hours of Operation: 10 AM to 7:30 PM Monday through Saturday

Location: 1877 Carl D. Silver Pkwy- Central Park in the former Home Gallery store, next to America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses

To Make an Appointment:
Visit vaccinate.virginia.gov
or call (877) 829-4682

COVID-19 Vaccines Update – Beginning on Thursday, October 21, a new Community Vaccination Center (CVC) will be open in the City of Fredericksburg at 1877 Carl D. Silver Parkway. You may schedule your first, second, third, or booster (Pfizer) dose of the [#covid19vaccine](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/vaccine/). Appointments are not required, but are recommended. To schedule, visit <https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/>.

Weekly COVID-19 videos are being created and produced by the City of Fredericksburg featuring Fire Chief Mike Jones on case numbers and the most update information to know related to the virus and its impacts. See www.fredericksburgva.gov for updates.

Redistricting in City of Fredericksburg – Redistricting is the process of redrawing the boundaries of districts that elect representatives who serve specific geographic areas. Redistricting occurs every 10 years following the United States census and is governed by state law. The local redistricting process determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of electing City Council and City School Board members. By making sure districts have approximately the same number of people, redistricting can help to ensure residents have equal representation on City Council and the City School Board. It also affects for whom residents vote and where they vote, based on how the electoral boundaries are drawn. This schedule is compressed due to the late release of Census data and the state requirement that new districts be adopted by December 31, 2021. Important upcoming dates: November 4, 2021 - Draft of alternative ward boundaries to be distributed to Council and public. Links to the drafts will be provided on our [web page](#).

November 16, 2021 - Public information meeting with Council present to hear comments, location is being finalized.

November 23, 2021 - Formal Council public hearing at City Hall, 715 Princess Anne Street

December 7, 2021 - Public information meeting with Council present to hear comments at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street.

December 14, 2021 - Formal Council public hearing and vote at City Hall, 715 Princess Anne Street

Please feel free to email redistricting@fredericksburgva.gov or call at 540-372-1010 with any questions.



Traffic Safety Initiative – The Police Department has launched 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. 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:

- Architectural Review Board
- Arts Commission
- Board of Building Codes Appeals
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Memorials Advisory Commission
- Rappahannock Area Community Services Board

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.

Veterans Day Procession – On **Thursday, November 11** starting at 10 a.m. a procession of Veterans and Veterans groups will walk along the route of Washington Avenue from Mary Ball Street to George Street. Veterans and Veteran Groups are invited to register with Parks, Recreation and Event to be in the procession. The public is invited to view the procession along Washington Avenue and then join the Veterans Day Commemoration at the Fredericksburg Area War Memorial located on George Street. For information please call 540-372-1086, or email prfrontdesk@fredericksburgva.gov.

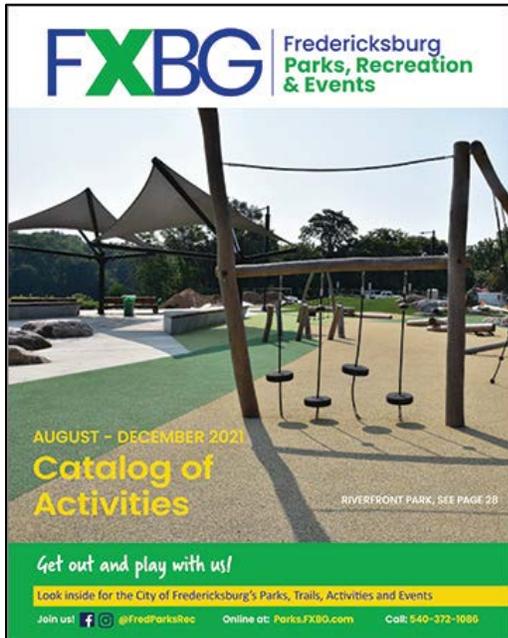
100 Block of William Street Stormwater Pipe Replacement – Work continues on the replacement of the William Street storm sewer system, between Caroline and Sophia Street,

which began in early August. Ashburn Contracting Corporation (ACC) has been awarded the contract to install the system designed by The Timmons Group. ACC will complete the project in phases. The Sophia Street intersection was part of the first phase of the project that was completed before Chatham Bridge opened. The final phase will conclude in November 2021. Three of the four project phases are designed to occur during evening/overnight hours. All traffic in this vicinity will experience detours thru November. Parking may be temporarily impacted during construction. Alternate parking includes the parking deck located on Wolfe Street between Sophia and Caroline- the first 4 hours are free (then a dollar each additional hour). Construction will accommodate customer traffic, businesses in the proximity to the construction are not anticipated to experience prolonged interruptions. Access to businesses remains a critical objective during this project. Additional information is available on the following City webpage- <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/476/Stormwater-Management>.



Become a Foster Parent – Fredericksburg Social Services is now seeking Resource Foster Parents. Our department especially needs people who are willing to care for ages 7 and up and sibling groups. Our Resource Foster Parents do not have to live in the City of Fredericksburg to

foster. Foster care is temporary substitute care arranged for children who cannot remain in their homes due to abuse and/or neglect. To learn more about becoming a Resource Foster Parent or a Foster to Adopt Parent, please call 540-372-1032, ext. 241 or visit [Fredericksburgva.gov/507/Foster-Care-Adoption](https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/507/Foster-Care-Adoption).



Fall Catalog – The Parks, Recreation and Events Fall Catalog of Activities is now available. They are excited to offer socially distanced programs for children and adults this season! Find out about the many special events, nature programs, special interest classes and youth sports that are being offered now through December. Plus, be sure to check out the full listing of city parks and trails for your family and friends to get outside and enjoy this autumn. Read the catalog [online](#) or pick up your print copy at the Dorothy Hart Community Center.

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 the end 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 the end of October. More information is available online at fxbgfarmersmarket.com or please call 540-372-1086.

Fall Programs – Our Parks, Recreation and Events team is continually working on fun and safe programs for this season. 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](#).