



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: December 7, 2021 (for December 14, Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:



Shop Local – For the most wonderful time of the year, Fredericksburg is in full swing for holiday celebrations. Here are some of the highlights:

- Downtown Fredericksburg has decked their halls and looks and feels festive for this holiday season. Be sure to try out the annual Window Wonderland challenge!
- On-street parking spaces that typically have two-hour limits will have four-hour limits during the holiday season.
- Visit the newly opened Riverfront Park and take friends and family photos using our oversized holiday greeting card frames as the backdrop.
- The Rappahannock Fredericksburg Rotary Club will again have Santa's Mailbox on the corner of Caroline and George streets near [FORT To-Go](#) through December 19. All letters received will get a response directly from the North Pole. Don't forget a return address so Santa can mail the note.
- The [51st-annual Holiday Candlelight Tour](#) will be held on December 10-12.
- Attend the December 11 or December 17 Holiday Drive-in Movie at Old Mill Park with gates opening at 5pm and movies starting at dark. See our [Facebook page](#) for more details
- Shop Local! A great time to shop for holiday gifts by supporting our many small businesses including restaurants.

Check out [VisitFred.com](#) for updates!



Santa Claus is coming to #FXBG!

The Fredericksburg Police Department and the Fredericksburg Sheriff's Office will be escorting Mr. & Mrs. Claus around the City of Fredericksburg to give one last hello to families before Christmas. Don't miss this fun experience! See the flyer for the date/time they will be coming by your house!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Sergeant Lynch at ALynch@PD.FredericksburgVA.gov or Deputy Lussier at MLLussier@FredericksburgVA.gov or call (540) 373-3122.

Jefferson Davis Highway Renaming – After 99 years, Virginia’s Jefferson Davis Highway is to be renamed Emancipation Highway in the City of Fredericksburg. By January 1, 2022, the century-old name of Jefferson Davis Highway is to be removed from U.S. Route 1 statewide.

Why is the highway name being changed? [HB 2075](#), renaming certain sections of Jefferson Davis Highway, was signed into law on March 30, 2021 with an effective date of January 1, 2022.

The portion of Route 1 within the City boundaries will be updated with new signage by our Fredericksburg Public Works staff and this road signage work is expected to take place beginning the first week in January 2022, weather depending. Additionally, many City departments have been working to update a number of systems to accommodate new address information, while preserving the current address data. Letters were sent in September and October to property owners and businesses to those who have Jefferson Davis Highway addresses in the 22401 zip code to provide them information on what they need to do. On December 6 reminder letters were sent out to property owner and tenants. The City is working closely with the Post Office

and other City Departments to prepare for the changes and make the process as easy as possible. A public information meeting was held on October 7, 2021. See our [website](#) for more information.

Update on Delinquent Utility Accounts – Beginning January 3rd, 2022, the City of Fredericksburg will reinstate penalties and cutoffs on all delinquent utility accounts. The City had previously suspended penalties and cut-offs due to the global pandemic. If your account is currently in a delinquent status, this change may impact you. To inquire about your account status, please contact the Utility Billing Office at 540-372-1182. To make a payment, please contact the Treasurer’s Office at 540-372-1001 or visit our website <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/531/Utility-Billing-Office>

COVID-19 Vaccines Update – Beginning on Thursday, November 4, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is available for children ages 5 to 11, following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration. Locations include: Pediatric offices, Family Practice Offices and Community Vaccine Centers and Retail Pharmacies. Additionally, the new Community Vaccination Center offers vaccines in Central Park located at 1877 Carl D. Silver Parkway - **Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Appointments are not required, but are recommended. To find an appointment, visit vase.vdh.virginia.gov and input "22401" into the zip code search bar to schedule an appointment at the Central Park community vaccination center, or call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682, TTY users call 7-1-1). Assistance is available in English, Spanish, and more than 100 other languages. Have vaccine questions or need help scheduling? Contact the RAHD COVID-19 Call Center at (540) 899-4797, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Weekly COVID-19 videos are still being created and produced by the City of Fredericksburg staff 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 wards have approximately the same number of people, redistricting can help to ensure residents have equal representation on City Council and the City School Board. 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. Information is provided on our [web page](#). At the November 9 Council Work Session meeting alternative ward boundaries were discussed.

On November 16 the first of two public information meetings was held to hear comments, at the Walker-Grant Center, 210 Ferdinand Street.

November 23, 2021 - Formal Council public hearing at City Hall, 715 Princess Anne Street at 7:30pm in Council Chambers.

December 7, 2021 - Public information meeting to hear comments at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street beginning at 6:30pm.

December 14, 2021 – Redistricting discussion at City Hall, 715 Princess Anne Street in Council Chambers at 7:30pm.

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 (Closes December 31)
- Board of Building Codes Appeals
- Board of Zoning Appeals – Alternate members needed
- Fredericksburg Arts Commission (member specific, click link to see specifics)
- Memorials Advisory Commission

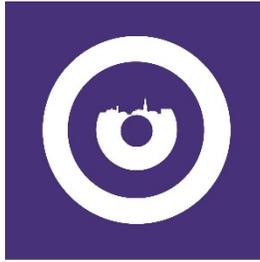
To learn more and apply, visit: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/221/Boards-Commissions> or please feel free to call the Clerk of Council’s office at 540-372-1010.

Fall/Winter Programs – Our Parks, Recreation and Events team is continually working on fun and safe programs for this season. See the full [listing](#).



First Day Hike – Start the New Year off on the right foot by participating in the First Day Hike at Motts Run Reservoir! Bring out the whole family to take a hike on one of the many trails at Motts

and enjoy a fun activity along the way. No registration is necessary. Motts Run Reservoir will be open from 9 – 12 on Saturday, January 1.



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](#).