



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: November 16 (for November 22, 2022 Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Children's Tree Lighting and Jingle Bell Sing-a-long – Come experience a Fredericksburg family tradition that is full of fun and cheer! Join us at Hurkamp Park on **Saturday, November 19, from 4pm to 5:30pm** for the annual Children's Tree Lighting. Bring your jingle bells to jingle along with the live holiday music by Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy and tune by Bill Carroll. See Santa and local mascots. Visit vendor tables to learn about local museums and organizations. Event is free to attend. Presented by FXBG EDT and FXBG Parks, Recreation and Events.



Christmas Parade – On Saturday, December 3 at 5:30pm the annual event will be held along Caroline and Princess Anne Streets. This year's parade is proudly sponsored by B101.5, News Talk 1230, the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank and the City of Fredericksburg. Please find the [parade map](#), [parking information](#) and more online at fredericksburgchristmasparade.com. Or for

more information please call 540-372-1086 or email fredchristmasparade@gmail.com.

November is Native American and Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month! It's a time to celebrate the rich histories, diverse cultures and important contributions of our nation's first people. Please join us in celebrating the contributions of the people of the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia.





Window Wonderland Contest Has Begun – This annual tradition returns to the downtown 40+ shop windows. Explore downtown and try to solve the holiday clues, then complete your entry form and bring it to the Visitor Center (706 Caroline Street) for your chance to win \$1000 in

downtown gift cards or over 40 other great prizes provided by the Fredericksburg Economic Development Authority and participating businesses. Forms are due by December 30. See all the details [here](#).



Streets Convert from One-Way to Two-Way for Traffic Calming – On Thursday, November 10th, the one-way sections of Washington Avenue, Fall Hill Avenue and Maury Street, north of the canal and adjacent to the old hospital, were converted to two-way traffic flow. Over the recent weeks, the City’s contractor has been working to upgrade access ramps, milling the streets sections, and paving these areas. The contractor added new pavement striping as the final step to

make this traffic pattern change. City crews also made signage changes as part of this last step.

Consideration to make this traffic pattern change was included in the Area 6 Small Area Plan adopted by City Council in February 2019, after extensive outreach with local residents and businesses regarding the Small Area Plan. It was proposed as a measure to assist in traffic calming to reduce vehicle speeds in area neighborhoods. Subsequently, the proposed change was the subject of an engineering study completed in October 2019. The City Council then programmed and funded the project in the FY23 Capital Improvements Program.

The traffic pattern changes from one-way to two-way streets is intended to affect driver behavior to reduce vehicle speeds in presenting a narrower appearance and to prevent vehicles from passing, which should increase safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. This will also make the streets more efficient by reducing travel distances. For additional questions, please contact Fredericksburg Public Works at 540-372-1023.

Fall Leaf Collection – The City’s leaf collection program began October 31 and will run through approximately December 31 for the 2022 season. Public Works crews vacuum unbagged leaves placed near the street by residents. Estimate how close we are to your area by clicking on the dated links on our website to see where we are currently collecting. Removal of bagged leaves will be done at no charge only during leaf season. Citizens must call to request pick up of bagged leaves by leaf crew. Bagged leaves will not be collected with trash, and they cannot be stored on curb.



Bad weather, especially snow, can make collection take longer. Stay up to date with our leaf collection notices by subscribing to [FredericksburgAlert.com](https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/.../Leaf-Collection...)> Leaf Collections list. For more information on the City’s leaf collection and the weekly schedule, please visit: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/.../Leaf-Collection...> or call Public Works at 540-372-1023.

Parking Garage Fee Increases Began November 1 – City Council voted on September 27 to increase the parking garage fees to \$2 for the first three hours and eliminate the night and weekend maximum caps of \$2.

Traffic Safety Initiative – The Police Department continues 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. **“The City of Fredericksburg has issued over 2,227 speeding citations since October 2021. Want to avoid a ticket in the City of Fredericksburg – follow posted speed limits, it is that simple,”** stated City Manager Tim Baroody. **Want to avoid a ticket? Drive smart and safe, #FXBG.**



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COVID-19 Vaccinations –

The Rappahannock Area Health Department continues to provide FREE COVID-19 vaccines and boosters at various local health department locations. Appointments are not required, but are encouraged. Days and times vaccinations are provided:

- Mondays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Spotsylvania County Health Dept.,

9104 Courthouse Road, Holbart Building, Spotsylvania 22553, (540) 507-7400

- Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: City of Fredericksburg Health Dept., 608 Jackson St., Fredericksburg 22401, (540) 899-4142 and King George County Health Dept., Village Center 8097 Kings Highway, King George 22485 (540) 775-3111

- Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Stafford County Health Dept., Courthouse Complex 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford 22554, (540) 659-3101 and Caroline County Health Dept., 17202 Richmond Turnpike, Milford 22427 804-633-5465

RAHD COVID-19 VACCINATION SCHEDULE
ALL CLINICS ARE HELD FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM

MONDAY
SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 9104 Courthouse Road, Holbart Building, Spotsylvania 22553
540-507-7400

TUESDAY
CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 608 Jackson Street Fredericksburg 22401
540-899-4142

TUESDAY
KING GEORGE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 Village Center 8097 Kings Highway King George 22485
540-775-3111

WEDNESDAY
STAFFORD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 Courthouse Complex 1300 Courthouse Road Stafford, VA 22554
540-659-3101

WEDNESDAY
CAROLINE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
 17202 Richmond Turnpike Milford, VA 22514
804-633-5465

• VACCINES AVAILABLE FOR AGES 6 MONTHS +
 • APPOINTMENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

RAHD
 RAPPAHANNOCK DISTRICT AREA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Please call the local Call Center at (540) 899-4797 between 8am – 4:30pm with any questions. To find a vaccine near you, <https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/> or call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682, TTY users call 7-1-1). Assistance is available in many languages.

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:

- Board of Building Codes Appeals (member specific, to see specifics)
- Board of Zoning Appeals (Alternate members needed)
- Memorials Advisory Commission
- Parking Advisory Committee
- Recreation 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.



The Parks, Recreation and Events Fall Catalog is now available! Get out and play with us! Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Events is offering many special events, nature programs, special interest classes and sports being offered through December. Read it online here: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/370/Catalog-of-Activities>

Pick up your paper copy from the Dorothy Hart Community Center. Registration is now open online: <https://secure.rec1.com/VA/fredericksburg-va/catalog> and in person at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street. Questions? Give us a call at 540-372-1086 or email prfrontdesk@fredericksburgva.gov.



Fall Programs – Our Parks, Recreation and Events team is continually working on fun programs for the season. Keep updated on all the activities available. See the full [listing](#).



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](#).