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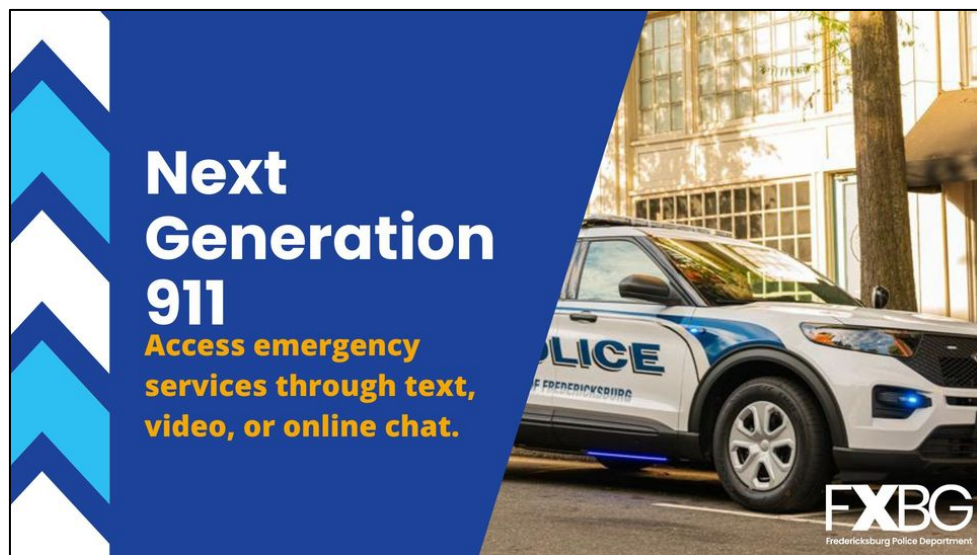
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Timothy J. Baroody'.

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
DATE: January 18, 2023 (for January 24 Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Next Generation

911 – On January 10, the City Team launched the updated 911 system so that City residents and visitors will be able to access emergency services through text, video, and online chat.



NG911, is an upgrade to the traditional 911 system, which only allows people to call for help using a phone. The new system will improve the speed and efficiency of emergency response and give citizens more options for accessing help in an emergency. With NG911, citizens can send text messages to 911 operators, which can be especially useful in situations where it is unsafe to make a voice call. They can also send photos or videos that may help identify the location or nature of the emergency. In addition, NG911 can automatically provide the operator with the caller's location, which can be very useful in emergencies where the caller may not know their exact location or may not be able to provide it. NG911 uses geo-location technology to determine the caller's location based on their phone's GPS signal, which will help emergency responders find the caller more quickly and efficiently. This was a council initiative to bring this updated service to our residents and visitors.



72nd Fine Arts Show & Sale – Call for Artists to enter the Annual Fredericksburg Fine Arts Show & Sale. Don't miss this once-a-year event! It's an open show welcoming a wide range of artists, styles and mediums at the Dorothy Hart Community Center. The entry deadline is February 17, 2023 or maximum of 275 artworks, whichever comes first. Find entry information and register online at: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/1306/Fine-Art-Show>.

Proceeds from this show benefit the Woman's Club of Fredericksburg's charitable programs and Parks, Recreation and Events programs. For information please contact [Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation & Events](#) by calling 540-372-1086 or emailing prfrontdesk@fredericksburgva.gov.

NIKE Reuse-A-Shoe Program – Parks, Recreation and Events are teaming up with the Woman's Club of Fredericksburg to collect worn athletic shoes to donate to the Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program. Nike will take any brand of athletic sneakers through this program where the worn athletic shoes are ground up and the scraps are separated by material type (rubber, foam, or textile fluff) and incorporated into new items!



Ask your friends and relatives if they have used athletic shoes to donate. Bring them to the Dorothy Hart Community from now until May 1st. The Woman's Club of Fredericksburg will collect them from the center and take them to a Nike drop-off location. Do not donate sandals, dress shoes, boots or shoes with metal (like cleats or spikes). Thanks for helping us do our part for the environment!



Train Bridges Rehabilitation Project –

Intermittent lane closures at Fredericksburg VRE Train Bridges began January 16 as the VRE Rehabilitation Project begins with bridge work inspections.

Short term, intermittent lane closures on Charles, Princess Anne, Caroline, and Sophia Streets are scheduled to begin the week of January 16th in the immediate area around the Fredericksburg [Virginia Railway Express](https://www.vre.org/) Express (VRE)/Amtrak station. The

contractor for VRE’s rehabilitation project will begin preliminary inspections of the bridges crossing over these roads. This will involve rotating closures of one travel lane at a time under a bridge for a duration of approximately seven days. This preliminary work is anticipated to be completed by the end of March 2023.

Following the conclusion of these inspections, bridge repair work is scheduled to begin in March 2023 and run through the first part of 2024. The same travel lanes that were closed for inspections will be closed again, one at a time, for approximately 60-day periods, to complete minor concrete repairs. Drivers and pedestrians in the area around the train station are asked to remain cautious and watch for signage and work areas throughout the year.

These lane closures and bridge repairs are one part of VRE’s Fredericksburg Station Rehabilitation Project, which is an \$11 million investment that includes lengthening the station’s platform and other improvements to enhance passenger safety and convenience.

For information on the Fredericksburg Station Rehabilitation Project, please visit <https://projects.vre.org/project?Project=Fredericksburg%20Station%20Rehabilitation>.

For additional questions, please contact Virginia Railway Express at 800-743-3873 and by email at FredericksburgStationRehabilitation@vre.org.

Extended Parking Continues in the Downtown Business District – The TWO HOUR parking spaces along the historic downtown business district streets which temporarily converted to FOUR HOUR parking spaces, will continue till January 31. The four-hour restriction applies Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am - 7:00 pm. On-street parking during other periods is not time-restricted. Come downtown and enjoy the extra time to shop or dine. Restrictions on parking near intersections or fire hydrants, in accessible spaces or in spaces signed for periods shorter than two hours will remain in effect during this period. Timed parking restrictions are not enforced on City holidays. However, the other restrictions referenced above are enforced at all times. Pay close attention to the signage. On Wednesday, February 1, 2023, the TWO HOUR limit on parking spaces with signs indicating this limit will resume. See [detailed map](#). Questions? Call Public Works Department at 540-372-1023.



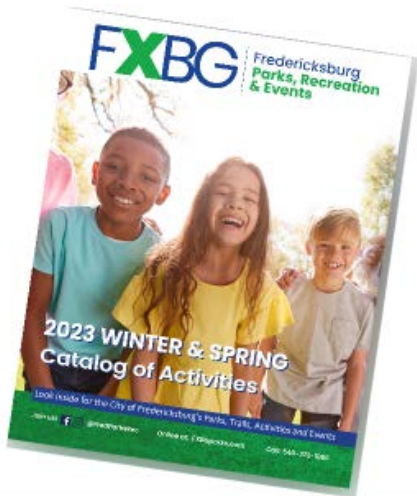
Traffic Safety Initiative – The Police Department continues a traffic safety initiative to target areas in the City where distracted driving and speeding have become a public safety concern. Drivers, be advised that the Police Department will be heavily enforcing speeding, reckless driving, disregard of stop signs, and failure to obey red lights. **“The City of Fredericksburg has [issued over 2,096 speeding citations](#) since January 2022. 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](#).



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 Winter & Spring 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. 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.



Winter 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](#).