



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: May 3, 2016
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

FRED Transit Driver Finishes in 1st Place in 2016 State Roadeo Competition – On April 9th, FREDericksburg Regional Transit driver Bernard “Butch” Shields was awarded overall 1st place in the Community Transportation Association of Virginia (CTAV) Roadeo competition (body-on chassis bus division) held in Chesterfield, VA. This state sponsored Roadeo tests the skills and knowledge of drivers in three areas: driving over a mock bus route that presents real-world challenges; loading and securing passengers in wheelchairs; and completing a written test on a wide range of laws, regulations, and rules of the road.

Butch’s 1st place finish qualifies him to represent CTAV and the City of Fredericksburg in the National Roadeo competition being held in Portland, Oregon on May 21st and 22nd. In addition to his 1st place overall finish, Butch won the 1st place award in the serpentine obstacle with a perfect score.

Butch has been a part-time transit driver with the City since 2001 and has participated in state and national competitions since 2003. During his tenure at FRED, he has won 1st place at the state level on four occasions (2003, 2012, 2014, and 2016), placed 2nd on two occasions (2009 and 2015), and also had a 3rd place finish (2006). Additionally, he competed in three National Roadeos and has placed 4th in the Nation in 2003.



ITEM #10F

Fredericksburg Safety Program Manager Wins Risk Management Award – The City’s insurance provider, VML Insurance, has advised the City that the City’s Safety Program Manager, Ms. Loren Kato, has been awarded an Individual Risk Management Excellence Award for 2015. Ms. Kato is one of 14 individuals selected from the 493 member state-wide pool that do an excellent job with risk management and safety. Ms. Kato received the award based upon excellence in employee training, responsiveness to questions and concerns on active cases and issues, prompt claims reporting, and improvements in the City’s loss ratio (currently 1.04).

Ms. Kato is slated to receive the award at the VML Insurance annual meeting on May 13th. Congratulations to Ms. Kato for all of her hard work in becoming a catalyst for safety improvements throughout the City. In addition, congratulations should be extended to all City employees for continuing success in the ongoing effort to reduce workplace accidents and injuries.

The Treasurer’s Association Of Virginia Chooses Fredericksburg As Conference Site – The Treasurers’ Association of Virginia 86th Annual Conference will be held at the Expo Center from June 19 – 22. The Expo Center will be the backdrop for many educational opportunities being offered during the conference and the Treasurers’ Banquet. An afternoon of excursions will take participants into Stafford County to discover the rich history there. The theme of the event is “Explore George Washington’s Boyhood Home” with Laura Rudy, Stafford County Treasurer and TAV President-Elect, as the host of the event.

Lodging for the four-day event is being provided by Homewood Suites, Hampton Inn and Hilton Garden Inn. Currently 570 room nights have been booked to accommodate participants and their guests. The conference will bring approximately 300 participants, family members, sponsors and vendors into our fair city. Our first-rate restaurants and retail options in Central Park and Downtown and our own rich history are sure to attract their attention and will benefit from their presence. Please welcome these fine folks as you see them out-and-about during their stay in Fredericksburg.

Marine Corp Historic Half and Semper Five Comes to Town on May 15 – The 9th annual Historic Half starts at 7:00 a.m. adjacent to the Fredericksburg Expo & Conference Center and takes runners down Cowan Boulevard, throughout the main areas of the downtown, up hospital hill, and back to the starting line. The [road openings map](#) is very helpful in navigating travel throughout the city the morning of the event. New this year is the [Semper Five](#) a 5 mile run; the Historic 10K and Semper Fred 5K are not being offered. This [course](#) starts runners at 7:00 a.m. at the intersection of Fall Hill Avenue and Green Street. They continue onto Caroline Street, Riverside Drive, Mary Washington Blvd, Cowan Blvd and back to the finish line of the Historic Half.

The [Healthy Lifestyle Expo](#) will be held Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14 at the Expo Center and is free and open to the public. Over 60 vendor booths will be available covering a range of fitness activities, wellness products and active interests.

Farmers Market Season Begins – April 16th marked the opening of the 2016 Farmer’s Market. With over 30 vendors providing locally grown produce, seafood, meats, cheeses, jams, jellies, baked goods, and a variety of drinks, the market has something for every shopper. In addition to the regular Saturday Farmers Market at Hurkamp Park, our popular Art in the Park series will

ITEM #10F

begin again on May 7th and will provide display space for local artists to sell their wares. Art in the Park will be held on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Additionally, the Market Managers will be hosting the following special events this season:

- June 18 – Kids’ Market – Kid vendors sell their handmade and homegrown items
- August 6 – Farmers Market Week – Kick off Farmers Market Week in Virginia by tasting locally grown fruits and veggies
- September 3 – Community Day – Community groups fill the park to share their message.
- October 1 – Harvest Festival – Celebrate the harvest season and choose a pumpkin from the mini pumpkin patch

If you haven’t come out to the Saturday market, please make plans to join us for a fantastic shopping experience, as well as to enjoy the sense of community that the market offers. If your schedule won’t allow you to join us on Saturdays, please visit the Mayfield Farmers Market on Thursday evenings from 3:30pm – 6:30pm on the corner of Tyler and Dixon Streets. Please keep a close eye on our website, www.thefarmersmarket.co, for details on the possible expansion of our Farmers Market to another weekday site in the coming weeks.

Parks and Recreation Summer Brochure – The new summer brochure has been published. Numerous activities are available for summertime fun. The brochure was inserted in the Free Lance-Star on Wednesday May 4th. Here is the link to it from the website <http://www.fredericksburgva.gov/index.aspx?NID=370>

Earth Day Update – The 13th Annual Earth Day Festival was held at Old Mill Park on April 23rd. There were more than 90 vendors and LOTS of people attended the event, despite the forecast of showers. Everyone that attended the event seemed to enjoy themselves.



New Municipal Parking Lot Underway – The new municipal parking lot off Amelia Street between Prince Edward and Charles streets is expected to open to the public by early June.

ITEM #10F

Espina Paving Inc. will be making improvements to the lot the first few weeks of May. When open, the lot will provide 29 additional public parking spaces and another 17 that will be available on weeknights and weekends. The lot will also include bike racks and motorcycle parking.

The City will also continue to make the 40-space lot behind 904 Princess Anne St. free to the public on weeknights and weekends until further notice. The 18-space Virginia Partners Bank lot is also available to the public on weeknights and weekends. In the three lots combined, there will be 104 parking spaces available to the public on weeknights and weekends. Each lot is within a block of the intersection of Charles and William streets, which is at the center of Fredericksburg's popular Restaurant Row.

Wellness Committee Sponsored Health Assessments – Through a continued partnership with Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center, free health assessments were recently offered to city employees. Over the course of two weeks, 247 employees received health assessments known as “Know Your Numbers” provided at numerous city departments. Individuals who completed their assessments received a 30oz Yeti Tumbler with the city seal engraved on it, which was paid for by the city's health insurance provider, Cigna. The annual employee Health Fair will be held on May 18th. Employees will be able to use their assessment information in talking to service providers about specific health issues. Over 30 vendors from the community are participating.

Fredericksburg Police Department 2015 Annual Report –

The Fredericksburg Police Department has released its [2015 Annual Report](#). The report highlights notable events, crime analysis, and department/employee achievements.

