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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
DATE: November 2, 2016
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Notice of Neighborhood Meetings - The Planning Department is hosting follow-up neighborhood meetings on presentations from planning consulting firm, Streetsense. These meetings will summarize the most recent research and analysis done for these areas of the city, including information from citizen discussions, and present draft plans for consideration and further discussion. The related [Market Analysis](#) is available for viewing on the city's website. This event is part of the ongoing effort to develop two small area comprehensive plans.

Planning Area 3 - November 16 at 7:30 p.m., at the Village of Idlewild Clubhouse

This area encompasses the State Route 3 corridor between I-95 and Jefferson Davis Highway and including the neighborhoods north and south of that roadway.

Planning Area 6 – November 15 at 7:30 p.m. at James Monroe High School

This area includes the residential and commercial areas along Fall Hill Avenue, Washington Avenue, Princess Anne Street, and Jefferson Davis Highway, in the area bounded by the Rappahannock Canal and the Rappahannock River.

EDT Updates

EDT hosted "Focus on Fredericksburg" on October 20 at Stevenson Ridge. The event, coordinated by Conference Sales & Services Coordinator Victoria Matthews, brought together meeting planners from Richmond to Northern Virginia to educate them on area offerings. The event included an interactive seminar titled "Working Smarter, Not Harder" led by Lynne Richardson, Dean of the College of Business at UMW. Included in the program was a service project putting together hygiene kits, provided by Clean the World, to be donated to The Brisben Center Homeless Shelter.

On November 2-4 EDT hosted a military reunion familiarization tour, designed to educate perspective planners on the attributes of the area. Twenty-five participants stayed at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House. The tour showcased area activities including a wreath-laying ceremony at the Fredericksburg War Memorial, trolley tours, visits to historic sites and battlefields, lunch at A. Smith Bowman Distillery and dinner at Riverside Dinner Theater.

Kim Herbert, EDT's Conference Sales and Services Specialist, traveled to Orlando from Oct. 25-28 attending Connect Faith. She had 28 pre-scheduled appointments with faith-based meeting planners from across the country.

Lura Hill, EDT's Tourism Sales Manager, attended the New Jersey Motorcoach Association's Group Leader Show on Oct. 26-27. Over 600 group leaders spent time visiting the tradeshow floor for tour ideas for their churches, senior groups, independent living facilities and more.



City Firefighters Receive Propane Fire Suppression Training - The Fire Department received training October 26 through 28 in propane fire suppression in partnership with city business Anderson Propane Services. All three shifts participated in the training to stay current on techniques and technology for best practices in management of propane fires, the training involved six hours of classroom and hands on instruction. The sessions were presented by Propane Training Services of Lynchburg.

Old Mill Park Improvements - The Parks and Recreation Department has installed two new culverts at Old Mill Park to replace the wooden bridges that had been damaged by storms. The cement culverts have been covered with rock and compacted earth, and then asphalt millings to create an "earthen" type bridge. Hand rails will be added for safety. These new culverts will make the playground more accessible for users coming from the parking lot.



Annual Campout Held - Parks and Recreation held the Annual Campout in the Park at Motts Run Reservoir on Friday, October 28 - October 29. This year 41 campers joined Linda Bailey and Mimi Dempsey for the adventure; one family had never been camping before. The families all had dinner and s'mores over the campfire, shared stories, played games, and did some amazing stargazing. When things quieted down and families went to bed, coyotes and barn owls could be heard throughout the night! What a special night for everyone involved.



Public Art Sculptures Installed - Parks and Recreation assisted the artists in the installation of four sculptures on October 27- 28. The sculptures were placed at the entrance to Dixon Park, on Caroline Street at the train station, on Sophia Street near Old Mill Park, and on Princess Anne Street near Rt. 1. This is a joint initiative between the City and the [Arts Commission](#), and will be on display through next September.

