



Timothy J. Baroody

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
DATE: November 16, 2016
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Holiday Events – The annual Children's Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, November 26 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. This year there will also be a menorah in the park, which will be lit as appropriate during Hanukkah. The annual Christmas Parade will be held on December 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the downtown.

Downtown 31 – Parks and Recreation is getting ready for December and the [Downtown 31](#) events. One of the new activities that has been added to the month long celebration are large picture frames, a backdrop for people to take photos and post them on social media or print them as greeting cards. The frames will be installed before Small Business Saturday on November 26, in Riverfront Park and stay up through the month of December.

WWII Veteran Appreciation Event – In partnership with Stafford and Spotsylvania counties a special appreciation event will be held on Thursday, December 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Eagles Lodge, 21 Cool Springs Road in Stafford. See attached press release.

Forum on Regional Tourism Partnership – On Monday, December 12 a public forum will be held to discuss existing tourism efforts in the Fredericksburg region and to hear more about other approaches to regional tourism in Virginia. The event will be held at the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts in Stafford County. See attached press release.

EDT Staff Attend Tourism Summit – Staff from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism attended the annual VA1 Tourism Summit in Roanoke on November 14 and 15. The professional development conference is hosted by the Virginia Tourism Corporation, the Virginia Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus, and the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging and Travel Association. In addition to general sessions from industry experts and trade-show networking opportunities, staff attended seminars on The Gastronomy Economy, Making Travel Human Again and Economic Development through Youth and Amateur Sports Tourism.

EDT Staff Attend Civilian –Military Council – Amy Peregoy, Economic Development Specialist for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, attended the South Potomac Civilian-Military Community Relations Council on November 15 at the UMW campus in Dahlgren.

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Updates were presented by officials from the U.S. Navy, King George County Economic Development and Tourism, King George County Schools and the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Council.

Police Department Employees Partake in Treats On The Streets – On October 29, Sergeant Crystal Hill, Ms. Laura Mahaney and Parking Enforcement Officer Paul Henson supervised a bounce house and handed out popcorn while watching children participate in Halloween festivities during the downtown “Treats On The Streets” event.





The Police Department Participates in Community Cleanup Day – On November 3, Sergeant Crystal Hill pictured alongside her husband, Assistant Accreditation Manager Jack Compton, Officer Christine Ferguson and police department volunteer, Mr. Gannon Sullivan, partnered with Fredericksburg Green and Clean Commission for a Community Cleanup Day. Their focus was primarily downtown, and proved very successful!

Building Statistics Reports – The August, September and October Building Construction Activity and Property Maintenance Reports are attached for your review.

Press Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: October 9, 2016

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VETERAN APPRECIATION EVENT TO HONOR WWII VETS

Stafford, VA – Stafford County, in partnership with the City of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County, is proud to announce a special WWII veteran appreciation event on Thursday, December 8, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Eagles Lodge, 21 Cool Springs Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22405. The event is in conjunction with the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission. The commission's December 8 program, "Dawn of Infamy: America Goes to War" will be simulcast at the veteran event in Stafford.

"We are committed to supporting the Commonwealth of Virginia in their yearlong commemoration of World War I and World War II," said Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Bob Thomas. "I can't think of a more deserving group of men and women to honor than these veterans whose courage and sacrifice saved the whole world's freedom."

The veteran appreciation event is for veterans, their spouses and/or caretakers. Veterans will be awarded custom commemorative medallions from the Virginia WWI and WWII Commemoration Commission, as well as honorary bricks to be placed in Stafford's future Armed Services Memorial. The memorial is a living memorial for all veterans who have served, are serving and their families, regardless of where they live.

"According to the Veterans Administration, around 500 World War II veterans are dying each day," said Fredericksburg Mayor Mary Katherine Greenlaw. "We are running out of time to thank these veterans and I am very proud for the City of Fredericksburg to be a part of this very worthwhile effort."

Veterans are asked to contact Crystal Nicol at (540) 658-4518 or cnicol@staffordcountyva.gov to RSVP by December 5, 2016, for the event. Organizers request that each veteran to send in a photo from their wartime service for a special slideshow. The event includes a free luncheon for each participant.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #4123 is donating the use of their lodge for the luncheon.

For more information on the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission, visit www.VirginiaWorldWarI.org and www.VirginiaWorldWarII.org. For more information about the WWII veteran appreciation event, visit www.StaffordCountyVa.gov. For more information on commemorative bricks from the Stafford Armed Services Memorial, please visit www.StaffordArmedServicesMemorial.weebly.com.

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For immediate release – November 16, 2016

Local forum planned to discuss tourism efforts

December event to focus on different approaches to regional tourism in Virginia

A public forum will be held next month to discuss existing tourism efforts in the Fredericksburg region and hear more about other approaches to regional tourism in Virginia. The event will start at 10 a.m. December 12 at the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts in Stafford County.

The forum will include an overview of the long-time good efforts by the Fredericksburg Regional Tourism Partnership, which comprises the City of Fredericksburg and Stafford and Spotsylvania counties. There will also be a video presentation by Virginia Tourism Corporation President and CEO Rita D. McClenny on the importance of a regional approach to tourism.

The two featured panelists for the event will be Jack Berry, president and CEO of Richmond Region Tourism, and Landon Howard, president of Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge.

Berry and Howard lead private, not-for-profit organizations that take a regional approach to marketing the Richmond and Roanoke regions to visitors. Each organization receives a majority of its funding from lodging tax revenue generated in the multiple localities that are part of the organization. The organizations have Boards of Directors composed of both elected officials and local business leaders.

Berry and Howard will give an overview about how their organizations operate and are funded. Ample time will be allocated to questions and answers. Fredericksburg Regional Alliance President Curry Roberts will moderate the forum.

Elected leaders and staff from Fredericksburg, Stafford and Spotsylvania have collaborated on the event and together developed the agenda and invitation list, which features both private and public sector representatives involved with tourism. The effort that has gone into the event demonstrates the importance of tourism to the regional economy, and the strong desire to gain a greater market share of the Commonwealth's annual \$23 billion tourism industry.

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CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA
Community Planning and Building Department



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REPORT - AUGUST 2016

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	Aug-16		Aug-15		FY to Date 2017	FY to Date 2016	
Complaints	32		16		58	31	
Inspections	82		19		180	49	
Notice of Violations Issued	32		12		84	40	
Number of Violations Corrected	46		21		108	50	
INOPERABLE VEHICLES							
Notice of Violations Issued	0		7		2	18	
Number of Violations Corrected	0		6		0	12	
Number of Vehicles Towed	0		0		0	0	
STOP WORK ORDERS							
Number Issued	0		4		0	11	
UNSAFE STRUCTURES							
Notice of Violation Issued	1		2		1	2	
WEEDS, TRASH & GRASS							
Notice of Violation Issued	27				70		
Notice of Violation Corrected	38				95		

COMMENTS

Tall grass inspections has slowed allowing renewed focus on Property Maintenance cases. Second notices have been issued on 10 properties, which if not abated will move forward with legal action.

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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2016

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	Sep-16		Sep-15		FY to Date 2017	FY to Date 2016	
Complaints	23		21		81	52	
Inspections	56		37		236	86	
Notice of Violations Issued	25		20		109	60	
Number of Violations Corrected	46		38		154	80	
INOPERABLE VEHICLES							
Notice of Violations Issued	0		15		2	33	
Number of Violations Corrected	0		11		0	23	
Number of Vehicles Towed	0		0		0	0	
STOP WORK ORDERS							
Number Issued	0		3		0	14	
UNSAFE STRUCTURES							
Notice of Violation Issued	1		1		1	3	
WEEDS, TRASH & GRASS							
Notice of Violation Issued	4				74		
Notice of Violation Corrected	15				120		

COMMENTS

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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REPORT - OCTOBER 2016

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	Oct-16		Oct-15		FY to Date 2017	FY to Date 2016	
Complaints	18		16		99	68	
Inspections	48		59		284	145	
Notice of Violations Issued	23		7		132	67	
Number of Violations Corrected	28		20		182	100	
INOPERABLE VEHICLES							
Notice of Violations Issued	3		5		5	38	
Number of Violations Corrected	0		5		0	28	
Number of Vehicles Towed	0		0		0	0	
STOP WORK ORDERS							
Number Issued	0		4		0	18	
UNSAFE STRUCTURES							
Notice of Violation Issued	0		0		1	3	
WEEDS, TRASH & GRASS							
Notice of Violation Issued	12				86		
Notice of Violation Corrected	10				130		
COMMENTS							

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BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY - AUGUST 2016

RESIDENTIAL	Aug-16		Aug-15		FYTD 2017		FYTD 2016	
New-Residential	2		0		3		0	
New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other	2		1		4		8	
Alterations/Additions	20		16		38		34	
Alt/Add - Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical	40		43		65		82	
Certificates of Occupancy	1		2		15		2	
Fees Collected	\$9,380.60		\$6,226.00		\$14,943.75		\$13,566.00	
Fees Waived	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	
COMMERCIAL/MULTI-FAMILY	SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS	
New-Commercial	0		0		0		0	
New-Multi-Family	0		0		0		0	
New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other	3		3		8		8	
Alterations	33		23		62		74	
Alt-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical	53		31		106		91	
Certificates of Occupancy	0		3		1		3	
Fees Collected	\$20,362.16		\$8,870.60		\$33,016.83		\$30,962.85	
Fees Waived	\$11,406.77		\$0.00		\$11,406.77		\$0.00	
CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY-EXISTING								
	14		10		22		20	
BUILDING INSPECTIONS PERFORMED								
	570		543		1011		1099	
UTILITY FEES COLLECTED								
Water Tap	\$5,200.00		\$0.00		\$7,800.00		\$0.00	
Water Availability	\$27,000.00		\$0.00		\$60,000.00		\$0.00	
Sewer Tap	\$15,300.00		\$0.00		\$20,400.00		\$0.00	
Sewer Availability	\$45,000.00		\$0.00		\$100,000.00		\$0.00	

COMMENTS

Fees waived for Original Walker Grant School project, 201 Ferdinand Street, March 2016.

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BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY - SEPTEMBER 2016

RESIDENTIAL	Sep-16		Sep-15		FYD 2017		FYD 2016	
New-Residential	7		1		10		1	
New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other	2		0		6		8	
Alterations/Additions	14		19		52		53	
Alt/Add - Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical	37		38		102		120	
Certificates of Occupancy	8		6		23		8	
Fees Collected	\$12,268.10		\$8,193.95		\$27,211.85		\$21,759.95	
Fees Waived	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	
COMMERCIAL/MULTI-FAMILY	SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS	
New-Commercial	1	3,200	2	10,857	1	3,200	2	10,857
New-Multi-Family	0		0		0		0	
New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other	8		9		16		17	
Alterations	27		24		89		98	
Alt-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical	45		58		151		149	
Certificates of Occupancy	2		0		3		3	
Fees Collected	\$12,321.12		\$16,945.20		\$45,337.95		\$47,908.05	
Fees Waived	\$11,406.77		\$0.00		\$11,406.77		\$0.00	
CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY-EXISTING								
	17		13		39		33	
BUILDING INSPECTIONS PERFORMED								
	492		579		1503		1678	
UTILITY FEES COLLECTED								
Water Tap	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$7,800.00		\$0.00	
Water Availability	\$0.00		\$4,000.00		\$60,000.00		\$4,000.00	
Sewer Tap	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$20,400.00		\$0.00	
Sewer Availability	\$0.00		\$6,600.00		\$100,000.00		\$6,600.00	
COMMENTS								

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BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY - OCTOBER 2016

RESIDENTIAL	Oct-16		Oct-15		FYTD 2017		FYTD 2016	
New-Residential	7		17		17		18	
New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other	6		0		12		8	
Alterations/Additions	15		18		67		71	
Alt/Add - Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical	31		48		133		168	
Certificates of Occupancy	4		6		27		14	
Fees Collected	\$12,828.55		\$22,214.30		\$40,040.40		\$43,974.25	
Fees Waived	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00	
COMMERCIAL/MULTI-FAMILY	SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS	
New-Commercial	0		1	24,647	1	3,200	3	35,234
New-Multi-Family	0		0		0		0	
New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other	1		7		17		24	
Alterations	22		28		111		126	
Alt-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical	82		33		233		182	
Certificates of Occupancy	0		1		3		4	
Fees Collected	\$8,781.68		\$11,976.00		\$54,119.63		\$59,884.05	
Fees Waived	\$11,406.77		\$5,868.81		\$11,406.77		\$5,868.81	
CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY-EXISTING								
	13		10		52		43	
BUILDING INSPECTIONS PERFORMED								
	558		544		2061		2222	
UTILITY FEES COLLECTED								
Water Tap	\$0.00		\$2,600.00		\$7,800.00		\$2,600.00	
Water Availability	\$0.00		\$48,000.00		\$60,000.00		\$52,000.00	
Sewer Tap	\$0.00		\$5,100.00		\$20,400.00		\$5,100.00	
Sewer Availability	\$0.00		\$80,000.00		\$100,000.00		\$86,600.00	

COMMENTS

Permit fees waived for Habitat Restore Tenant Build-Out, 2378 Plank Road, Oct 2015.

