



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: June 17, 2014
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Law Enforcement Torch Run - Members of the city Police and Sheriff's Departments, along with friends and family of local law enforcement, ran the [Torch Run](#) for Special Olympics Virginia on June 6. The torch was handed over by runners from the Stafford County Sheriff's Office on the Falmouth Bridge at 8 a.m. A few miles later the city participants safely delivered the Flame of Hope to the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office at the city/county line on Route 1 as the torch continued on to Richmond for the opening ceremonies of the Special Olympics competition.



City's Senior Planner featured in the Alliance Review - Senior Planner Erik Nelson is featured on page 25 in the [May/June edition](#) of the Alliance Review, the journal of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. An excerpt of the article includes this

from Mr. Nelson, who is also a city resident: "We have a wonderfully diverse historic district, with a significant mix of architectural styles and trends, but there are also remnants of old roads, mills, and fortifications that are part of the historic presence. Federal infantry deployed in my neighborhood in December 1862 and neighbors still harvest bullets when digging flower beds. Native Americans hunted and fished at the falls of the Rappahannock River and I have found their tools while walking across a construction site. Our town also includes a portion of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park. We are building a bicycle trail along an 1840s railway bed. A prominent downtown residence is the only building in town with ornate wrought iron at the front porch. It turns out a previous owner came from New Orleans, but we are not sure if that is the connection. There is always something to research around here. What a great place to live."

Tax Sale Scheduled – On July 11, the City Treasurer will conduct a tax sale on four parcels. Three are vacant lots –one at 648 Stuart Street, one at 906 White Street and a half lot off King Street. The City Treasurer is also auctioning the land and building at 507 Weedon Street. The auction is at 2:00 p.m. and will be held in Council Chambers. Bidders must register prior to the sale.

Kids' Fishing Derby – The Kids' Fishing Derby was held on June 7 at Motts Run and was a huge success! There were 226 kids registered with a total crowd estimated at close to 400 people for the event. The big winner was Makayla Williams, a nine-year old girl who took home six trophies for: 1st Place Total Wt. (9-10 yrs.), Most Fish (22) (9-10 yrs.), Biggest Fish (1.86#) (9-10yr.), Largest Fish of Derby, Most Fish of Derby, and Derby GRAND CHAMPION!! In all, 56 kids caught fish. There were over one-hundred door prizes, thanks to the generous sponsors, and plenty of games.

Soap Box Derby - The Free Lance-Star & COX Classic Soap Box Derby was held on June 14. The 18th anniversary of this race being held in Fredericksburg hosted 104 racers with 99 proud car sponsors. There were over 21 local organizations that provided race day support. The race went off without a hitch, actually starting 35 minutes ahead of schedule and being the one of the quickest race days in history. The champions this year are as follows:

Masters – 13yr old Michael Burgess
Super Stock – 15yr old Olivia Askew
Stock – 12yr old Caroline Coleman
Super Kids – 15yr old Tyler Fry

Summer Programs – Dixon Pool opened to "full season" operation on Saturday, June 14. The pool will remain open from 11:30 am – 7:00 pm, seven days per week, barring any weather or technical issues. A Beach Party themed event, the first of several special events at the pool, begins at 8 p.m. on June 18. Many of our Parks & Recreation Summer Camps began on June 16, including Camp Wildwood, Up with the Arts, Tennis, Basketball, and the first session of Tot All Sports Camp. A variety of camps and sessions will continue throughout the summer.

Parking Improvements – Public Facilities had the Commuter Parking lot and the Kiss & Ride lot located at the Train Station restriped to address some parking issues. The Executive Plaza lot located at Sophia Street was also restriped to help identify the Marriott Hotel spaces. The Sophia Street lot located within the future Riverfront Park will be restriped this weekend as well as resealing and striping of the Dorothy Hart Community Center lot. Public Facilities is planning to address cracks in the City Hall parking lot as well as reseal and restripe this lot as the Courthouse project allows, potentially the first part of August. Bumper stops at parking spaces will be secured via epoxy to the lot to prevent their movement once lot is resealed and striped.

Generator at Bass Ellison – The State of Virginia has procured a generator for the Bass Ellison building that houses the regional and local health departments. The Department of Social Services is also located in this facility. D&G Electric was awarded the contract and work has commenced with a completion date of sometime in July.