



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: January 20, 2015
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

City 2014 Special Events Review Included 122 Applications - In 2014, the City of Fredericksburg's Special Event Review Committee processed 122 special event applications that resulted in 184 events held within the city. Forty-four of these events were charity walks/runs, 31 were major events with more than 1,000 attendees, and the remaining 109 were events that included block parties, the Fredericksburg Farmer's Market Days, small concerts and observances. With 29 special event applications already submitted for approval, 2015 is shaping up to be just as busy as the preceding year.

New School Zone Flashing Light Control System - Public Works has recently purchased and deployed a new school zone flashing light control system that will permit remote operation of the lights at Hugh Mercer Elementary School (Cowan Boulevard) and James Monroe High School (Washington Avenue) respectively. The other City schools do not have school zone flashers.

The previous time clock controls allowed for programming to occur based only on the day of the week and did not provide the ability to create comprehensive calendars that could adjust the operation of the flashing lights for holidays, teacher work days or early dismissal days or for delayed openings due to inclement weather. Additionally, the controls had to be manually monitored and reset periodically.

The new equipment permits the creation of multiple calendars. This feature permits Public Works personnel to program the operation of the flashing lights for not only scheduled holidays, early dismissal days and teacher workdays, but also for delayed openings, make up days, etc.

New Officers Sworn for Duty - The city's two newest police officers, Christine Ferguson and Kyle Rasmussen, were sworn in by the Honorable Gordon Willis in Circuit Court on January 15. Officer Ferguson is a former police officer with several year's experience with the Henrico County PD and Officer Rasmussen just graduated in November from the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy after putting himself through the pre-employment option at the training facility.



Athletic Special Events - There will be several new special athletic events featured in 2015 through the Parks and Recreation Department. A Youth Biathlon, which will include swimming and running elements, will be held at Dixon Park and Pool, an Adult Pickleball Tournament will be contested on the new courts at Kenmore Memorial Park, a Youth Flag Football Tournament will take place at Old Mill Park, and a Youth 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will light up the courts at James Monroe High School.

Winter 2015 Catalog - The Parks and Recreation Winter Catalog (January – May) was released on December 9. It is available to the public at the Dorothy Hart Community Center and other various locations around the region, or online at www.fredericksburgva.gov/parksandrec under “Catalog of Activities”.

Fredericksburg Art Show & Sale - Entry forms are now available to enter artistic pieces into the 64th Annual Fredericksburg Art Show & Sale (formerly known as Fredericksburg Fine Arts Exhibit) presented by Fredericksburg Parks & Recreation and The Woman’s Club of Fredericksburg. The show will be open to the public February 27 – March 8 at the Dorothy Hart Community Center. The show is a judged event and will feature cash prizes, such as \$500 for Best In Show in the following categories:

- Oil Paints
- Pastels
- Watercolor Paints - Includes acrylics & gouache used as watercolor
- Acrylic Paints - Includes acrylics used as oils
- Drawing - Includes pencil, ink, sumi, charcoal, crayon
- Photography - Includes film & digital photography

- Digital Art - Original images created using computer with use of painting & drawing tools and layers
- 3-D Sculpture - Includes clay, ceramic, wood, metal, stone
- Mixed Media - Combining more than one medium. No computer generated artwork
- Novice - Beginning artists with two years or less of art experience

Entry forms can be found at www.fredericksburgva.gov/specialevents. **The deadline is February 6** or when the show reaches maximum number of entries, whichever comes first. Entry forms with payment may be dropped off in person or mailed to:

Dorothy Hart Community Center

Attn: Fred. Art Show

408 Canal St

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Presented by the Fredericksburg Parks & Recreation Department and Woman's Club of Fredericksburg

64TH FREDERICKSBURG ART SHOW & SALE



Best in Show & 1st Place Oil Paints Winner 2014: "River Reflections" by Cireena Katto

FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 8

Show Hours*:
Monday - Friday 2:00pm - 6:00pm
Saturday - Sunday 12:00pm - 6:00pm**

On display at the Dorothy Hart Community Center located at 408 Canal St in downtown Fredericksburg.

Call for Artists: Registration deadline is February 6th or when show fills.
Entry forms are available at www.fredericksburgva.gov/specialevents.

*Show hours are subject to inclement weather. Please register for Fredericksburg Alert to be notified.
**On March 8 the show will close at 4:30pm
(540) 372-1086 for questions or information

Building Construction Report for November and December 2014 - A summary of the November and December building reports are attached for review.



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TO: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
FROM: Chuck Johnston, Director of Community Planning & Building
DATE: January 12, 2015
SUBJECT: **November** Building Statistics

The following provides information for building activity in the City. Following recent trends, so far this fiscal year, the number of new single family homes has declined compared to last year, while the number of single family renovations remains comparable. In addition, the number of new commercial projects so far this year has also dropped off when compared to last year, while renovations have picked up.

	Nov	2014	Nov	2013	FY to Date Nov 2014	FY to Date Nov 2013
<u>Single Family Residential Permits</u>						
<i>New Building</i>		0		4	3	23
<i>New Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other</i>		2		0	10	10
<i>Certificates of Occupancy</i>		7		6	13	24
Existing Building		18		12	85	80
Existing Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other		40		40	186	196
<u>Multifamily/Commercial Permits</u>						
<i>New Building</i>		0		1	1	7
<i>Multi Family Units</i>		0		0	0	0
<i>Total Commercial Square Footage</i>		0		8,320	5,000	99,240
<i>New Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other</i>		3		6	27	44
<i>Certificates of Occupancy</i>		1		0	10	14
Existing Building		14		9	134	86
Existing Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other		27		38	274	221
Occupancy Permits for Existing Buildings		11		7	66	51
<u>Inspections Performed</u> Building and Site		387		561	2809	2261

In a parallel manner, utility fee collections have also declined significantly so far this fiscal year.

UTILITY FEES COLLECTED –

Water Tap	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 5,567.76	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 8,167.76
Water Availability	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 32,610.00</u>	<u>\$ 104,600.00</u>
SUB TOTAL	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 33,067.76	\$ 39,910.00	\$ 112,767.76
Sewer Tap	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 10,200.00
Sewer Availability	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 46,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 63,510.00</u>	<u>\$ 131,200.00</u>
SUB TOTAL	\$ 10,100.00	\$ 51,300.00	\$ 78,810.00	\$ 141,400.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ 15,700.00	\$ 84,367.76	\$ 118,720.00	\$ 254,167.76



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TO: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
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SUBJECT: **December** Building Statistics

The following provides information for building activity in the City. The number of new single family homes continues to remain at a level lower than the last fiscal year, while the number of single family renovations remains comparable. As in previous months, the number of new commercial projects has also declined when compared to last year, while renovations have increased.

	Dec	2014	Dec	2013	FY to Date Dec 2014	FY to Date Dec 2013
<u>Single Family Residential Permits</u>						
<i>New Building</i>		2		3	5	26
<i>New Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other</i>		0		6	10	16
<i>Certificates of Occupancy</i>		1		2	14	26
Existing Building		12		20	97	100
Existing Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other		26		32	212	228
<u>Multifamily/Commercial Permits</u>						
<i>New Building</i>		1		0	2	7
<i>Multi Family Units</i>		0		0	0	0
<i>Total Commercial Square Footage</i>		8,500		0	13,500	99,240
<i>New Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other</i>		4		1	31	45
<i>Certificates of Occupancy</i>		2		1	12	15
Existing Building		21		13	155	99
Existing Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other		39		28	313	249
Occupancy Permits for Existing Buildings		13		10	79	61
<u>Inspections Performed</u> Building and Site		379		387	3188	2648

No utility fees were collected in December, with overall collections remaining lower than last fiscal year.

UTILITY FEES COLLECTED –

Water Tap	\$	.00	\$	.00	\$	7,300.00	\$	8,167.76
Water Availability	\$	.00	\$	<u>34,610.00</u>	\$	<u>32,610.00</u>	\$	<u>139,210.00</u>
SUB TOTAL	\$	.00	\$	34,610.00	\$	39,910.00	\$	147,377.76
Sewer Tap	\$	.00	\$	5,100.00	\$	15,300.00	\$	15,300.00
Sewer Availability	\$	.00	\$	<u>65,110.00</u>	\$	<u>63,510.00</u>	\$	<u>196,310.00</u>
SUB TOTAL	\$	.00	\$	70,210.00	\$	78,810.00	\$	211,610.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$	.00	\$	104,820.00	\$	118,720.00	\$	358,987.76