



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: November 4, 2015
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Fire Department Annual Open House - On October 11, the Fire Department hosted its annual Open House at Fire Station 1 on Princess Anne Street. The well attended event offered free food and activities for children and the whole family such as face-painting, a moon bounce, and an opportunity to safely extinguish a real fire with pressurized water. Two of the most popular activities for the kids included the firefighter's physical agility test, with certificates awarded to those who participated, and hands on CPR training and familiarization. Staff also provided demonstrations of some of the emergency functions and capabilities of the department, including a forcible entry, vehicle extrication, the use of a thermal imaging camera to locate a downed victim, and a mass decontamination setup for HazMat situations. There was also a display of the engines and aerial units, a medic unit, the command vehicle, and the specialized equipment used in emergency dives and water rescues. (Photos courtesy of Robert Martin)





Tax Revenue Analysis Aids Economic Development Master Planning Process - The Department of Economic Development and Tourism recently undertook a thorough analysis of Fredericksburg's tax revenues as part of the strategic economic development planning process. The study looked at tax revenues including meals, sales, BPOL, lodging and real estate between 2005 and 2014 and compared them to nearby or similar communities. The study showed significant gains in meals, lodging, real estate and overall local tax revenues. Fredericksburg trails only Williamsburg on meals tax revenue per capita, a testament to the city's thriving culinary scene. Sales tax revenue has declined somewhat since 2005, but Fredericksburg remains one of the leaders in Virginia for sales tax revenue per capita. Assistant Director for Economic Development Bill Freehling has created a [presentation](#) regarding the analysis.

Directional Signage Program Created for Battlefield Industrial Park Businesses -

Responding to concerns from business owners in the Battlefield Industrial Park that their customers were having difficulty locating them, Economic Development and Tourism staff is assisting with directional signage and applied on their behalf for an Economic Development Authority For-Profit JumpStart! Grant. A \$4,908 grant was approved on Oct. 19 and will partially fund the fabrication and installation of the signs. Business owners will purchase panels and pay an annual fee for maintenance. The signs will be located at the intersections of Belman Road and Tyler Street and Central Road and Tyler Street. EDT acquired permission from the property owners, the McDaniel family and the Janney family, to locate the signs. The program was spearheaded and will be administered by Amy Peregoy, Economic Development Specialist.

Building Construction Reports for July - September 2015 - A summary of monthly building reports are attached for review.

CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA
Community Planning and Building Department



BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY - JULY 2015

| RESIDENTIAL | Jul-15 | | Jul-14 | | YTD 2015 | YTD 2014 | |
|---|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| New-Residential | 0 | | 2 | | 0 | 2 | |
| New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other | 7 | | 1 | | 7 | 1 | |
| Alterations/Additions | 18 | | 18 | | 18 | 18 | |
| Alt/Add - Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical | 39 | | 39 | | 39 | 39 | |
| Certificates of Occupancy | 0 | | 2 | | 0 | 2 | |
| Fees Collected | \$7,340.00 | | \$10,390.90 | | \$7,340.00 | \$10,390.90 | |
| COMMERCIAL/MULTI-FAMILY | | SQFT/#UNITS | | SQFT/#UNITS | | | |
| New-Commercial | 0 | | 1 | 5439 | 0 | 1 | |
| New-Multi-Family | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | |
| New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other | 5 | | 9 | | 5 | 9 | |
| Alterations | 51 | | 28 | | 51 | 28 | |
| Alt-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical | 60 | | 44 | | 60 | 44 | |
| Certificates of Occupancy | 0 | | 2 | | 0 | 2 | |
| Fees Collected | \$22,092.25 | | \$13,488.16 | | \$22,092.25 | \$13,488.16 | |
| CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY-EXISTING | | | | | | | |
| | 10 | | 15 | | 10 | 15 | |
| BUILDING INSPECTIONS PERFORMED | | | | | | | |
| | 556 | | 660 | | 556 | 660 | |
| UTILITY FEES COLLECTED | | | | | | | |
| Water Tap | \$0.00 | | \$4,700.00 | | \$0.00 | \$4,700.00 | |
| Water Availability | \$0.00 | | \$29,610.00 | | \$0.00 | \$29,610.00 | |
| Sewer Tap | \$0.00 | | \$10,200.00 | | \$0.00 | \$10,200.00 | |
| Sewer Availability | \$0.00 | | \$58,150.00 | | \$0.00 | \$58,510.00 | |

COMMENTS

No new construction in this first month of the fiscal year. Changes to existing commercial structures are up over the first month of last fiscal year.
Building Fees collected have increased. No Utility Fees were collected.

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BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY - AUGUST 2015

| RESIDENTIAL | Aug-15 | | Aug-14 | | YTD 2015 | YTD 2014 | |
|---|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| New-Residential | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 2 | |
| New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other | 1 | | 2 | | 8 | 3 | |
| Alterations/Additions | 16 | | 15 | | 34 | 33 | |
| Alt/Add - Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical | 43 | | 34 | | 82 | 73 | |
| Certificates of Occupancy | 2 | | 3 | | 2 | 5 | |
| Fees Collected | \$6,226.00 | | \$5,293.30 | | \$13,566.00 | \$15,684.20 | |
| COMMERCIAL/MULTI-FAMILY | | SQFT/#UNITS | | SQFT/#UNITS | | | |
| New-Commercial | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 1 | |
| New-Multi-Family | 0 | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | |
| New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other | 3 | | 6 | | 8 | 15 | |
| Alterations | 23 | | 30 | | 74 | 58 | |
| Alt-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical | 31 | | 48 | | 91 | 92 | |
| Certificates of Occupancy | 3 | 5,280 | 2 | 88,086 | 3 | 4 | |
| Fees Collected | \$8,870.60 | | \$15,470.20 | | \$30,962.85 | \$28,958.36 | |
| CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY-EXISTING | | | | | | | |
| | 10 | | 15 | | 20 | 30 | |
| BUILDING INSPECTIONS PERFORMED | | | | | | | |
| | 543 | | 548 | | 1099 | 1208 | |
| UTILITY FEES COLLECTED | | | | | | | |
| Water Tap | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$4,700.00 | |
| Water Availability | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$29,610.00 | |
| Sewer Tap | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$10,200.00 | |
| Sewer Availability | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$58,510.00 | |

COMMENTS

Residential activity is comparable with last fiscal year to date. Commercial activity is slight ahead of last year. Building Fees are also comparable. No Utility Fees were collected.

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BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY - SEPTEMBER 2015

| RESIDENTIAL | Sep-15 | | Sep-14 | | YTD 2015 | YTD 2014 | |
|---|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| New-Residential | 1 | | 0 | | 1 | 2 | |
| New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other | 0 | | 2 | | 8 | 5 | |
| Alterations/Additions | 19 | | 17 | | 53 | 50 | |
| Alt/Add - Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical | 38 | | 42 | | 120 | 115 | |
| Certificates of Occupancy | 6 | | 2 | | 8 | 7 | |
| Fees Collected | \$8,193.95 | | \$6,122.10 | | \$21,759.95 | \$21,806.30 | |
| COMMERCIAL/MULTI-FAMILY | | SQFT/#UNITS | | SQFT/#UNITS | | | |
| New-Commercial | 2 | 10,587 SF | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | |
| New-Multi-Family | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other | 9 | | 3 | | 17 | 18 | |
| Alterations | 24 | | 35 | | 98 | 93 | |
| Alt-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical | 58 | | 55 | | 149 | 147 | |
| Certificates of Occupancy | 0 | | 3 | | 3 | 7 | |
| Fees Collected | \$16,945.20 | | \$22,384.80 | | \$47,908.05 | \$51,343.16 | |
| CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY-EXISTING | | | | | | | |
| | 13 | | 11 | | 33 | 41 | |
| BUILDING INSPECTIONS PERFORMED | | | | | | | |
| | 579 | | 522 | | 1678 | 1730 | |
| UTILITY FEES COLLECTED | | | | | | | |
| Water Tap | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$4,700.00 | |
| Water Availability | \$4,000.00 | | \$0.00 | | \$4,000.00 | \$29,610.00 | |
| Sewer Tap | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$10,200.00 | |
| Sewer Availability | \$6,600.00 | | \$0.00 | | \$6,600.00 | \$58,510.00 | |

COMMENTS

The new SF Residence is at 1317 Charles Street. One of the new commercial uses is at 1605 Jefferson Davis Highway, a 1600 SF Vocelli Pizza to the new Chipotle's Restaurant. The second commercial is at 1500 Beulah Salisbury Road for a 8987 SF Gasoline Tank Foundation and Wall. Building Fees are comparable to last fiscal year. We now have our first collection of Utility Fees this year.