



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: November 18, 2015
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Update to Wayside Exhibit Panels - Many of the City's visitor wayside exhibit panels have been refurbished and updated, to reflect the *Fredericksburg Timeless* brand. This work was accomplished through a partnership between the City and the Economic Development Authority. The new panels have also integrated the community's African American history more fully into the visitor experience. There were already several panels that highlighted the African American churches and one panel that referenced Civil Rights, but a study by students at Mary Washington University revealed that there were gaps that the City could readily address. Consequently, staff included additional themes while refurbishing the old panels and developing several new panels. A panel at the corner of William and Caroline Streets, for instance, now ties the slavery issue that precipitated the Civil War with Fredericksburg's ordeal during the period 1862-1864. Two new panels at the City Dock also bring to light the African slave trade, including a specific reference to one of the slave ships that made its way to Fredericksburg in 1771. The existing African American church panels were refurbished as well. The subject matter is sometimes difficult, but reflects the endurance of the human spirit, which is part of the City's rich and diverse story.



Figure 1. Panel at the corner of William and Caroline Street.

The Civil War sketch depicts this intersection.



Figure 2. The Civil Right era sit-ins occurred in three of the buildings that survive at the corner of William and Caroline Streets.



Figure 3. Panel at City Dock describes the overall slave trade.

Fredericksburg City School Board Offices Moved Into 601 Caroline Street - The City staff and the staff of the Fredericksburg City School Board have been working to accommodate moving some of the various administrative offices of the School Board into vacant space at the Executive Plaza building at 601 Caroline Street. The Schools will be using the first floor space that was vacated by the Interim J&DR Court, and most of the fourth floor space that was vacated by the J&DR Court Services Unit. This was done in advance of the renovation of the Original Walker-Grant School Building, although offices moved include personnel that were housed in other spaces throughout the school

facilities, based on the available space. Offices moved include Administrative Services, Technology, the GED Registrar, Assessment & Accountability, Communications, Instruction, and Pupil Personnel Services. The Schools will also be able to use the space for division-wide meetings and other training needs.

Police Department Hires New Officers - On Thursday, November 12, the Fredericksburg Police Department's three newest officers graduated from the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy. During the ceremony, Robert Rivers (center) was recognized with the Charles E. Murray Jr. Top Performance Achievement Award. Voted on by the recruits, staff, and instructors, the award winner embodies the characteristics of leadership, motivation, positive attitude, professionalism, and sincerity. Left to right: Marc Miller, Robert Rivers, and Scott Barlow



Mary Washington Healthcare YMCA Annual Turkey Trot - The annual 5K run/walk and youth 1 mile and 1/2 mile will take place on Thanksgiving morning beginning at 7 a.m. The various races begin and end at James Monroe High School and impact streets in the vicinity, and close Washington Avenue in front of the school. See [website](#) for more details.

Site Development Report - The summary of monthly reports for July – September 2015 are available for your review.



CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA
Community Planning and Building Department

SITE DEVELOPMENT REPORT • JULY - SEPTEMBER 2015

	QTR 1 FY 16				QTR 1 FY 15			
RESIDENTIAL	# Submitted	Comm SF / # Res Units	# Approved	Comm SF / # Res Units	# Submitted	Comm SF / # Res Units	# Approved	Comm SF / # Res Units
Lot Grading (Single Residential Lot)	10	10	10	10	4	4	4	3
Fees Collected	\$3,000.00				\$1,200.00			
PLATS								
Preliminary Plat	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	68
Final / Easement Plat	2		4		5		1	
Fees Collected	\$1,600.00				\$7,000.00			
PLANS								
Minor Site Plan	1	4,893	2	3,184	2	31,430	1	1,280
Major Site / Construction Plan	4	298,942 / 128	3	0 / 36	7	71,353 / 21	2	826,448 / 0
As-Built Plan	1		0		2		0	
Fees Collected	\$20,087.55				\$21,708.50			
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COMMENTS

Approved statistics include applications submitted in prior quarters and fiscal years.