



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: June 2, 2015
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Updated FRED Bus Stops - FRED Transit recently purchased, received, and assembled a bench and trash receptacle for the stop at Dixon Park across the street from the Mayfield neighborhood. This week Public Works staff poured the concrete pad and completed the installation. Within the next week, FRED staff will be moving the current bus stop sign slightly to better align with the new bench location. FRED staff will also be ordering a second bench during this fiscal year to be placed near the train station at the corner of Princess Anne and Frederick Streets. Installation is anticipated sometime in July.

In addition, FRED Transit has applied for funding to install six benches and three shelters through the normal grant cycle. Although funding has not been approved yet, the state has recommended full approval on FRED's behalf. If approved, this system-wide funding would become available in October 2015.



Managing the Nightlife - On May 27, the Police Department hosted another well attended Managing the Nightlife seminar, a training program that addresses issues that are of particular concern to establishments that serve alcohol. In attendance were 19

employees from Happy Endings and Cowboy Jack's, two of the city's nightspots. A seminar was also held in-house at Ruby Tuesday's on May 21, with 18 employees of that restaurant participating. With the goal of reducing arrests and the need for police services at these businesses, the officers leading the program presented information on the following topics:

- Fire Codes and occupancy limits
- ABC regulations and State alcohol laws
- Fake IDs and tips for dealing with intoxicated people
- Legal issues and liability

Employee Health and Wellness Fair - The 5th Annual Fredericksburg Employee Health and Wellness Fair was held May 20, from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Dorothy Hart Community Center. There were 32 vendors in attendance this year. Spotsylvania Medical Regional Center provided free health snapshots to all city employees. The snapshot included an individual's BMI, lipids to include: total cholesterol, LDL, DHL, triglycerides, and a blood pressure reading. The City of Fredericksburg School's Food Truck provided lunch to employees. Over 225 lunches were provided. For the employees who signed in and filled out their raffle ticket, they were eligible for one of 12 prizes. Such prizes included FitBits, gift baskets, and gift certificates. The Health and Wellness Fair was well received by both city employees and vendors. There are a few vendors whom have requested attendance for next year's Health and Wellness Fair.

Building Construction Report for April 2015 - A summary of the April building report is attached for review.

Property Maintenance Report for April 2015 - The April monthly report for property maintenance activities is attached for review.



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TO: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
FROM: Chuck Johnston, Director of Community Planning & Building
DATE: May 8, 2015
SUBJECT: April Building Statistics

The following provides information for building activity in the City. Looking at the first 10 months of the fiscal year, the number of new single family homes is increasing at a much slower pace compared to last year, while the number of single family renovations is comparable. The increase in the number of new commercial projects also lags behind last year, while renovations exceeded last year's benchmark.

	April 2015	April 2014	FY to Date April 2015	FY to Date April 2014
<u>Single Family Residential Permits</u>				
<i>New Building</i>	1	5	23	38
<i>New Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other</i>	5	2	19	24
<i>Certificates of Occupancy</i>	2	4	20	39
<i>Existing Building</i>	23	26	166	172
<i>Existing Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other</i>	46	48	391	353
<u>Multifamily/Commercial Permits</u>				
<i>New Building</i>	3	5	10	15
<i>Multi Family Units</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Commercial Square Footage</i>	24,108	25,424	97,962	186,908
<i>New Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other</i>	10	25	71	93
<i>Certificates of Occupancy</i>	2	2	19	18
<i>Existing Building</i>	33	38	233	184
<i>Existing Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other</i>	42	53	478	386
<i>Occupancy Permits for Existing Buildings</i>	12	14	118	111
<u>Inspections Performed</u> Building	413	467	4408	4235
<u>Inspections Performed</u> Site	40	49	462	642

While this April is up over April 2014, utility fees for this fiscal year to date are much lower than last year's numbers.

UTILITY FEES COLLECTED –

Water Tap	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 10,400.00	\$ 13,662.12	\$ 24,337.43
Water Availability	\$ 28,800.00	\$ 14,800.00	\$163,610.00	\$ 308,859.25
SUB TOTAL	\$ 31,400.00	\$ 25,200.00	\$177,272.12	\$ 333,196.68
Sewer Tap	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 25,700.00	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 51,200.00
Sewer Availability	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 24,600.00	\$287,210.00	\$ 473,236.15
SUB TOTAL	\$ 53,100.00	\$ 50,300.00	\$312,710.00	\$ 524,436.15
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ 84,500.00	\$ 75,500.00	\$489,982.12	\$ 857,632.83



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The following provides Property Maintenance inspections/activity for the month of April 2015. A garage in the Darbytown neighborhood, which was identified as spot blight, has been demolished.

	April 2015	Cal Yr to Date April 2015
<u>Exterior</u>		
Chipping Paint/Siding/Missing Address	6	44
Fences/Sheds/Garages	4	23
Vacant Structures	10	34
Gutters/Drainage/Roofs	4	19
Graffiti	12	26
<u>Interior</u>		
Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical	3	22
<u>Stop Work Orders</u>		
Working without Permit	3	11
Electrical	0	4
Demo	0	3
<u>Assisting Fire Department</u>		
Car into building	0	1
Fire	0	3
Flooding	0	1
Sewer Back-Up	0	3
<u>Inoperable Vehicles</u>		
Expired Tags	4	27
Flat Tires	1	5
Wrecked	0	1
Other	0	0
<u>Special Projects/Court/Training, etc.</u>		
Meetings (citizens/internal/outside agencies)	6	14
Court (2120 Lafayette Boulevard)	2	5
Training Hours	0	3
<u>Condemned Structures</u>		
Plumbing	1	1
Structural (Unsafe)	2	2