



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: April 21, 2015
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Media Visits Spur Publicity for the City and Region - The Department of Economic Development and Tourism, in conjunction with the Greater Fredericksburg Tourism Partnership, has had a busy first quarter hosting and assisting travel writers with various media and public relations opportunities.

These efforts have secured the city placements in *D.C. Metro Magazine*, *Northern Virginia Magazine*, *Huffington Post*, *GetawayMavens.com*, a two-part story in the *Philadelphia Sun*, *Lynchburg Living Magazine*, *NBCWashington.com*, *Virginia.org* travel blog and the *New England Antiques Journal*. Below are links to some of the online editions of these stories:

[The Huffington Post](#)

[Getaway Mavens](#)

[The Philadelphia Sunday](#) –Part One

[The Philadelphia Sunday](#) – Part Two

[NBC 4 Washington](#)

[Virginia Is For Lovers Blog](#)

Police Department Releases Annual Report - The city's Police Department has released its Annual Report for 2014, which captures the crime statistics and significant events that occurred throughout the year. The 2014 report, along with the reports from previous years, can be accessed at this [link](#).

City Celebrates Arbor Day - The annual Arbor Day celebration was held on Friday, April 17 at Kenmore Plantation. The event was co-sponsored by the Fredericksburg Council of Garden Clubs, Tree Fredericksburg, the George Washington Ferry Farm Foundation, and the Department of Public Works. This year's tree, a Patriot Elm, was planted in honor of Mr. John Tippett, former Executive Director of Friends of the Rappahannock. Through John's efforts and his leadership, the City has become a model for environmentally friendly practices. Karen Snape, with the Virginia Department of Forestry, presented the City with the Tree City USA award. This is the 29th year that the

City has received this honor. Assistant Director of Public Works Dave King reported that over 750 street trees have been planted during the past year and that over 4,800 trees have been planted since 2008. Approximately 50 people attended the ceremony and enjoyed the beautiful sunny and warm day.



Building Construction Reports for March 2015- A summary of the March building report is attached for review.

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



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The following provides information for building activity in the City. 2015 remains behind 2014 in the construction of new single family homes. However as shown in the spurt of activity in March, 2015 should catch up to 2014 by the end of fiscal year because of several projects that have or are about to complete the development review process. The number of single family renovations remains comparable. The number of new commercial projects is substantially behind last year based on square footage, with renovations exceeding last year.

			FY to Date March 2015	FY to Date March 2014
<u>Single Family Residential Permits</u>				
<i>New Building</i>	14	0	22	33
<i>New Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other</i>	0	4	14	22
<i>Certificates of Occupancy</i>	0	3	18	35
Existing Building	18	18	143	146
Existing Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other	55	23	345	305
<u>Multifamily/Commercial Permits</u>				
<i>New Building</i>	1	2	7	10
<i>Multi Family Units</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Commercial Square Footage</i>	8,746	16,789	73,854	161,484
<i>New Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other</i>	9	10	61	68
<i>Certificates of Occupancy</i>	2	0	17	16
Existing Building	13	20	200	146
Existing Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other	49	35	436	333
Occupancy Permits for Existing Buildings	11	11	106	97
<u>Inspections Performed</u> Building	450	435	3995	3768
<u>Inspections Performed</u> Site	42	51	422	593

Utility fee revenue also lags behind last year's numbers; however the increase in permits March is reflected here.

UTILITY FEES COLLECTED –

Water Tap	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 11,062.12	\$ 13,937.43
Water Availability	\$ 38,300.00	\$ 13,169.25	\$ 134,810.00	\$ 294,059.25
SUB TOTAL	\$ 38,300.00	\$ 13,169.25	\$ 145,872.12	\$ 307,996.93
Sewer Tap	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 20,400.00	\$ 25,500.00
Sewer Availability	\$ 64,200.00	\$ 17,938.75	\$ 239,210.00	\$ 448,636.15
SUB TOTAL	\$ 64,200.00	\$ 17,938.75	\$ 259,610.00	\$ 474,136.15
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$ 102,500.00	\$ 31,108.00	\$ 405,482.12	\$ 782,133.08



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The following provides Property Maintenance inspections/activities for the month of March 2015.

	Cal Yr to Date	
	March 2015	March 2014
<u>Exterior</u>		
<i>Chipping Paint/Siding/Missing Address</i>	11	38
<i>Fences/Sheds/Garages</i>	6	19
<i>Vacant Structures</i>	9	24
<i>Gutters/Drainage/Roofs</i>	5	15
<i>Graffiti</i>	14	14
<u>Interior</u>		
<i>Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical</i>	2	19
<u>Stop Work Orders</u>		
<i>Working without Permit</i>	3	8
<i>Electrical</i>	2	4
<i>Demo</i>	2	3
<u>Assisting Fire Department</u>		
<i>Car into building</i>	0	1
<i>Fire</i>	1	3
<i>Flooding</i>	0	1
<i>Sewer Back-Up</i>	3	3
<u>Inoperable Vehicles</u>		
<i>Expired Tags</i>	6	23
<i>Flat Tires</i>	2	4
<i>Wrecked</i>	1	1
<i>Other</i>	0	0
<u>Special Projects/Court/Training, etc.</u>		
<i>Meetings (citizens/internal/outside agencies)</i>	3	8
<i>Court (607 Green Street)</i>	2	3
<i>Training Hours</i>	0	3