



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Beverly R. Cameron, City Manager
DATE: March 16, 2016
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Caroline Street Water Line Improvements – Work will begin mid-April on the replacement of the water lines on Caroline Street from Amelia Street south to Lafayette Boulevard (during 2016) and Lafayette Boulevard to the south end (early-mid 2017.) A meeting was held on March 10 with downtown merchants to discuss the project, including the schedule, and to address concerns. The contractor (W.C.Spratt) will work from mid-April until early November, then suspend work until early January, 2017. The schedule provides for work to take approximately 45 days in each block. During the work, the parking lane and travel lane on one side of the street will be closed to traffic while traffic flow is maintained in the remaining travel lane and parking permitted in the remaining parking lane. Deliveries will be accommodated and work that requires disruption of water service will be performed, to the degree feasible, during low demand periods (late night/ early morning hours.) Information on the website www.fredericksburgva.gov will be updated regularly throughout the project.

Next Phase of Distribution of Refuse/Recycling Carts – Refuse and recycling carts are being distributed March 16-18 to neighborhoods in and near the Lafayette Boulevard corridor (south of the Blue and Gray Parkway.) Neighborhoods included in this distribution are: Confederate Ridge; Morningside; Kensington Hill; Braehead Woods and various properties with Lafayette Boulevard addresses. There are just over 500 customers of the City's refuse collection service in these neighborhoods. Residents in these neighborhoods recently received notice of the distribution of carts and that refuse and recyclables will be collected on Tuesdays beginning Tuesday, March 22.

The next distribution of carts will occur in June (Hills of Snowden; The Preserves; Westwood; Westmont; Altoona; Huntington Hills; Great Oak Estates.) The remaining distributions will be in October (Normandy Village; Elwood City; Elmhurst and properties west of the Rappahannock Canal), March, 2017 (College Terrace) and May, 2017 (neighborhoods between the Rappahannock Canal and Lafayette Boulevard.)

City Targets Family Reunion Organizers in Annual Workshop – Forty-one reunion planners and twenty local vendors came together at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House Hotel and Conference Center for the Fredericksburg Regional Reunion Workshop on March 5. This fifth annual workshop hosted by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism was an

opportunity to share with reunion planners why the Fredericksburg area is a great location for their next gathering. Veteran reunion planner Pamela Williams shared her knowledge for organizing a successful reunion. The city's Parks and Recreation Department attended with many ideas on how they can help reunion planners.

Economic Development and Tourism and Police Department Assisting in Student Skills Competition – SkillsUSA is a Leadership Conference and Skills Championship that will be in Fredericksburg April 15-16. SkillsUSA showcases high school students in 100 various work skill competitions to include automotive, construction, nursing, criminal justice, web design etc. The Fredericksburg Expo Center and Germanna Community College will host the bulk of the competitions; however the Fredericksburg Police Department will be hosting the criminal justice and crime scene competitions. SkillsUSA is expected to use 400 rooms per night, approximately 800 room nights and 1,200 attendees. This client has signed a two-year contract and will return to Fredericksburg in 2017 thanks to the efforts of EDT staff.

Fredericksburg Police Officers Begin Carrying NARCAN –

On February 23rd and 24th, all sworn police employees attended a mandatory training put on by the Fire Department on how to use NARCAN, a medication that can block the effects of opioids (heroin, oxycodone, etc.) and can reverse an overdose. When given intravenously, NARCAN works within two minutes. Patrol officers will now carry on NARCAN in their vehicles.



Parks and Recreation Summer Camps – The Parks and Recreation Department recently sent out the summer camps brochure to all City school children in grades K – 5 (see attached). The first day of summer camp registration was Tuesday, March 15th. In the first hour, more than 185 camp registrations occurred. The camps always prove to be popular summer activities for children and parents.

Parks Summer Hours Update – The gated parks throughout the City (Alum Springs, Old Mill, and Dixon) have all gone to summer hours, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. as of March 11th. Motts Reservoir will be opening for the season on March 25th with hours from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm, Thursday – Monday.

Property Maintenance Report for February 2016 – A summary of property maintenance activities is attached for your review.

Building Construction Report for February 2016 – A summary of February's construction activities is attached for your review.

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BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY - FEBRUARY 2016

RESIDENTIAL	Feb-16		Feb-15		FY 2016		FY 2015	
New-Residential	0		1		27		8	
New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other	0		1		17		13	
Alterations/Additions	7		16		118		125	
Alt/Add - Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical	27		43		294		290	
Certificates of Occupancy	0		1		24		20	
Fees Collected	\$4,071.10		\$7,610.60		\$73,964.15		\$58,519.05	
COMMERCIAL/MULTI-FAMILY	SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS		SQFT/#UNITS	
New-Commercial	1	1,707	1		8	42,300	6	60,108
New-Multi-Family	0		0		5	128	0	
New-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical/Other	11		6		68		52	
Alterations	23		18		200		187	
Alt-Plumbing/Electrical/Mechanical	42		27		355		329	
Certificates of Occupancy	1		1		10		16	
Fees Collected	\$10,522.75		\$13,637.85		\$166,887.34		\$127,604.09	
CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY-EXISTING								
	14		9		85		95	
BUILDING INSPECTIONS PERFORMED								
	338		342		3773		3653	
UTILITY FEES COLLECTED								
Water Tap	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$11,152.40		\$11,062.12	
Water Availability	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$350,800.00		\$96,510.00	
Sewer Tap	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$15,300.00		\$20,400.10	
Sewer Availability	\$0.00		\$5,000.00		\$584,600.00		\$175,010.00	

COMMENTS

Issued permit for new tenant build-out for Jersey Mike Subs at 1607 Jefferson Davis Highway at Cowan Crossing.
February residential numbers for the current fiscal year are behind February numbers last year while commercial numbers are on par.
YTD numbers for the current fiscal year remain well ahead of last year's YTD statistics for both residential and commercial categories.

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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2016

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	Feb-16		Feb-15		FY 2016	FY 2015	
Complaints	5		3		114	116	
Inspections	50		34		432	509	
Notice of Violations Issued	32		18		181	248	
Number of Violations Corrected	8		6		224	287	
INOPERABLE VEHICLES							
Notice of Violations Issued	11		13		72	61	
Number of Violations Corrected	8		6		63	42	
Number of Vehicles Towed	0		0		0	3	
STOP WORK ORDERS							
Number Issued	0		2		22	18	
UNSAFE STRUCTURES							
Notice of Violation Issued	0		0		4	4	
WEEDS, TRASH & GRASS							
Notice of Violations Issued	9		no stats		9	no stats	
Notice of Violations Corrected	0		no stats		0	no stats	

COMMENTS

This month was spent working on older property maintenance cases of vacant structures that had previously been issued violation notices. Also sending second notices to the property owner, trying to get a timeframe of when repairs will be made. So far there as been a higher than expected rate of response and will continue to work these cases until all the violations are abated. At the end of February, trash and grass notices became the responsibility of the Property Maintenance staff. Nine trash notices went out in the month of February.