



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
DATE: November 3, 2021 (for November 9, Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:



Veterans Day Procession – On Thursday, November 11 starting at 10 a.m. a procession of Veterans and Veterans groups will walk along the route of Washington Avenue from Mary Ball Street to George Street. Veterans and Veteran Groups are invited to register with Parks, Recreation and Event to be in the procession. The public is invited to view the procession along Washington Avenue and then join the

Veterans Day Commemoration at the Fallen Heroes Memorial located on George Street. For information please call 540-372-1086, or email prfrontdesk@fredericksburgva.gov.

Christmas Parade – On Saturday, December 4th the annual parade will come to the downtown beginning at 5:30 pm. Parking restrictions will begin at 2:00pm along the parade route and at 3:30pm these same streets will be closed to traffic. Streets will re-open by 9pm after the parade cleanup. See www.fredericksburgchristmasparade.com



Fredericksburg, Parks, Recreation and Events receives two awards at VRPS State Conference – Over 400

delegates, exhibitors, speakers and volunteers from around the state gathered last week at the 67th Annual Conference of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society held in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The conference is a learning exchange and provides an opportunity for recreation and park professionals to discuss areas of common interest.



Highlighting each year’s conference is a formal presentation of awards. This state-wide program honors individuals, departments and organizations throughout Virginia who have demonstrated excellence in any of several areas during the previous year. 115 applications were received vying for awards in 15 different categories. Judged by a jury of its peers, Fredericksburg, Parks, Recreation and Events received an award in the Best New Program, Population 25,001-50,000 category, for the Camp@Home Program. Fredericksburg was also awarded Best New Special Event, Population 25,001-50,000 category, for the Reverse Christmas Parade. Pictured is Jillian Franklin, Superintendent of Sports and Fitness.

The mission of the Virginia Recreation and Park Society is to unite all professionals, students, and interested lay persons engaged in the field of recreation, parks, and other leisure services in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For more information on the Society contact the state office at 804-730-9447 or visit the website at <http://www.vrps.com>.

Community Planning and Building Offices Relocating – The department of Community Planning and Building has relocated to the 4th floor of the Executive Plaza at 601 Caroline Street to one floor during the week of November 1 -5th. The joining of this large department in one central location on one floor together aims to streamline efficiency and improve customer service. Previously, these two divisions of one department have been located on different floors of City Hall. See <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/813/Community-Planning-and-Building>

COVID-19 Vaccines Update – Beginning on Thursday, November 4, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine will be available for children ages 5 to 11, following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug

Administration. Locations include: Pediatric offices, Family Practice Offices and Community Vaccine Centers and Retail Pharmacies. Additionally, the new Community Vaccination Center (CVC) offers vaccines at 1877 Carl D. Silver Parkway Monday through Saturday from 10am to 7:30 pm. Appointments are not required, but are recommended. To schedule, visit <https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/>.

Weekly COVID-19 videos are still being created and produced by the City of Fredericksburg staff featuring Fire Chief Mike Jones on case numbers and the most update information to know related to the virus and its impacts. See www.fredericksburgva.gov for updates.

Redistricting in City of Fredericksburg – Redistricting is the process of redrawing the boundaries of districts that elect representatives who serve specific geographic areas. Redistricting occurs every 10 years following the United States census and is governed by state law. The local redistricting process determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of electing City Council and City School Board members. By making sure wards have approximately the same number of people, redistricting can help to ensure residents have equal representation on City Council and the City School Board. This schedule is compressed due to the late release of Census data and the state requirement that new districts be adopted by December 31, 2021. Alternative ward boundaries will be discussed at the November 9, Council Work Session at 5:30 pm. Information will be provided on our [web page](#).

November 16, 2021 - Public information meeting with Council present to hear comments, at The Walker-Grant Center, 210 Ferdinand Street beginning at 6:30pm.

November 23, 2021 - Formal Council public hearing at City Hall, 715 Princess Anne Street

December 7, 2021 - Public information meeting with Council present to hear comments at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street beginning at 6:30pm.

December 14, 2021 – Redistricting discussion at City Hall, 715 Princess Anne Street

Please feel free to email redistricting@fredericksburgva.gov or call at 540-372-1010 with any questions.



Traffic Safety Initiative – The Police Department has launched a traffic safety initiative to target areas in the City where distracted driving and speeding have become a public safety concern. Drivers, be advised that the Police Department will be heavily enforcing speeding, reckless driving, disregard of stop signs, and failure to obey red lights. Want to avoid a ticket? Drive smart and safe, #FXBG.

Board and Commission Openings – Are you a city resident? Passionate about your community? Serving on a board or commission can be an excellent way to shape government initiatives in your community. The City is currently seeking applicants for the following:

- Architectural Review Board
- Arts Commission
- Board of Building Codes Appeals
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Memorials Advisory Commission
- Rappahannock Area Community Services Board

To learn more and apply, visit: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/221/Boards-Commissions> or please feel free to call the City Manager's office at 540-372-1010.

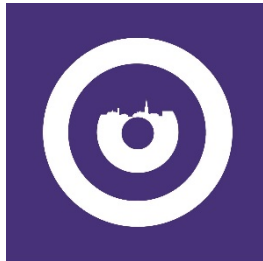
100 Block of William Street Stormwater Pipe Replacement – Work will be finalized this week for pavement striping and marking the week of November 9, which will conclude this project. Details of the entire project are available at <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/476/Stormwater-Management>.



Become a Foster Parent – Fredericksburg Social Services is now seeking Resource Foster Parents. Our department especially needs people who are willing to care for ages 7 and up and sibling groups. Our Resource Foster Parents do not have to live in the City of Fredericksburg to

foster. Foster care is temporary substitute care arranged for children who cannot remain in their homes due to abuse and/or neglect. To learn more about becoming a Resource Foster Parent or a Foster to Adopt Parent, please call 540-372-1032, ext. 241 or visit [Fredericksburgva.gov/507/Foster-Care-Adoption](https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/507/Foster-Care-Adoption).

Fall Programs – Our Parks, Recreation and Events team is continually working on fun and safe programs for this season. See the full [listing](#).



Fred Focus

Fred Focus – The [Fredericksburg Department of Economic Development and Tourism](#) is pleased to bring you Fred Focus, a weekly e-newsletter that goes out every Thursday and keeps you up-to-date on Fredericksburg business and tourism information and events. This week's [edition](#).