



MEMORANDUM

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Timothy J. Baroody'.

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
DATE: June 8, 2022 (for June 14, 2022 Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:



Riverfront Park Ribbon Cutting and Launch of Otter-ly Amazing – On May 21 the City held a [ceremonial opening](#) of the Riverfront Park and the launch of Fredericksburg, VA Main Street's Otter-ly Amazing Fredericksburg

Project. The ribbon-cutting for our first “smart park” celebrated the nearly 4-acre property and the fantastic Rappahannock River views which includes open space, event space, an interactive water feature, a meadow area, and an already popular children’s play area. Riverfront Park is located across the street from the City’s public parking garage, where abundant parking is available and is free for the first 3 hours. Future restrooms are being planned for the park, and for now a public restroom is 440 feet away at the Visitor Center, 706 Caroline Street.

Designed to be a hub for downtown events and culture, Riverfront Park was the natural “home base” for the mother Otter in Fredericksburg Main Street’s Otter-ly Amazing Trail. This exciting partnership between the downtown business community and the City seeks to promote the precious Rappahannock River ecosystem and the city’s rich arts community through an interactive art experience in historic downtown. See the otter trail at www.fxbgotters.com. The park is located at 713 Sophia Street.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Approved – After several years of work with citizen engagement, staff guidance and the Recreation Commission endorsement, City Council received

and approved the Master Plan prepared by Lose Design on May 24, 2022. The plan will soon be posted to the Parks, Recreation and Events [page](#) of the City’s website.



Around the Town Free Trolley Service returns – The City offers “Around the Town” free trolley service for locals and tourists every Friday and Saturday during the summer. Provided by Trolley Tours of Fredericksburg, trolleys will run between 5:00pm and 8:30pm on Friday and Saturday evenings beginning Friday, June 3 and running through Saturday September 3, 2022. Details are here: <https://fxbg.com/plan-your.../around-the-town-free-trolley/> or stop by the Visitor Center at 706 Caroline Street for more information.

Abundant Parking Downtown – The City is pleased to announce the completion of public parking areas adjacent to the newly finished Riverfront Park along Sophia Street in downtown Fredericksburg. With the completion of the Riverfront Park project, the Sophia Street Parking Garage will be returning to 3 hours of free parking, \$1 each additional hour beginning on May 1, 2022. Located at the corner of Sophia Street and Wolfe Street, the Sophia Street Parking Garage provides 297 public parking spaces in the heart of Downtown, with fully automated garage access and payment system available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. An electric charging station with two ports is available on the top floor of the deck. For more information on parking rates and monthly parking passes, please visit the City’s website: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/206/Parking-Garage>

The Downtown has ample additional parking options in multiple locations. Please see map highlighting public parking: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10612/Downtown-Parking-Map-2020-PDF?bidId=>



June Celebrated as Pride Month

– As a community dedicated to diversity, equity and inclusion, we celebrate Pride Month each year in June by honoring LGBTQIA+ people in Fredericksburg. We invite you to celebrate with us by joining in the FXBG Pride Event on June 25, 2022. Find additional events and ways to

get involved in celebrating online. And read about the importance of the Pride community and the rich resources available: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/1819/LGBTQIA-Pride-Month>

COVID-19 Vaccinations – The Rappahannock Area Health Department continues to provide free COVID-19 vaccines and boosters at various local health department locations. Appointments are not required, but are encouraged. Days and times vaccinations are provided:

- Mondays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Spotsylvania County Health Dept., 9104 Courthouse Road, Holbart Building, Spotsylvania 22553, (540) 507-7400
- Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: City of Fredericksburg Health Dept., 608 Jackson St., Fredericksburg 22401, (540) 899-4142 and King George County Health Dept., Village Center 8097 Kings Highway, King George 22485 (540) 775-3111
- Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Stafford County Health Dept., Courthouse Complex 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford 22554, (540) 659-3101 and Caroline County Health Dept., 17202 Richmond Turnpike, Milford 22427 804-633-5465

Please call the local Call Center at (540) 899-4797 between 8am – 4:30pm with any questions.

To find a vaccine near you, <https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/> or call 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682, TTY users call 7-1-1). Assistance is available in many languages.



Picnic in the Park – The popular FREE concerts continue on Tuesdays in June from 11:30am – 1:30pm in Memorial Park, located at 1301 Kenmore Avenue. Bring a picnic lunch or buy one from our park vendors. There are a variety of performers and activities for children to enjoy.

See <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/379/Events-Upcoming> for more details.



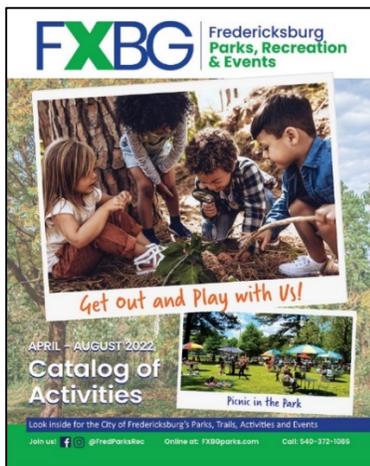
Traffic Safety Initiative – The Police Department continues a traffic safety initiative to target areas in the City where distracted driving and speeding have become a public safety concern. Drivers, be advised that the Police Department will be heavily enforcing speeding, reckless driving, disregard of stop signs, and failure to obey red lights. [“The City of Fredericksburg has issued over 1,283 speeding citations since October 2021.”](#) Want to avoid a ticket in the

City of Fredericksburg – follow posted speed limits, it is that simple,” stated City Manager Tim Baroody. 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:

- Board of Building Codes Appeals (member specific, to see specifics)
- Board of Zoning Appeals (Alternate members needed)
- Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee
- Memorials Advisory Commission
- Parking Advisory Committee

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

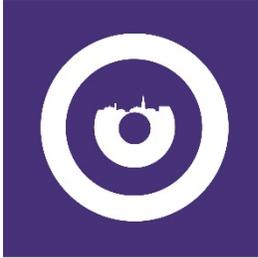


The Parks, Recreation and Events Summer Catalog is now available! Get out and play with us! Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Events is offering summer camps, swimming, activities, events and more! Find out what’s new in the FXBG this summer by reading the catalog online <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/370/Catalog-of-Activities> or picking up your paper copy from the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 308 Canal Street.



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Summer Programs – Our Parks, Recreation and Events team is continually working on fun and safe programs for the season. Keep updated on all the activities available. 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](#).