



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
DATE: May 5, 2022 (for May 10, 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 – Please join us for the [ceremonial opening](#) of the Riverfront Park and the launch of Fredericksburg, VA Main Street's Otter-ly Amazing Fredericksburg Project on May 21 at 10:30am. The ribbon-cutting for our first “smart park” will be followed by a tour of the new downtown Otter Trail. The park is located at 713 Sophia Street. For more information call (540) 372-1086.

Gun Give Back Event – The Police Department is hosting its annual Gun Giveback event Saturday, May 7th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Police Headquarters. Sponsored by the Fredericksburg Police and Sheriff's Departments, the Gun Giveback event allows gun owners to voluntarily turn in unwanted firearms for proper and safe disposal. Over 180 firearms have been voluntarily surrendered since the inception of this program. Gun owners can be confident their unwanted firearms never end up in the hands of criminals or children or be used in a crime. Fredericksburg Police Headquarters is located at 2200 Cowan Blvd, Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

Marine Corps Historic Half, Semper 5ive Miler and Devil Dog Double Runs – The annual event returns to the City on the morning of Sunday, May 22 with the starting line in front of Wegmans at 2281 Carl D. Silver Parkway. It's not too late to sign up to participate. See link <https://www.marinemarathon.com/events/historic-half>. Make plans to adjust your travel that morning as well as many roads throughout the city will be impacted.



Volunteers Needed for Thunder Alley – Let's bring the thunder to cheer on the runners of the Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon - the greatest half marathon in history! Calling all loud, motivational and fun spectators!! Bring your voices. Bring your posters. Bring your costumes. Bring the noise. Downtown is the halfway point for the Historic Half runners. They need all the cheers and motivation to get up the infamous Hospital Hill.

Italian Station (620 Caroline St) will be open at 5:00 am to help you with breakfast and get caffeinated. Dixie Power Trio Band playing at the Visitor Center parking lot. (706 Caroline St) Pick up your free cowbells and clappers at the Visitor Center. (706 Caroline St)

If you are an organization or business that would like to be part of Thunder Alley, please contact us at info@fxbg.com

Where to cheer: Corner of Princess Anne Street and William, the 900 to 600 blocks of Princess Anne Street and along the 700 to 1000 blocks of Caroline.

Where to park: Come in by way of Lafayette Street, use the public parking garage (free for the first 3 hours), parking along the side streets on the lower end of Caroline and Princess Anne Streets. See more information about Historic Half weekend:

<https://fxbg.com/events/marine-corps-historic-half-marathon/>



City Advances on Council's 2035 100% Renewable Energy Goals – Virginia Clean Cities Grant: City of Fredericksburg Partners with Fredericksburg City Public Schools and the University of Mary Washington for Comprehensive Fleet Assessment – The City is proud to announce its participation in the Drive Clean Rural USA project. Drive Clean Rural USA is a pilot project funded by the U.S.

Department of Energy, supporting 24 localities across the nation. (For more information about Drive Clean Rural USA, please visit drivecleanrural.org.) This work will be managed by Virginia Clean Cities, as this grant's sub-recipient for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The City invited Fredericksburg City Public Schools and the University of Mary Washington to participate in order to build additional momentum in community action to meet shared sustainability goals. This joint venture will receive assistance from Virginia Clean Cities throughout the 3-phased project expected to run through June 2024. (In 2021, Virginia Clean Cities successfully assisted the Fredericksburg Police Department in completing a fleet assessment that led to purchasing hybrid police vehicles.) By participating in this comprehensive assessment, the City will be equipped to strategically plan and identify opportunities to ultimately transition to a clean fuel-powered fleet city wide. This is a critical step for the City as it diligently works to achieve City Council's goal of [100% renewable energy for municipal operations by 2035](https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1420). See more details at <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1420>.

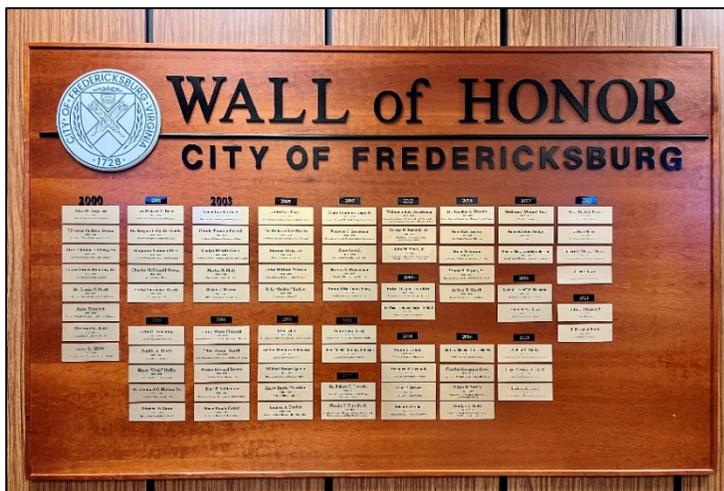
Abundant Parking Downtown – The City is pleased to announce the completion of public parking areas adjacent to the newly finished Riverfront Park along Sophia Street in downtown Fredericksburg. With the completion of the Riverfront Park project, the Sophia Street Parking

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=>

Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills Released – The Treasurer's Office has advised that the City's real estate tax bills and personal property tax bills for the spring 2022 cycle are released. The due date is May 16; however, the penalty will not be applied until the following week to ensure that recipients will have adequate time to pay the bills. If there are any questions, please contact the Treasurer's Office at (540) 372-1001.

Picnic in the Park – The popular May and June lunchtime free concerts are held 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.



Wall of Honor – The Fredericksburg Memorials Advisory Commission is seeking nominations to the City Wall of Honor for 2022. The Wall of Honor recognizes those who have made significant contributions to the welfare of the city and the betterment of society. Nominees must have been deceased for at least one year prior to the nomination. Nominations may be submitted by any person, except

immediate family members.

You can find the Wall of Honor Application [here](#). Deadline for submission is May 15. If you have questions, email Tonya Lacey, Clerk of the City Council, at tlacey@fredericksburgva.gov.

For a list of previous recipients please see the [Wall of Honor Recipients 2000-2021](#).

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 English, Spanish, and more than 100 other languages.



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 1,100 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:

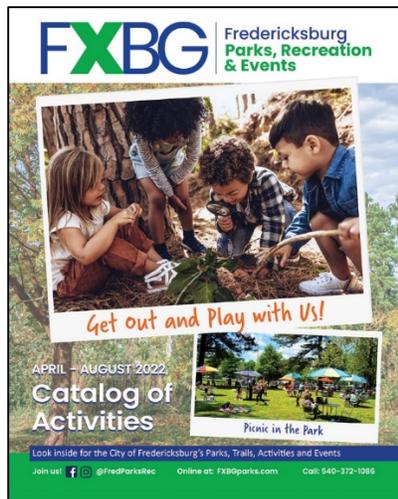
- Board of Building Codes Appeals (member specific, to see specifics)
- Board of Zoning Appeals (Alternate members needed)
- Economic Development Authority (Closes May 10)
- Memorials Advisory Commission
- Parking Advisory Committee
- Rappahannock Area Community Services Board

- Recreation Commission

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.



Kids' Fishing Derby – The free annual event for children ages 3 -16 will be held at Motts Run Reservoir on Saturday, June 4 (rain date, June 5) from 7:30am – 11am. Pre-registration recommended but not required. There will be prizes for each age category. Volunteers are needed to assist with the event. Please contact Callie Brown at (540) 372-1086 ext 213 or cmbrown@fredericksburgva.gov



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.



Spring 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](#).

