



**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council  
**FROM:** Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager  
**DATE:** June 22, 2022 (for June 28, 2022 Council meeting)  
**SUBJECT:** City Manager's Update

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Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

**June 22 Storm Update #3** – June 23 at 1pm update

**Convenience Center Opened** - Due to the prolonged power outages in the city resulting from yesterday's storm, the City of Fredericksburg has opened a Convenience Center at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street, from 12 Noon until 4 p.m. today, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Convenience Center is not a Shelter, but it will provide a place for those still without power to come and charge their phones and conduct any work during that time. The Department of Social Services will be staffing the Convenience Center and will have a limited amount of supplies for those that need chargers or power sources. If you plan to come to the Convenience Center, you are encouraged to bring some snacks, games, books or any other minor comforts from home.

**Power Outage Update** - At height of storm over 6,300 customers in Fredericksburg were without power. That number was reduced to around 3,000 last night about 10pm. As of 9am this morning Dominion is showing 2,109 persons without power in the City of Fredericksburg. The largest outages are in College Terrace, Mayfield, around the University, and a smaller scale area in Normandy Village.

Please stay away from downed power lines and to assume all such lines are energized. It's important to report downed power lines or outages at **866-DOM-HELP (866-366-4357)**, using the **Dominion Energy Outage Center app from Apple App Store or Google Play Store**, or by visiting <https://www.dominionenergy.com/virginia/report-outage-or-emergency>

**Reported Injuries** - During the height of the storm, three women were trapped under a large fallen tree at 800 Sophia Street. City Fire crews responded and were able to cut away much of tree and rescue the women. After evaluation by EMS they were treated and released with some bumps and bruises, but not significant injuries or loss of life. At this time, there are no further reports of significant injuries or loss of life to citizens in Fredericksburg as result of this storm.

**Tree Damage Cleanup** - The Fredericksburg City Public Works Department is working to remove damaged and downed trees on the public rights of ways from yesterday's storm. The work is being prioritized by location/severity/safety/and volume of traffic affected. Yesterday City crews focused on cutting and pushing fallen trees and limbs to open blocked streets to allow for traffic. The following was the list generated at the end of the first response:

**Streets closed:**

- Frazier - tree and wires
- McKinney – tree on lines and on car/blocking ½ of the street

- Hanover and Jackson intersection – low electric wire over street
- Charlotte between Prince Edward and Kenmore - wires down
- Dale Street – tree down blocking street
- Lewis and Washington – tree limb and wires
- 650 Stuart – tree limb and wires – open
- 901 Cornell – tree no power
- 800 Monroe - blocked by tree and downed power lines
- 800 Block Little Page – low wire hanging
- 1304 Winchester – limbs and power lines

**Partial affected streets:**

- Prince Edward – line in parking lot
- Prince Edward – lines in parking lot across from church
- 600 Block Hanover – low wire hanging

Currently Lansdowne Road is closed between Airport Ave. and the CSX rail line. “Road Closed” signs have been posted, and the road will remain closed until at least this afternoon due to the number of trees and lines down.

**Moving Forward** - Today, four (4) City crews will be operating to remove fallen trees and limbs. Two crews were dispatched first in the downtown area along Caroline and Princess Anne. Two others started on the downed trees not impeded by power lines. Closer, visual assessments will begin being performed today to identify hanging limbs that have not fallen and to prioritize trees that should be removed due to extensive damage. Based on the initial assessment performed yesterday, it is anticipated that Public Works will be performing debris clean up and removal over the course of the next two weeks. Other services will continue as well.

The tree damage reporting line is now activated and until further notice, please call 540-684-9143 for any storm related city tree damage. Citizens should not place debris from their yards on the curbs or street.

**Social Services** - Residents who receive SNAP benefits and who have experienced a power outage of 8 hours or more, may be eligible for replacement SNAP benefits. For information and to apply for this benefit, please have residents contact the Department at (540) 372-1032 or they can e-mail Ms. Carolina Valdez at [carolina.valdez@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:carolina.valdez@dss.virginia.gov).

A status update on the City’s parks will be shared this afternoon. At this time, Alum Spring Park and the Dog Park are closed. Residents are urged to use caution in all other parks and on the trails.



**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>

**Public Meeting on Old Mill Park Entrance Fees for Non Residents and Neighborhood Parking –**

In response to Stafford County’s new fees at Historic Port of Falmouth Park beginning on July 22, 2022, the City of Fredericksburg is advancing more quickly its efforts to implement fees at Old Mill Park. As the City’s parks grow in popularity the operational/maintenance costs are increasing, and as highlighted in the recently approved Parks and Recreation Master Plan, necessitate additional cost recovery. The fees in Stafford may also push additional users to Old Mill Park, many of whom may seek parking options in adjacent neighborhoods.

The public is invited to join City staff in a discussion about what is being proposed to continue to manage access to our great park, while working to avoid unsafe overuse.

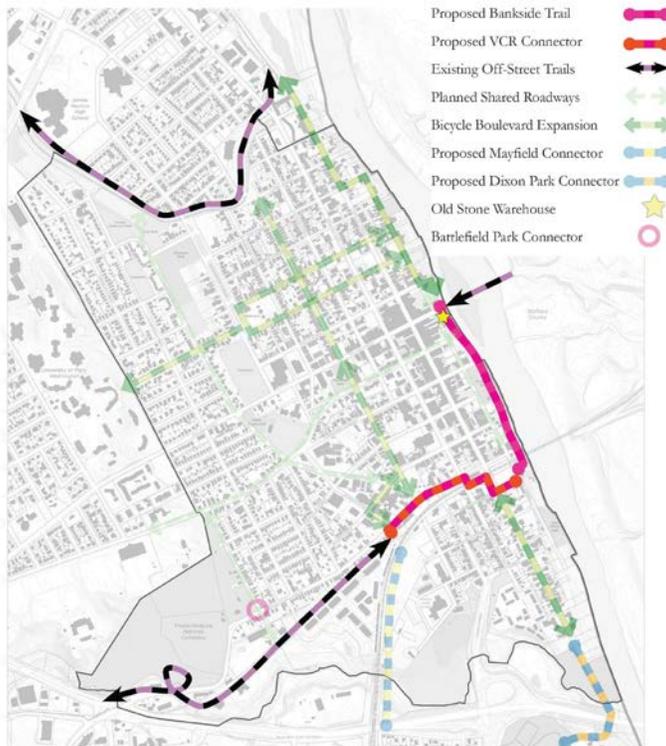
**Monday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street**

**All residents are invited!**

Questions? Please call Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Events at 540-372-1086 or email [tabrown@fredericksburgva.gov](mailto:tabrown@fredericksburgva.gov).

## Downtown Core Off-Street Trail Network Map



## Bankside Trail and VCR Connector Information Meeting

The City has had long standing plans for a Bankside Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail. The Bankside Trail is a proposed off-street 3,200 linear foot shared use trail and will be a key part of the City's future bicycle and pedestrian network. It will connect the Virginia Central Railroad Trail (via the "V.C.R. Connector"), the Chatham Bridge Trail as well as key points along the route. As such, it will also be a part of the East Coast Greenway, which is a national bike way stretching from Calais, Maine to Key West, Florida. To the left is an updated concept map that identifies the Bankside Trail

and V.C.R. Connector.

The City has taken several steps over the years to advance the construction of this trail. This work included obtaining easements along the Riverfront in certain areas and developing high level concept plans. The concept work will be used to understand how the different features along the Riverfront will affect the ultimate character and design of the trail.

The next steps in the trail planning process will be discussed at the Community Planning Department's Bankside Trail and VCR Connector Information Meeting, held on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Executive Plaza (601 Caroline Street) on Monday, June 27 at 6 PM. This is not a Council meeting as was recently mistakenly published in the Free Lance-Star. For additional information, please contact the Fredericksburg Community Planning and Building Department at [planning@fredericksburgva.gov](mailto:planning@fredericksburgva.gov) and (540) 372-1179.

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**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=>

**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.



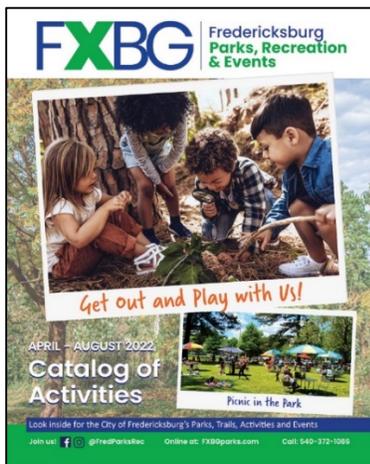
**Traffic Safety Initiative** – The Police Department continues a traffic safety initiative to target areas in the City where distracted driving and speeding have become a public safety concern. Drivers, be advised that the Police Department will be heavily enforcing speeding, reckless driving, disregard 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.

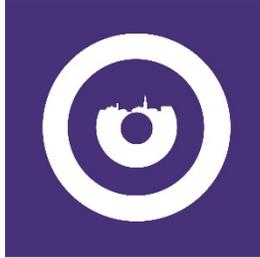


**The Parks, Recreation and Events Summer Catalog is now available!** Get out and play with us! Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Events is offering summer camps, swimming, activities, events and more! Find out what’s new in the FXBG this summer by reading the catalog online <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/370/Catalog-of-Activities> 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](#).