



MEMORANDUM

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

TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Timothy J. Barody, City Manager
DATE: September 21, 2022 (for September 27, 2022 Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:



Fredericksburg Sister Cities Fundraiser for Ukraine – Four of the Sister City Associations (Fréjus, Este, Schwetzingen, and Kathmandu) are organizing a fundraiser of the people of Ukraine. Thirty local artists have been invited to make a donation to be auctioned through a week long on-line showcase, culminating in a public live auction event. The event will take place on **October 23 from 2 – 5 PM** at the Rappahannock Regional Library – Fredericksburg Branch. Tickets to the event are \$50 and there will be food and live music. Community and business sponsorships are currently being sought.

See FXBG4UKRAINE.ORG for more information.

Citizens Advisory Panel Openings

– Due to recent retirements from the Citizen's Advisory Panel, Police Chief Layton is now accepting applications for three new members. Applicants must either live or work in the City of Fredericksburg. To learn about the expectations of a Citizens Advisory Panel member and the important



role they play, please read the Citizens Advisory Panel Charter and submit an application. For more information, click here: <https://bit.ly/2XoFCNt>

Early Voting Starts –

Early in-person voting for the November 8, 2022, 7th Congressional District Race, will start September 23, 2022. Early Voting will be conducted in the Fredericksburg Registrar's Office located on the 5th



floor of Executive Plaza, 601 Caroline Street during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please visit <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/.../Voter-Registration...>

To check your voting status, visit <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>.



Two-Way Traffic is Coming to Fall Hill Avenue, Washington Avenue and Maury Street –

Plans for a major change to the traffic pattern on the one-way streets near James Monroe High School are nearing completion, with the construction project expected to be completed this fall. Construction is anticipated to start in late September, depending on the weather. Once the project is completed, the one-way streets on Fall Hill Avenue, Washington Avenue and Maury Street in the Canal Quarter Neighborhood will be converted to two-way traffic. This work is included as part of the City's Pavement Rehabilitation Program FY-23

project.

Construction work on these streets will primarily be milling and replacing the existing pavement. Once the new pavement is in place, new striping and signage will be installed that will change the traffic pattern on Fall Hill Avenue, Washington Avenue, and Maury Street into two-way streets. Work on this project will also include new crosswalks, a pedestrian bump-out

at the Virginia Avenue/Fall Hill Avenue intersection (near the bus stop), and the improvement of several sidewalk ramps.

This traffic change is known as a “traffic calming” measure to reduce speeds in the neighborhood. It was a proposed feature of the Area 6 Small Area Plan adopted by the City Council in February 2019. Subsequently, it was the subject of an engineering study completed in October 2019. The City Council then programmed the traffic change in the FY23 Capital Improvement Projects.

Residents are invited to subscribe to the City’s traffic alerts, which will be sending timely road work notices to subscribers by text and email. To subscribe, please visit [FredericksburgAlert.com](https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/alert), create an account and select the list for General Community > Traffic Alerts. For additional questions, please contact Fredericksburg Public Works at 540-372-1023.

Street Rehabilitation Schedule – The City’s contractor, Virginia Paving Company, began their work on the FY23 Pavement Rehabilitation Program in early September. The work includes replacement and upgrade of access ramps, repair of pavement sections, milling and placement of a new pavement surface, and placement of pavement markings. The Contractor is currently working on concrete curbs and ramps on Hanover Street between William Street and Littlepage Street. Asphalt work will begin on Hanover Street next week. Additional concrete work is scheduled to begin next on Washington Avenue at the Germania Street end and progress to the canal. There are various streets in different areas of the City that will be completed as part of this year’s Program. Subsequent news updates will be released as the contractor progresses. This work is anticipated to be completed by the end of October, weather permitting. For questions, please contact the City’s Department of Public Works at (540)372-1023 or visit the Department’s webpage.

FY 2022 Preliminary Year End Financial Update – The City Council will be presented with an update at the September 27 meeting on year end FY 2022. See full [memo](#) in council agenda.



Veterans Day Procession – Make plans to attend the Fredericksburg Veterans Day Procession to be held on Friday, November 11th. Registration is now open for veterans who wish to be in the procession see this [link](#).

Public (family members and non-veterans) are invited to view the procession beginning at 10 a.m. along Washington Avenue and then join the Veterans Day

Commemoration at the Fredericksburg Area War Memorial (George Street). Event will be held rain or shine. For information please email prfrontdesk@fredericksburgva.gov or call 540-372-1086.

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 1,825 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.**



New Speed Limit in Downtown Business District – The City of Fredericksburg is focused on

enhancing pedestrian safety throughout the City. One way to achieve this mission is by lowering speed limits where warranted and legally permissible. In May, City Council voted to reduce the speed in the City’s downtown business district, which sees high pedestrian volume throughout the year. Effective July 1, 2022, the speed limit on the following road segments was reduced from 25 to 20 MPH:



- Sophia Street between Lafayette Boulevard and Amelia Street
- Caroline Street between Lafayette Boulevard and Lewis Street
- William Street between Washington Avenue and Sophia Street
- Lafayette Blvd. between Sophia Street and Prince Edward Street

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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.

The graphic is titled "RAHD COVID-19 VACCINATION SCHEDULE" and features a teal and white color scheme. At the top, it states "ALL CLINICS ARE HELD FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM". The schedule is organized by day: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Each day lists the local health department, its address, and phone number. A central teal oval contains the text: "VACCINES AVAILABLE FOR AGES 6 MONTHS +", "APPOINTMENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED". A circular logo for RAHD (Rappahannock Area Health Department) is located in the bottom right corner of the graphic.

Day	Location	Address	Phone Number
Monday	Spotsylvania County Health Department	9104 Courthouse Road, Holbart Building, Spotsylvania 22553	540-507-7400
Tuesday	City of Fredericksburg Health Department	608 Jackson Street, Fredericksburg 22401	540-899-4142
Tuesday	King George County Health Department	Village Center 8097 Kings Highway, King George 22485	540-775-3111
Wednesday	Stafford County Health Department	Courthouse Complex 1300 Courthouse Road, Stafford, VA 22554	540-659-3101
Wednesday	Caroline County Health Department	17202 Richmond Turnpike, Milford, VA 22514	804-633-5465

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 Fall Catalog is now available! Get out and play with us! Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Events is offering many special events, nature programs, special interest classes and sports being offered September through December. Read it online here: ++<https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/370/Catalog-of-Activities>

Pick up your paper copy from the Dorothy Hart Community Center after August 9th. Registration is now open online: <https://secure.rec1.com/VA/fredericksburg-va/catalog> and in person at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street. Questions? Give us a call at 540-372-1086 or email prfrontdesk@fredericksburgva.gov.



Fall 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](#).