



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: October 19, 2022 (for October 25, 2022 Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:



Transit Strategic Plan –Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FXBGO!) is creating a Transit Strategic Plan to improve transit services across the region. What about transit is working well? What about transit needs to work better to keep the Fredericksburg region moving? Take our survey by November 18 to share your feedback. Join us to learn more about the project, ask questions, and provide your input to shape current and future routes, determine stop and service locations and help identify what transit should look like in our region.

Attend an Open House **Wednesday, October 26, 2022 | 4:00-7:00pm** at Lawrence A. Davies Transit Center (FRED Central), 1400 Emancipation Highway, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

or Virtual Public Meeting on **Thursday, November 3, 2022 | 6:00-7:30pm**

Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7824312086598248205>

There will be additional pop-up events throughout the region.

Visit www.rideFXBGO.com to learn more. Bonus: you may even win one of three \$50 Visa gift cards when you take the survey.



Early Voting – Early in-person voting for the November 8, 2022, 7th Congressional District Race, began September 23, 2022. Early Voting is being 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>.

Scarecrow Fest –

Businesses and restaurants throughout the downtown are showcasing and competing in the annual Scarecrow Fest, a themed scarecrow contest through the end of the month. There are four categories: best business theme, funniest, historic and spookiest. Come downtown



to see all the scarecrows and then vote for your favorites. Stop by the Visitor Center located at 706 Caroline Street to pick up a map and ballot or see the link.

Cast your vote at bit.ly/3EcPLTF.



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.

Parking Garage Fee Increases Begin November 1 – City Council voted on September 27 to increase the parking garage fees to \$2 for the first three hours and eliminate the night and

weekend maximum caps of \$2. This slight fee increase will assist slightly increase revenue from daily fees. The hope as well is that this small fee will reduce the number of customers who come to use it as a “hang-out” as opposed to parking and going downtown. Main Street and the Economic Development Authority have discussed this matter. Main Street’s new Executive Director conducted an informal poll of Board members, at the City’s request, and reported that there is no strong objection to modest fee increases at the public parking garage. The EDA has contacted City Manager’s office and expressed their concerns related to unwanted behavior in the parking deck.

Fall Flu Shots – Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center will be offering FREE (adults only) drive-thru clinic this **Saturday, October 22** from 9 a.m. to noon. The drive-thru clinic will take place near the main entrance, at 4600 Spotsylvania Parkway. No preregistration is necessary, but participants must bring their IDs and be masked. In addition, the Rappahannock Area Health District is offering free flu shots at two community events the first week of November. Vaccines will be provided from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 4** at the Community Health and Wellness Fair at the Massad Family YMCA and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 5 at the King George YMCA. In addition to flu shots offered at local clinics, area pharmacies and stores throughout the region have vaccines available (see attached). The website vaccines.gov shows about 50 places within 25 miles of the 22401 ZIP code where you can get a flu shot.



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 completed, with the construction project expected to be completed this fall. 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, create an account and select the list for General Community > Traffic Alerts. For additional questions, please contact Fredericksburg Public Works at 540-372-1023.

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 2,014 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.**



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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

RAHD COVID-19 VACCINATION SCHEDULE
 ALL CLINICS ARE HELD FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM

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
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• VACCINES AVAILABLE FOR AGES 6 MONTHS +
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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.

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)
- Memorials Advisory Commission
- Parking Advisory Committee
- 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.

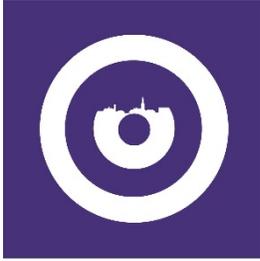


The Parks, Recreation and Events Fall Catalog is now available! Get out and play with us! Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Events is offering many special events, nature programs, special interest classes and sports being offered September through December. Read it online here: ++<https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/370/Catalog-of-Activities>

Pick up your paper copy from the Dorothy Hart Community Center. 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](#).