

**MEMORANDUM**

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TO: Mayor Greenlaw and Members of City Council
FROM: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
DATE: May 3, 2023 (for May 9 Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

**Marine Corps Historic Half Events: planned road Marine closures on May 21 -**

The Marine Corps Historic Half Events are returning to the City of Fredericksburg on Sunday, May 21, 2023. This 13.1 mile run, and affiliated events, winds through portions of Central Park, Cowan Boulevard, Hospital Hill and Historic Downtown areas. Planned road closures are scheduled for Sunday, May 21st. Events begin at 6:00 a.m. with street closures and parking restrictions affecting residents throughout the Fredericksburg area beginning at 4:00 a.m. until approximately 11:00 a.m., depending on your location. This year's event has been moved forward one hour in order to open the roadways up earlier for FXBG residents and visitors. Please [review the race map](#) and plan ahead for the expected May 21st road closures.

2023 Midnight Madness – This summer series is designed to provide a positive experience for



youth throughout the summer. The program runs Friday's from June 9 – July 7 (no session on June 29) at James Monroe High School from 6 – 9 pm. There will be an educational workshop each evening in addition to playing basketball in a structured setting. This is a FREE program and is for City residents only. In partnership with the City Schools and Police Department, bus transportation will be provided to and from James Monroe High School. Participants must be entering 8th

grade for fall of 2023. There will be no age waivers for this program, no online registration, and no registrations will be accepted on site. Registration is now open, participants must register in person at Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street. For more information see <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/1087/Midnight-Madness>

Annual Water Disinfection Change and Flushing Continues – On

March 13, the temporary change to the primary disinfectants in the water treatment process from chloramines to free chlorine occurred. The purpose of this temporary change in process, which occurs annually, is to help ensure a high level of disinfection in our community's network of water mains. During this period, City water customers may notice a change in the taste or odor of their tap water. The return to using chloramines will occur on April 21, 2023.



Flushing will occur in the City through May 2023. Crews will work each day, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. To check when crews are scheduled to flush in your neighborhood, and their progress, please refer to the following websites:

City of Fredericksburg: www.fredericksburgva.gov or you may call 540/372-1023.

Read the full notice here: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/.../Annual-Water...>



Wall of Honor
Fredericksburg Memorials Advisory Commission is seeking nominations to the City Wall of Honor for 2023. 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 on the city website: <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/.../Wall-of-Honor...> Deadline for submission is May 13, 2023. If you have questions, email Tonya Lacey, Clerk of the City Council, at tlacey@fredericksburgva.gov.

Train Bridges Rehabilitation Project –

Short term, intermittent lane closures on Charles, Princess Anne, Caroline, and Sophia Streets began the week of January 16th in the immediate area around the Fredericksburg [Virginia Railway Express](#) Express (VRE)/Amtrak station. The contractor for VRE’s rehabilitation project is doing preliminary inspections of the bridges crossing over these roads. This will involve rotating closures of one travel lane at a time under a bridge for a duration of approximately seven days. This preliminary work is anticipated to be completed by the end of March 2023.



Following the conclusion of these inspections, bridge repair work is scheduled to begin in March 2023 and run through the first part of 2024. The same travel lanes that were closed for inspections will be closed again, one at a time, for approximately 60-day periods, to complete minor concrete repairs. Drivers and pedestrians in the area around the train station are asked to remain cautious and watch for signage and work areas throughout the year.

These lane closures and bridge repairs are one part of VRE's Fredericksburg Station Rehabilitation Project, which is an \$11 million investment that includes lengthening the station's platform and other improvements to enhance passenger safety and convenience.

For information on the Fredericksburg Station Rehabilitation Project, please visit <https://projects.vre.org/project?Project=Fredericksburg%20Station%20Rehabilitation>.

For additional questions, please contact Virginia Railway Express at 800-743-3873 and by email at FredericksburgStationRehabilitation@vre.org.

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 Social Services
- Board of Zoning Appeals (Alternate members needed)
- Economic Development Authority (closes May 2)
- 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 Summer 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. Read it [online](#).

Pick up your paper copy from the Dorothy Hart Community Center. Registration is now open [online](#) 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.



Spring Programs – Our Parks, Recreation and Events team is continually working on fun 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](#).