



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: August 1, 2023 (for August 8, 2023 Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Community and School Safety – The City of Fredericksburg and Fredericksburg City Public Schools (FCPS) continue to place a priority on school safety and security as they plan for the 2023-24 school year. In an effort to keep safety as our top priority, a *Community Engagement Roadmap* has been jointly created by the City and FCPS. It addresses teen violence in our City



and seeks to engage our whole community in support of the City's and FCPS' safety and prevention measures to help keep our youth and our community safe. This roadmap includes our joint efforts to share information about school safety measures and protocols implemented over the past two years, as well as plans to reestablish a multi-jurisdictional Regional Taskforce. A City Steering Committee

on Teenage Violence has been created and held their first meeting on July 31, 2023. The committee is composed of school, city, and public safety employees, and many other community partners. The roadmap includes plans to engage the community on discussion areas and progress and make resources and information available to families to help support our community-wide effort to reduce teen violence in Fredericksburg.

More information can be found on the [Community Safety](#) page of the city's website. Ongoing updates will occur.

National Night Out – Members of City Council, along with Police, Sheriff and Fire Department staff participated August 1st in the National Night Out in various neighborhoods. The neighborhoods that participated included Heritage Park, Rising OSun, Hazel Hill, Silver Collection, and the Preserves.



Check out the new and improved playground at Dixon Park! We are excited to announce this new playground is officially open for play. It is located in the back of the Dixon Park located at 1300 Dixon Street next to the bathroom building.

New Patrol Vehicle - The Fredericksburg Police Department is in the process of updating its patrol fleet with a new wrap. A committee from the Patrol Division, along with assistance from the Public Information office, updated the vehicle wrap to incorporate the City's brand and give its fleet a fresh look. Paying homage to the old design, the committee kept the blue line stretching across the side of the vehicle but updated it to look more contemporary. New features on the wrap include the department's patch, website, and City's FXBG logo. Three patrol vehicles now feature the new look, and the entire fleet will eventually have the wrap.



Fredericksburg Featured on ABC 7 – *“DMV Staycations: What to do when visiting Fredericksburg this summer.”* Danelle Rose, Visitor Center Manager, provides a great overview of what’s fun in the city this summer. The article highlighted not only the historic sites to visit but also mentioned river and outdoor activities as well as upcoming Fredericksburg events. Check out Fredericksburg’s feature on things to do! [Read and watch it here.](#)

Around the Town Trolley –The City “Around the Town” free trolley service for locals and tourists every Friday and Saturday, 5:00pm and 8:30pm, is in full swing for the summer. Please note that on the first Friday of each month additional stops are added to stop at art galleries. Read about the trolley stops and details here:



<https://fxbg.com/plan-your.../around-the-town-free-trolley/>

Where to park? The free trolley stops are located close to parking lots and garages that have ample availability on weekend evenings. View the [Downtown Parking Map](#) for the location of available lots.

Parking options include:

- Parking garage at Wolfe and Sophia streets
- Parking garage at William and Winchester Streets
- The “VRE parking lot” at Frederick and Caroline streets
- The many surface lots along Sophia Street
- The parking lot at the corner of Charles and Amelia streets



Water Bill Assistance – Need assistance paying your past due water bill? Virginia's Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) may be able to help! Applications are being accepted now to help Virginia residents pay their water and wastewater bills.

Your household may be eligible if:

- it comprises of at least one U.S. citizen or eligible legal permanent resident.
- you have a household income below 150% of the federal poverty level.
- you have water or wastewater services that

are disconnected or are in danger of being disconnected and you must be responsible for paying the water bill. Local departments of social services will not be accepting or processing applications for this program. To apply for the LIHWAP or for questions about the program visit <https://virginalihwap.com/lihwap> or call 1-888-373-9908.

Traffic Safety Initiative – The Police Department continues a traffic safety initiative started in October 2021 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 1,177 speeding citations through June 2023, this year. Want to avoid a ticket in the City of Fredericksburg – follow posted speed limits, it is that simple,”** stated City Manager Tim Baroody. Additionally, loud muffler citations are being issued for excessive noise. Forty-five such citations have been issued year to date. Want to avoid a ticket? Drive smart, safe, and quiet. Please be a good neighbor!





The Parks, Recreation and Events Fall Catalog will soon be available! Come play with us! Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Events will offer many special events, nature programs, special interest classes and sports programs. Read it [online](#). Pick up your paper copy from the Dorothy Hart Community Center. Registration is open [online](#) and in person at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street. Questions? Give us a call at 540-372-1086.



Fred Focus

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