



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: July 05, 2023 for (July 11, 2023 Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Summer Restaurant Week - Fredericksburg hosts semi-annual Summer and Winter Restaurant Weeks, with restaurants participating from all over the city. Our unique food scene is an integral part of the 'Burg and Restaurant Week is the perfect opportunity to sample the unique flavors of the city. Our dedicated chefs embrace this opportunity to showcase their talents to both new and returning customers. You can always [make a weekend out of FXBG Restaurant Week!](#)



JMHS SRO has been awarded DCJS's Officer of the Quarter – Join us in congratulating Fredericksburg Police Department Officer Brown-Kaleopaa for being selected as the Department of Criminal Justice Services School Resource Officer of the Quarter! Officer Uyurre “BK” Brown-Kaleopaa serves as the SRO at James Monroe High School. He was nominated by the Fredericksburg City Public School

Division and the Fredericksburg Police Department. We commend him for making such a significant and positive impact on our city schools and community.



The inaugural **FXBG Peeps Diorama Show and Exhibition** opens Friday, July 7th with an opening reception at 5pm – 7pm during First Friday. This new exhibit features creative entries by children and adults using Peeps marshmallow candies in themed settings about

“Celebrating Fredericksburg,” showing what they love about our city. The public is invited to view this sweet exhibit at the Fredericksburg Visitor Center, 706 Caroline Street now through July 30th. For more information please call 540-373-1776 or visit fxbg.com/fxbg-peeps-show. *PEEPS® and the PEEPS® chick and bunny shapes are trademarks of Just Born.*

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, has begun 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

Join Team FXBG –The City of Fredericksburg Government is a place where our team is committed to serving a thriving and growing community. We're now hiring for Team FXBG members in various departments. Take a look at the [opportunities](#), and benefits, of working with us!



Hydrant Maintenance Flushing Program – Public Works crews will continue the annual maintenance flushing program throughout the summer months. You may see a hydrant draining water for some time as part of the process. If you have concerns or questions, please call (540) 372-1023.



Farmers Market - The vendors at our FXBG Farmers Market offer such a great variety of products! Items such as fresh produce, grass fed beef, baked & canned goods. Check them out on Saturdays, 7am - 1pm in Hurkamp Park, 500 William Street.

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. Thirty such citations have been issued year to date. Want to avoid a ticket? Drive smart, safe, and quiet. Please be a good neighbor!



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.

You may be eligible if you:

- have at least one U.S. citizen or eligible legal permanent resident and:
- have household income below 150% of the federal poverty level,
- have water or wastewater services that are disconnected or be in danger of being disconnected,
- 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.



Happy Summer- Are you looking for an easy summer project with the family? Head outside to the street side of your residence and take a look. If you can't quickly find your address number while standing there, it's likely even more difficult for first responders driving to you.

Whether the address number is on your house, mailbox, or curb, clearly visible numbers make it easier for us to find you in an emergency. Remember that emergencies happen at night too. Use

reflective numbers or lighting to ensure we can find your residence when it's dark!

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.



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](#).