



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: January 4, 2024 (for January 9, 2024 Council meeting)
SUBJECT: City Manager's Update

Highlights of major activities and other notable developments:

Happy New Year and many wishes for a safe and healthy year ahead.



Council Oath of Office Ceremony Held – On Tuesday, January 2, 2024 the Council Oath of Office Ceremony was held at 12:00pm at Fredericksburg Area Museum, which is the historic City Hall. Oath of offices were taken by Kerry P. Devine newly elected Mayor; Jannan W. Holmes, newly elected Council At-Large; and Will B. Mackintosh, newly elected Council At-Large. U.S. Representative Abigail Spanberger was the Keynote Speaker, and Judge Gordon Willis, Presiding Judge of Fredericksburg Circuit Court, swore-in the three Council Members. An organizational meeting followed the ceremony, during which time Council re-elected Charlie L. Frye, Jr. as Vice-Mayor and re-appointed the City Attorney, Clerk of Council and Deputy Clerk of Council



Congratulations to Huntley – Fredericksburg is so proud of him for winning [The Voice](#) Season 24. We look forward to celebrating his win! More to information to come soon. [#TeamHuntley](#).

Fredericksburg is hosting Winter Restaurant Week from January 12-21, 2024, 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. See [link](#) for more details on participating restaurants.



Four Hour Extended Parking – Extended parking will be in place until January 31, 2024 in the historic downtown Fredericksburg shopping district. Two-hour parking spaces along the historic downtown streets, indicated by the red square on the [holiday parking map](#), will be four-hour parking spaces. The four-hour restriction will apply Monday - Saturday, 8:00am - 7:00pm. On-street parking during other periods is not time-restricted. [Download our holiday parking map \(PDF\) here.](#)



The FXBG Visitor Center Project Takes a Big Step Forward – The City plans to relocate its Visitor Center from 706 Caroline Street to the first floor of the Executive Plaza at 601 Caroline Street. The new location will be significantly larger, more modern and more handicap accessible. Additionally, the City plans to partner with Main Street Fredericksburg, Fredericksburg Nationals, University of Mary

Washington, National Park Service, Sister Cities and local heritage tourism sites in the new space.



FXBG Steering Committee Advances Effort to Enhance Community Safety and Address Teen Violence

– Following the events of violence in the community earlier this year, the Fredericksburg City Public Schools partnered with the City to form the FXBG Steering Committee on Teen Violence. The committee consists of

more than 30 members, including city officials, division leaders, parents, and community partners. The group has been meeting monthly since July, with a special focus on reducing teen violence. To maximize the group’s efficiency, the committee is subdivided into four subcommittees: Youth Activities and Education, Youth Wellbeing, Parenting and Family Dynamics, and Community. All four subcommittees are also addressing the issue of social media and the negative impact it can have on each of these areas.

“Teen Violence Prevention is critical work – it is also bigger than any one organization can tackle alone,” said Timothy Baroody, Fredericksburg City Manager. “I’m grateful for the community members and organizations who have come to the table. The only way this works is by pulling together, and pooling our collective talents and resources to help create the peaceful community in which our residents of all ages can thrive.”

“The issue of teen violence extends far beyond school walls and can impact every corner of our community,” said Dr. Marci Catlett, Superintendent of Fredericksburg City Public Schools. “For that reason, we are committed to ongoing transparency and accountability throughout this process. As the committee continues to meet, we will keep sharing our progress with the entire community.”

The Steering Committee’s Draft Action Plan was released in mid-December and can be found along with more information at <https://www.fredericksburgva.gov/1941/Community-Safety-Initiative>

Community Resources – Local resources are people, places, and activities that can help promote well-being for our youth, our families, and the community as a whole. Fredericksburg City Public Schools has provided a guide for "Local Resources to Know" to help connect students and families to local resources for food, housing, employment, adult



education, child care, health, family and community support. Please download and help share this information found at www.fredericksburgva.gov

Christmas Tree Collection Begins– City Residents may place Christmas trees free of all



decoration on the curb the 2nd -3rd week of January. No trees will be collected after January 19. Belman Road and the Stafford landfill are accepting trees at any time, requiring one coupon at either location or \$5.00 fee at landfill. Trees are not collected with trash and are collected to be mulched.

Some Snowball Fun! – In coordination with the Virginia Credit Union Stadium the annual snowball fight will be held on January 13th. This FREE event will be held snow or shine. Pre-registration is required. Children under 10 must be supervised by an accompanying adult at all times. There will be an area for kids 10 and under to play safely. Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/VA/fredericksburg-va/catalog>



Call for Artists for the 73rd Annual Fine Art Show and Sale – This open art show welcomes a wide range of artists, styles, and mediums. Proceeds from the show benefit the Women’s Club of Fredericksburg charitable programs and Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Events programs. Registration for the Art Show is from Monday, January 1, 2024 to Friday, February 23, 2024. To register please visit fredericksburgva.gov/artshow or visit the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street.

FXBG Film Incentives Program – The FXBG Film Incentives Program is funded and administered by the Fredericksburg Economic Development Authority (EDA). This Film Incentives Program is focused on bringing film and commercial shoots to the City of Fredericksburg by providing financial reimbursements to productions. More information is available [here](#).

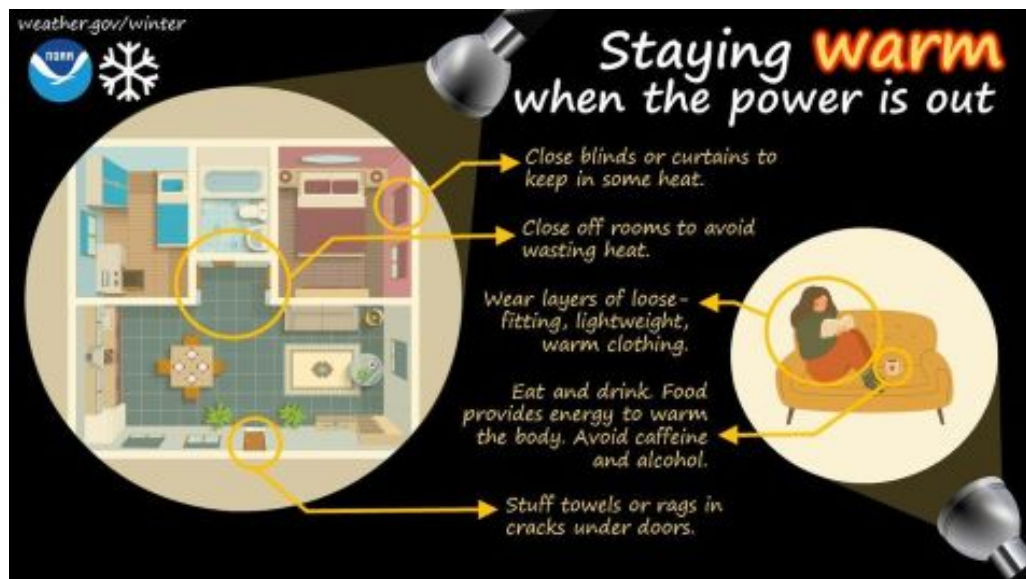


Don't forget to check in on loved ones, neighbors and friends this new year – [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#) is available 24/7. This holiday season, we're sending love to everyone:

- Grieving a loved one
- Feeling lonely
- Processing heavy emotions
- Struggling financially
- Dealing with an illness
- Not feeling supported



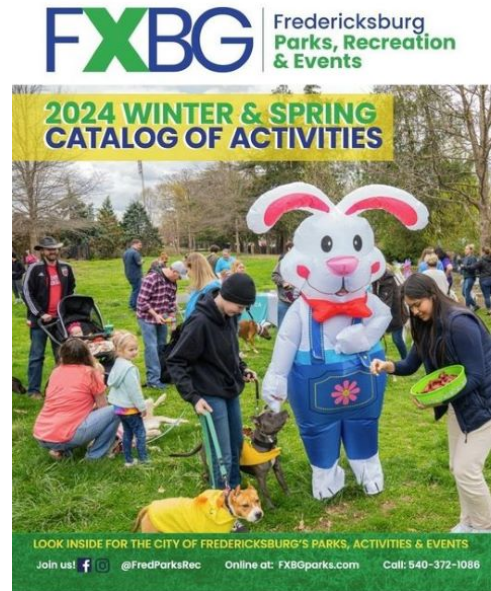
Winter weather – Can knock power out and make it difficult to keep your family warm. Below are some tips to staying warm when the power is out. See [US National Weather Service Wakefield VA](#)



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Fredericksburg EDA – Has launched a formal grant program for businesses and nonprofits in the City. Funding for EDA grants is limited and may vary from year to year. Decisions on whether to grant funds and the amount of each grant is solely at the EDA’s discretion. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

The Parks, Recreation and Events Spring and Summer Catalog is available! Come play with us! Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Events offers many special events, nature programs, special interest classes, sports programs and events. 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

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](#).