## Fredericksburg GOP Committee Newsletter

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#### **Greetings from the Chair!**

Caryn and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season. It has been a great year for the Fredericksburg Republican Committee. We have grown exponentially in number of members, activities and events, support to our candidates, and influence in the City. We aren't taking our foot off the gas and are planning for a great 2025. We can only do this with the help of every Republican in the City. I am also so excited for our next Fredericksburg Committee meeting, when the Chair of the Republican Party of Virginia, Rich Anderson, will be coming to our City to address our committee. See the note about the January meeting for more details.

#### Join the Committee!

We need your help to move Fredericksburg forward in the right direction! Join the Committee now. For only \$20/year, you can become a member of the Fredericksburg GOP Committee. Contact Kevin Brown at <a href="mailto:kwbuvanpsusmc@gmail.com">kwbuvanpsusmc@gmail.com</a>

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## January Committee Meeting!

#### **Change of Location**

We have outgrown our meeting space *twice* in the last 6 months, so our next meeting will be at the **VFW Hall located** at **2701 Princess Anne St** on January 9<sup>th</sup>. There is plenty of parking and space so bring a friend....or two....or 10!

# Our guest speaker will be RICH ANDERSON, Chair of the Republican Party of Virginia!

Come, bring friends, and learn what the State Party is doing to get Republicans elected all throughout the state. This is also the time to ask any questions you may have about the State Party and its direction. We want a huge turnout so we can show how fired up Republicans are here in Fredericksburg.

#### Follow us on X:



#### Follow us on Facebook:



#### **Check out our Website!**



#### We Need You!



We need you to step up and serve your City! We are currently recruiting candidates for the following City races on the ballot in 2025:

City Council (x4)
School Board (x4)
Commissioner of Revenue
Commonwealth Attorney

#### Please contact

fxbggopcommittee@gmail.com
if you would like to discuss
running for office, or if you
know anyone that would be a
good candidate. If we wish to
bring conservative values to
the City, we need people to
run. Please consider stepping
up and come to our Candidate
Training and Interest Meeting.

#### **Sign Up for City Notifications**

Did you know that the City can send you alerts or notifications about just about anything happening in the City? Sign up here:

https://www.fredericksburgva. gov/1978/Citywide-Notifications



## What are City Officials thinking??

If you haven't been paying attention, our City Council, School Board, Planning Commission, Economic Development Authority, and several others are making some drastic changes to our great City. Find out more about controversial projects like the Jeremiah Community, Mary's Landing, more highdensity housing, changing oneway streets downtown to twoway, eliminating single family zoning, and approval of accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

Many of these issues have much opposition, but City Council is passing them unanimously anyway. You can watch City Council meetings from your living room whenever you want, and you can skip to the parts of the agenda that interest you.

Go to <a href="https://www.regionalwebtv.co">https://www.regionalwebtv.co</a> <a href="mailto:m/fredcc">m/fredcc</a> to learn more.



## Candidate Interest Meeting/Training

Are you open to running for City Office? Want to know what it entails? We are conducting an interest meeting and training to help with all the details. The tentative agenda is as follows:

- -Why run? Why does it matter?
- -What to expect? The good, the bad, and the ugly -Importance of having a set
- message and key points
  -Filing requirements and
- -Filing requirements and deadlines
- -Financial disclosure and campaign finance
- -Resources available

**When**: Wednesday, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>

from 6pm-7:30pm

Where: Central Rappahanock Regional Library Meeting Room 2 (Basement) at 1201 Caroline Street

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#### **Upcoming Events**

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> –** Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!

Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – Happy New Year! First day for City candidates to start their campaigns.

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – Fredericksburg GOP Committee Meeting at the VFW Hall featuring RPV Chair RICH ANDERSON!

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> –CandidateTraining/ Interest Meeting – Library, Room #2, 1201 Caroline St.

Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> – Virginia Pro-Life Day

**Feb 6**<sup>th</sup> – Fredericksburg GOP Committee Meeting. Guest speaker TBD!

#### Virginia Pro-Life Day!

Mark your calendars for Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> to participate in the Virginia Pro-Life Legislative Day in Richmond. In November, Virginia Democrats, including our very own Del. Josh Cole, called a Special Session out of schedule to pass through the subcommittee the Virginia "Right to an Abortion" amendment. This extreme legislation would allow abortions up to birth with no restrictions or safeguards to protect women or children. Make your voice heard and join thousands of other Virginians to meet with legislatures and be a voice for the voiceless. Find out more here:

https://vaprolifeday.org/