

- A resident mentioned that at the bridge on Christopher's Crossing there are lots of people running red lights.
- A resident asked if the police do well checks. The answer is yes. If a resident is concerned about anyone, they can call the police and request a well check. Initially the police will knock, and investigate (if deliveries, mail, etc. are piled up), then see if person has been into work, and if exigent will enter the home.
- A resident complained about cars doing donuts in the middle of the night. **Cpl. Davies said that he will check with midnight squads to see if they are checking.**
- A resident asked whose responsibility it is to clean up the debris after an accident. The answer is whoever tows the vehicle should clean up debris (fluid and other pieces).
- Multiple residents are concerned about the cross walks on Christopher's Crossing (between Opossumtown Pike and the freeway). Students walk to the middle school, and there have been many near misses at Timber Grove and the other crosswalk. One resident requested that the police sit there for a couple days.
- A resident explained that she picks up trash on Willow Road and found six mini liquor bottles, which she reported to County. She asked if the City collects this data. The answer is no, but if there is an area of concern for any reason, let the police know because it is very helpful.
- A resident asked if there is a possibility of a safe pick-up/exchange zone near the police station that is under surveillance for the exchange of online purchases/exchanges as has been done in other states/counties. The answer is that there isn't currently a designated location for this, but there is surveillance behind the police station that could be used. Resident was encouraged to contact the police department to see if there is a possibility to establish something more official.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Minutes from December 5, 2022 were approved with no changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frederick County TransIT Services – Jaime McKay, Deputy Director of Transit Services Division

As of March 2022, all fees for service were abolished and made free for all. This decision was made in part to reduce spread of germs by getting rid of exchange of money and tickets which require proximity. With Covid 19, many people lost or changed jobs and fell on economic hardships and came to rely on the bus service. Riders are all different ages and backgrounds. Though there is less staffing and vehicles, ridership is on pace to grow higher than it was pre-pandemic.

In most locations of Frederick County, the bus runs at least twice an hour most the day. Routes go where it makes the most sense (churches, park, shopping, apartments, retirement homes, and where traffic is so dense that there isn't a lot of space for parking). However, ParaTransIT, which is ADA compliant, and goes everywhere in the NAC, and its service is curb to curb. The rural bus routes go to Thurmont, Emmitsburg, Spring Ridge, and Point of Rocks and connect to the City routes.

There are 386 bus stops throughout the county, and TransIT had over 550k riders during 2022. During peak hours there are 16 buses running at one time, with 60+ seats available. Route information is available online via Google Maps and paper brochures are inside each bus. Larger signs with route information will be placed around the County to make information more accessible.

There are some routes that haven't been updated in over 30 years, but since the City has grown, there will be some updates. The routes are fixed, but wherever possible, TransIT makes accommodations and make deviations and is flexible to make services more convenient for riders. To

make a special request or deviation, call the main office at 301-600-2065. Deviations can be requested if it is difficult to get to a stop for any reason.

McKay explained the process of getting a bicycle loaded onto the bus. The rack will pull down, and you need to secure the front wheel, check stability, and then get on the bus. All buses and the MARC train accommodate bicycles.

TransIT has 9 zero-emissions electric buses and Frederick was one of the first in the state to begin this transition. Charging infrastructure is currently not as robust as necessary for a whole fleet, but the County does have plans to add more to its fleet with time. Cost of each electric bus is \$500K.

TransIT is currently hiring. There is no age limit and the average age of drivers is 67. Many have made this job their second career and are proud of their service. Training is available.

TransIT website: <https://frederickcountymd.gov/105/TransIT>

Email address: TransIT@FredericCountyMD.gov

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- A resident asked if you need to pre-register for Paratransit. The answer is yes, to make sure you meet qualifications. However, you need only apply once. Best practice for scheduling a trip is to call two days to two weeks in advance. Recurrent trips can be scheduled on an on-going basis. Webpage: <https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/221/TransIT-plus>
- A resident asked if training can be provided to different riders. The answer is yes! There are different services offered for training riders, including having a staff member come and ride the bus with you and help you read the schedules, navigate on your phone, ride with you, and talk to the driver.
- A resident suggested providing outreach to different organizations. McKay explained that is something being done, including with school groups. Children 13 or older can ride the bus along, and younger children can go if accompanied by someone 13 or older.

2023 Tree Frederick Program – Jenny Willoughby, Sustainability Manager at the City of Frederick

Tree Frederick is a cost-share program where the City covers half the cost of trees for residents to buy. You pick a tree in a container, pick it up and plant it in your yard. Currently Frederick has a tree canopy of 20 percent and the goal is 40 percent by 2030, and the residents have the most tree potential. There are currently 5 acres of trees available from smaller trees like Dogwood to larger trees like Oak. There are 19 species available, which are the best for Frederick's ecology. Red Maples are not available today because there are too many in Frederick and do not do well in the summer heat.

The goal is to have diverse groupings of trees in Frederick, so that if a disease or pest problem occurs attacking one type of tree, others will be left.

There is currently no limit to the number of trees residents can purchase, most in the range from \$15-25. The largest tree is the Princeton American elm, which comes in a 15-gallon pot and requires two people to transport and costs just less than \$50.

Link to Tree Frederick website: <https://www.cityoffrederickmd.gov/1476/Tree-Frederick>

Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.cityoffrederickmd.gov/1631/Tree-Frederick-FAQs>

There is a program for HOAs and property management companies to plant trees using City funds. Here is an application link to share with your HOA:

https://www.cityoffrederickmd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/21224/HOA_FILO_Planting_Application

QUESTIONS

- A resident mentioned that in the past there was an online selector to help pick trees and asked if this is still available. The answer is that it was taken down, but if you email Willoughby, she is an arborist and will be your guidebook and can provide recommendations.
O: 301.600.2843
C: 240.409.1686
jwilloughby@cityoffrederickmd.gov
- A resident asked if permits are required by HOAs. The answer it is best to check with HOAs. However, based on HB322, HOAs must allow residents to have a low-impact garden.
- A resident asked if the City provides assistance to haul and plant trees. The answer is no. However there are services available, and <https://www.treesaregood.org/treeowner> can provide recommendations. The best time to plan is in the spring, then fall. Trees should not be planted in the summer as they usually die. Also, trees usually need three years before much growth is seen.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- There are vacancies on the NAC 3 Board. If you'd like to be a coordinator, contact a current coordinator so we can email you information to apply.
- We still need volunteers to place signs to publicize meetings. If you are willing, please contact a NAC coordinator. Needs: Preserve at Tuscarora and Cannon Bluff.

SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS / MISC:

- If you have a suggestion of a guest presenter from the City, County or local community, send an email or let a NAC coordinator know. Also, if there is a topic that you think that should be discussed let a NAC coordinator know.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Upcoming City-wide planning meeting: February 21, 2023, 6-8pm @ City Hall (101 N Court St) & Virtual

Upcoming NAC 3 Meeting: April 3, 2023, 7pm @ Monocacy Elementary School

NAC CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAC 3 Email Address: CityofFrederickNAC3@gmail.com

Facebook: Search for **City of Frederick NAC3** and click "Like" to receive updates/feeds.

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| <p>NAC 3 Meetings 7:00 PM @ Monocacy Elementary</p> <p>4/3/23 6/5/23 10/2/23 11/6/23</p> | <p>All-NAC Planning 6:00 PM @ City Hall & Virtual</p> <p>2/21/23</p> | <p>FREDERICK POLICE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency: 301-600-2100</p> <p>Anonymous Crime Tips 301-600 TIPS (8477) – phone 240-674-TIPS (8477) – text</p> <p>fpdcrimetip@frederickmdpolice.org</p> |
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*Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call 5 days prior to the meeting to make arrangements.
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