



Mayor's Message February 2021

Happy February, Frederick and Carbon Valley neighbors! February is a month filled with celebrations. Valentine's Day and Heart Health Month come to mind, but did you know that there is a whole week dedicated to Engineers in February? So, it is fitting that the Town of Frederick, being "Built On What Matters," would be able to combine a month observing heart focused holidays with the recognition of our Engineering and Building Department. Meet the team whose focus is to create a safe community by planning, designing, and constructing our water and transportation systems.

Kevin Ash, P.E. has been our Engineering Director since 2017 after 23 years of municipal engineering in Colorado. He shares a mix of leadership and technical engineering savvy while preserving Frederick's personality with infrastructure designed to support our population. Kevin's favorite thing about Fred is our culture. He says, "Everyone cares about giving their best and encouraging others to give their best to achieve success for the entirety of Frederick." He wanted to be a coach when he was growing up, and from my Mayoral perspective is doing a great job as such for our community. He calls some intelligent, thoughtful, and admirable plays.

Have you ever known someone to be able to share random (yet, cool) facts about topics you are wildly impressed by? Welp, meet Sara. Sara can tell you interesting facts about many things, including water. Like, how 325,851 gallons of water serves the needs of 2 families of 4-5 people for one year. That's a lot of water! Since 2015, Sara has been our "water wizard" or more well known as the Civil Engineer. She is responsible for the Town's water system, supply, and conservation. You may see her from time to time at Milavec lake testing water levels and quality or monitoring her Solarbees. If you see her, ask her what made her want to be an Egyptologist when growing up. I told you she is cool.

Jason Berg has been a Frederick engineer since 2018. His day-to-day includes development review, construction inspection and transportation engineering such as the concrete alleyway and pavement maintenance program. Jason's favorite thing about working in Frederick is the small-town feel and the ability to work in various areas each day. He has been influential in planning and implementing the inaugural transportation master plan, the safe routes to schools project and the engineering of developments throughout Town. He is quiet and so very nice. Jason has always wanted to be an engineer like his dad and grandfather. I am grateful and Frederick is lucky to have Jason ensuring our community is built on what matters.

The Building Division is responsible for the building permit and inspection activities for all commercial, industrial, and residential projects within the Town (we average about 6% growth from year to year in Fred). Within this division, you will find our beloved Permit Technician, Kathy Larson. She started in 2002 and has been issuing building permits ever since. It makes sense to me that she loves Frederick's family atmosphere because she is also a collector of all things Giraffe (her office is adorable), an animal known for family values. My favorite thing about Kathy is her kindness. She is always welcoming, asks how you are and is endlessly helpful.

Chuck Sandifer is our Chief Building Official who has called Frederick home since 2020. He is a forward thinker who enjoys working in and building upon our small-town charm. He fits right in with his storytelling ability and "never met a stranger" attitude. Chuck helps improve our building standards' continuity while helping businesses and residents understand how they can build a safe structure. Do you know what a rockstar Chief Building Official and someone who wanted to be a professional basketball player have in common? Chuck. #swish

Please join me in celebrating these wonderful people, Frederick. They are exceptional at what they do in building and securing our future.

From my heart to yours, thanks for being you, Fred.

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