

WELCOME TO FREDERICKSBURG

WHERE HERITAGE, COMMUNITY, AND EXCEPTIONAL CARE CONVERGE



Set along the Rappahannock River between Richmond and Washington, D.C., Fredericksburg blends historic charm with modern living. Paddle, kayak, or fish right in town, or head an hour east to the Chesapeake Bay for sailing, seafood, and beach escapes. With 300+ wineries across diverse wine trails, local shops, and vibrant dining, the region offers small-town ease with big-city access including easy weekend trips to D.C.

At the heart of this community is Virginia Veterinary Centers – Fredericksburg, a full-service emergency and specialty hospital providing compassionate care. With advanced diagnostics, surgery, and a collaborative team environment, it's a place where veterinary professionals can grow their skills, make a real impact, and align career with community.



MAJOR ACCOLADES FOR FREDERICKSBURG

A city known for history, community, and quality of life, Fredericksburg is one of Virginia's most charming and livable cities, consistently recognized for its safety, vibrant neighborhoods, and welcoming community. It's a family-friendly place where schools are strong, local amenities abound, and the pace balances small-town comfort with easy access to big-city opportunities.



Top 150 Places to Live in the U.S. –
Ranked by U.S. News & World
Report for high quality of life



#11 in Overall Livability in Virginia –
Considering cost of living, safety,
housing, and employment



Diverse and Inclusive – Ranked
56th most diverse place in
Virginia (Niche).



U.S. News & World Report recognized
local schools, with 82% of students who
are proficient in reading.



COST OF LIVING

Historic charm without the big city price tag. Fredericksburg offers the lifestyle benefits of being close to Washington, D.C. and Richmond without paying the metro area premiums. It's a cost-conscious choice for homeowners and renters alike, especially for those seeking larger homes, strong schools, and a family-friendly community.

- Median home price: ~\$400K–\$525K
- Stable real estate market with a mix of historic and new construction
- Convenient commute via I95, connecting to D.C., Richmond, and Northern Virginia



LOCAL SCHOOLS

Where your children thrive academically and socially. Fredericksburg City Public Schools serve the area with a focus on academic excellence, inclusivity, and student well-being. Families benefit from safe campuses, small class sizes, and programs that prepare students for college and career success. The region also offers strong private school options and nearby higher education institutions.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- **Salem Elementary** – Known for its strong Gifted & Talented program and fostering both academic growth and personal development
- **Spotswood Elementary** – Distinguished by its diverse student body and emphasis on individualized learning
- **Parkside Elementary** – Recognized for its wide range of enrichment opportunities and strong community engagement

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- **Walker-Grant Middle School** – Prepares students for high school with STEM and arts programs
- **Battlefield Middle School** – Distinguished Gifted & Talented program alongside a variety of athletic teams

HIGH SCHOOLS

- **Riverbend High School** – Focus on career readiness, arts, and leadership programs
- **James Monroe High School** – Academic rigor and strong extracurricular opportunities
- **Stafford High School**– Strong blend of academic and extracurricular offerings—boasting Advanced Placement and dual enrollment participation, and a signature STEM-oriented STAT (Stafford Academy for Technology) program

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

- **St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School** – K-8, values-based education
- **Fredericksburg Academy** – An independent, college-preparatory school offering a challenging curriculum and a focus on leadership and character development

UNIVERSITIES

- **University of Mary Washington** – Public liberal arts university, strong in research and the arts
- **Virginia Commonwealth University (satellite campuses nearby)** – Access to broader higher education resources





PARKS & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Escapes for Your Days Off. Unplug and unwind in scenic parks, trails, and family-friendly recreation spaces—many within a short distance from your front door. Fredericksburg offers a variety of pet-friendly outdoor spots where you and your canine companion can explore, play, and relax together.

- **Shenandoah National Park** - Home to Skyline Drive and over 500 miles of hiking trails, offering waterfalls, wildlife, and sweeping views of the Shenandoah Valley.
- **Massanutten Ski Resort** - A year-round destination with skiing, snowboarding, water parks, and golf just a short drive from Fredericksburg.
- **Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park** - Explore over 8,000 acres of historic trails with your leashed dog.
- **Canal Path** - A 1.8-mile pet-friendly trail connecting to the Rappahannock River Heritage Trail.
- **Wintergreen Resort** - A four-season mountain retreat offering skiing, hiking, golf, and spa experiences in the heart of Virginia's Blue Ridge.
- **Alum Spring Park** - A serene park with a creek, offering a peaceful setting for walks with your dog.

TOP 5 LOCAL PLACES TO EAT

Locally loved favorites, from comfort food to global flavors. Whether you're craving Southern comfort food, international cuisine, or innovative farm-to-table dishes, Fredericksburg offers a vibrant dining scene with a variety of independent restaurants that cater to every palate.

- **Foode** - An award-winning bistro serving Southern-inspired dishes with local ingredients.
- **Fahrenheit 132** - A modern steakhouse offering Certified Angus Beef and fresh seafood.
- **Sedona Taphouse** - A lively spot with craft beers and Southwestern-inspired cuisine.
- **Bello Manzo** - A contemporary Italian steakhouse blending classic flavors with a modern twist.
- **The Sunken Well Tavern** - A laid-back pub with craft beers and hearty comfort food.

TOP 5 LOCAL PLACES FOR DESSERT

Sweet tooth? You're covered. From gourmet donuts to frozen yogurt, indulge in some of the area's top dessert spots that locals rave about.

- **Carl's Frozen Custard** - A Fredericksburg classic since 1947, serving creamy frozen custard.
- **Paul's Bakery** - Family-owned since 1973, known for fresh donuts, pastries, and cakes.
- **Abner B's Ice Cream** - Downtown shop with hand-crafted flavors like honey orange and blueberry cream.
- **Sweet Reasons Dessert Kitchen** - A dessert café with cakes, cookies, and pastries.
- **The Happy Clam** - Famous for seafood and homemade pies baked by Pat Moncure since the 1970s.

TOP LOCAL SUBURBS FOR LIVING

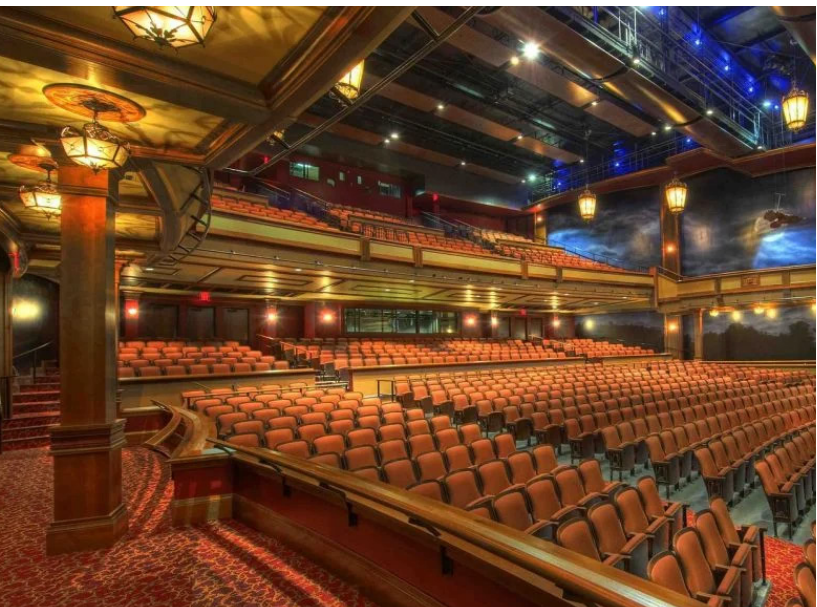
The Fredericksburg area offers a variety of suburban communities, each with its own unique charm and amenities. Whether you're seeking a peaceful retreat or a lively atmosphere, there's a neighborhood to suit your lifestyle.

- **Falmouth, VA** – Historic charm and scenic views along the Rappahannock River.
- **Stafford Lakes Village, VA** – Spacious homes and lake views in a peaceful, family-friendly community.
- **Riverbend, VA** – A nature-lover's community with river views, trails, and outdoor activities.
- **Spotsylvania, VA** – Affordable homes with convenient suburban amenities.

LIVE MUSIC & THEATRE

Experience the vibrant arts scene—live music, theatre, and everything in between. Fredericksburg offers a dynamic mix of live music venues and theatrical productions, ensuring there's always something happening to suit your cultural cravings. Whether you're into intimate acoustic sets, high-energy concerts, or captivating stage performances, the local scene has it all.

- **Hard Times Café – Four Mile Fork** – A staple for live music lovers, hosting local bands and touring acts in a lively, intimate setting.
- **The Groove Music Hall** – Features tribute bands, regional artists, and themed music nights in a versatile, energized space.
- **Riverside Center for the Performing Arts** – Premier theatre venue offering Broadway-style musicals, concerts, and comedy shows in a state-of-the-art facility.
- **Fredericksburg Theatre Ensemble** – Community-driven theatre group producing intimate plays and performances that engage and entertain audiences.
- **Rebellion Bourbon Bar & Kitchen** – Dynamic venue combining craft cocktails with live music across genres in a lively downtown atmosphere.
- **Strangeways Brewing** – Hosts live music nights alongside craft beer offerings, providing a fun and relaxed environment for music lovers.



EVENTS & MARKETS

Weekend rituals and hometown traditions.

Live like a local with seasonal celebrations and vibrant markets full of local flavor and fun.

- **Fredericksburg Farmers Market** – A community hub with fresh produce, baked goods, meats, and local crafts.
- **Spotsylvania Farmers Market** – Over 40 vendors offering seasonal foods and handmade items.
- **Downtown Events** – Seasonal markets and festivals with live music, art, and family activities.



WHY VIRGINIA VETERINARY CENTERS IN FREDERICKSBURG?

Virginia Veterinary Centers – Fredericksburg isn't just a respected name in the region—it's a cornerstone of the local veterinary community. This emergency and specialty hospital has built a reputation for clinical excellence, team collaboration, and compassionate care. The hospital is equipped with advanced diagnostics, including digital radiography, ultrasound, and a full range of specialty services, and is staffed by a team that values mentorship, professional growth, and doing what's right for every patient. As the hospital continues to grow and invest in new talent and innovation, now is the perfect time to join a practice that balances high-quality medicine with an exceptional quality of life.



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