

FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT NEWSFLASH

Transit Driver Sheila Wimbush Recognized Statewide for Exceptional Service

2026-09-29

Source: Frederick County Government

Frederick, Md. –Transit Services of Frederick County is proud to announce that Transit Driver Sheila Wimbush has been named the 2026 Driver of the Year by the Transportation Association of Maryland (TAM). Sheila was formally recognized at this year’s annual TAM Conference for her exceptional professionalism, dedication, and compassion, qualities that shine every day in the community she serves.

"Sheila is deeply admired by her riders, respected by her colleagues, and trusted by her supervisors", said Roman Steichen, Director of Transit Services.

"Her commitment to safety, service, and integrity embodies the very best of public transportation.

On any given day, Sheila can be found greeting riders with a smile, running her routes with unwavering reliability, and stepping in wherever she’s needed, often long before anyone asks."

Driving an average of 50 to 60 hours each week, Sheila’s work ethic is matched only by her genuine heart.

She consistently arrives prepared, punctual, and organized, ensuring smooth operations and dependable service for our community. She takes initiative beyond her assigned duties, frequently offering support to keep routes covered and operations running seamlessly.

As a mentor, she shares her decades of experience with new drivers, offering guidance with patience and positivity.

Her dedication was never clearer than during a winter weather event last January. While preparing for her route, Sheila noticed a small child fall into the icy water of Carroll Creek.

Without hesitation, she acted, alerting others, retrieving the child, and helping the family inside the Transit Center to get warm, dry, and safely on their way.

Her quick thinking and compassion prevented what could have been a tragic outcome, reminding all of us how profoundly transit workers contribute to the daily safety of our community.

Sheila also represented Frederick County Transit at the 2026 Rodeo competition, earning 9th place for her careful, safe driving.

She trained tirelessly for the event, often arriving early, staying late, and practicing on her days off, another example of her commitment to excellence.

In every way, Sheila models accountability, professionalism, and service. Her zero preventable incidents, her unwavering reliability, and her thoughtful approach to rider needs set a standard that uplifts our entire team.

Our community is stronger because of her.

We are honored to celebrate Sheila’s remarkable achievements and grateful for all she brings to Frederick County Transit Services each day.



Image courtesy of Frederick County Government.

About the Transportation Association of Maryland (TAM) The Transportation Association of Maryland is a 501(c)(3) organization representing more than 104 member organizations and over 20,000 individual members.

TAM serves as the legislative voice and vigilant eyes and ears of the transportation industry in Maryland. Its mission is to strengthen community transportation through advocacy and professional development. Learn more at www.taminc.org.

About Transit Services of Frederick County Transit Services of Frederick County provides public transit, para-transit, and commuter assistance throughout Frederick County, Maryland.

As an award-winning organization, Transit delivers essential transportation that connects people to jobs, healthcare, and community activities, enhancing quality of life for everyone who lives, works, or visits the county.

[Read the original release](#)

CITY OF FREDERICK NEWS

Public Notice: Temporary Closure of Mews Lane

2026-09-29

Source: City of Frederick

The City of Frederick Department of Public Works is notifying residents, businesses, and the traveling public that Mews Lane, between East 9th Street and the YMCA, will be temporarily closed beginning October 5, 2026.

The closure is anticipated to remain in place through approximately mid- January 2027, weather and construction conditions permitting.

During this closure, Mews Lane will not be accessible to vehicular traffic between East 9th Street and the YMCA.

Motorists, residents, and pedestrians are asked to use alternate routes and observe all posted traffic-control devices and temporary signage in the area.

Temporary closure is necessary to facilitate construction activities and provide a safe work area for the project.

The City appreciates the public's patience and cooperation while this work is underway. The City will provide updates regarding the reopening of Mews Lane as additional information becomes available.

Please refer to the MOT Plan for more information on the Temporary Closure of Mews Lane. (Public Notice PDF)



Image courtesy of City of Frederick.

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CITY OF FREDERICK NEWS

City of Frederick Renews Bird City Designation

2026-09-29

Source: City of Frederick

The City of Frederick renewed its status as an official Bird City, a recognition program of Bird City Maryland.

Mobilize Frederick, a local climate-focused nonprofit organization, helped the City add a new habitat action in their renewal by launching the Cooler Neighborhoods program in 2025 with the goal of increasing city tree canopy cover in neighborhoods surrounding Title I schools.

In 2025 the program planted 198 trees, with 52% of the trees being planted in census tracts that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.

The City earned its first Bird City recognition in 2024 as a Highflyer and completed 30 action points as part of its renewal this year.

Frederick values its commitment to conservation.

In addition to its Bird City and Bee City designations it has been a Tree City for 45 years and was the first city in Maryland to achieve that recognition.

Recognition from these programs, including many bird-friendly actions, contributed to Frederick earning silver-level certification from Sustainable Maryland in 2025.

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The City of Frederick is committed to managing green space to benefit birds which also improves conditions for a host of other species, including humans!

Frederick completed actions in four categories: Habitat, Threats to Birds, Education and Engagement, and Sustainability.

The Bird City Maryland program, an initiative of the Maryland Bird Conservation Partnership (marylandbirds.org), was started in 2019 as a way to encourage communities in Maryland to enhance the environment for birds and educate the public about the contributions birds make to a healthy community.

Communities must complete three actions in the Habitat category and at least one action each in the other three categories, as well as pass a resolution committing to becoming a Bird City.

In 2023, Bird City Maryland joined the National Bird City Network, a joint venture of the American Bird Conservancy and Environment for the Americas.

The Network unites and connects independent Bird City programs throughout the hemisphere who work directly with local communities to envision and complete bird-friendly actions.



Image courtesy of City of Frederick.

Together we form a powerful collaborative force, connecting people and helping birds across the hemisphere.

To view all of Frederick's achievements visit: <https://birdcity.org/maryland/frederick>

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The Day’s Run Log

Complete call activity for Tuesday, September 29. Excludes medical calls.

ALARMS7:41 am

Gas Alarm

3800 block BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE — BUCKEYSTOWN VET CLINIC

UNITS: PE311, TT4, HM33, BC901

7:44 am Frederick ECC advises responding units that the alarm company made contact with building representative who reports a false alarm. Units continuing in to the scene to verify.

7:47 am PE311 on scene, 2-story Vet clinic. Normal conditions. Investigating.

7:51 am PE311 reports all alarms reading normal. Continuing to investigate.

7:54 am PE311 investigated, negative meter readings. Units in service.

ALARMS8:31 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

100 block BURGESS HILL WAY — CREEKSIDE AT TASKERS CHANCE

UNITS: E11, T50

8:35 am E11 on scene, 3-story apartment complex. Nothing evident. Investigating.

8:36 am E11 reports sprinkler company is on-site conducting testing / maintenance. No fire department services needed.

FIRE & RESCUE8:38 am

Building Fire

7800 block WORMANS MILL RD — MARSHALLS (CLEMSON CORNER)

UNITS: PE23, E111, E162, E291, E501, E31, R24, TW11, T50, A299, ALS2, BC902, BC901, SAF901

8:41 am PE23 on scene, single-story commercial strip. Nothing evident. Building evacuated. PE23 establishing command.

8:42 am BC902 on scene, assuming command.

8:42 am PE23 reports no haze nor odor on interior. Continuing to investigate.

8:43 am E291 reports nothing evident from Side Charlie (Rear).

8:46 am PE23 reports a slight odor toward rear of store, possibly originating from exterior. BC902 holding PE23, T50. Remainder of units may return in service.

8:53 am BC902 reports crews investigated, nothing found. Good intent. All units clearing the scene.

ALARMS8:40 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

100 block CREAMERY CT — EMMITSBURG GLASS CO

UNITS: E61, TW6

8:45 am E61 on the scene, 2-story commercial structure. Nothing evident. Investigating.

8:51 am E61 reports a faulty alarm. No hazards present. Alarm system has been reset. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS8:53 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

RT80 / CHAUCER CT (MONROVIA)

UNITS: A259, PE251

8:54 am PE251 in the area, attempting to locate.

8:55 am Frederick ECC they have an open line from the mobile phone, advises they can hear sirens, no verbal communication.

9:00 am PE251 reports they’ve located a cell phone in the roadway. No vehicles / no crash.

ALARMS8:56 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

1700 block DITTO AVE — FORT DETRICK (CHAPEL)

UNITS: E501, TW1

8:57 am E501 on scene of a combination educational facility / chapel. Nothing evident. Visual alarm active. Building evacuated. Investigating.

9:03 am E501 reports steam activated the heat detector in the kitchen.

ALARMS9:27 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

100 block BURGESS HILL WAY — CREEKSIDE AT TASKERS CHANCE

UNITS: E11, T50

9:30 am E11 on the scene, 3-story apartment building. Nothing evident. Investigating.

9:31 am E11 reports sprinkler company still on-site testing the system. No fire department services needed. Units in service.

ALARMS9:41 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

5900 block LEBEN DR (JEFFERSON TECH PARK)

UNITS: E311, TT4

9:47 am E311 on the scene, 4-story building. Nothing evident. Investigating.

10:17 am E311 located a faulty detector, crew changed it out. Units in service.

ALARMS10:17 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

6400 block ENGLISH MUFFIN WAY

UNITS: E311, TT4

10:24 am E311 on scene, 2-story commercial building. Nothing evident. Investigating.

10:33 am E311 reports worker broke a sprinkler head in the freezer area. E311, TT4 crew in process of draining the system.

ALARMS11:07 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

5700 block BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE — THE LUBE CENTER (EVERGREEN POINT)

UNITS: PE311, TT4

11:21 am TT4 reports a tripped smoke detector. No hazards found. Detector has been reset, units in service.

11:12 pm PE311 on scene, single-story commercial business. Nothing evident.

PUBLIC SAFETY12:04 pm

Pedestrian Struck - Als

JEFFERSON PIKE / HORINE RD (JEFFERSON)

UNITS: A209, ALS20, R20, EMS902, BC903

12:07 pm R20 made contact with the caller who does not want any EMS services, still wishes PD to respond. Fire/Rescue units in service.

ALARMS12:08 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

1400 block TRAFALGAR LN

UNITS: EK111, TW11

12:17 pm TW11 on scene, 4-story middle of the group townhome. Nothing evident. Investigating.

PUBLIC SAFETY1:13 pm

Gas Leak Inside

1400 block TANEY AVE — AMERICAN LEGION (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E501, PE23, T50

1:17 pm PE23 on scene, single-story with nothing evident. Investigating.

1:21 pm PE23 performing meter readings. T50 crew to follow-up with their meters.

1:37 pm PE23 reports crews located a small leak at a rooftop HVAC unit. Gas supply to the unit has been secured. Units in service.

FIRE & RESCUE1:18 pm

House Fire

200 block MOUNTAININSIDE RD

UNITS: PE52, K5

TRAFFIC & ROADS1:22 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

1100 block W. PATRICK ST, IAO (GOLDEN MILE)

UNITS: A19, E11

1:26 pm E11, A19 checked the area, nothing found. Units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY2:44 pm

Shooting - Als

2400 block OLD NATIONAL PIK (MIDDLETOWN)

UNITS: A78, ALS8, RE74, CAR7, BC903, EMS902

2:45 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units that call may be originating from a subject with mental conditions; unable to ascertain the veracity of the information.

2:48 pm Responding units staging away from the scene until MSP secure scene / provide all-clear.

3:07 pm FCSO arrived on scene, confirm no shooting. Fire/Rescue units clearing, in service.

ALARMS3:27 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm

5700 block MAGNOLIA TREE CT — MOUNTAIN GLEN APTS

UNITS: PE311, TT4

3:31 pm PE311 on scene, 3-story garden apartment building. Nothing evident.

TRAFFIC & ROADS4:26 pm

Vehicle Accident - Entrapment

I-70EB / MT. TABOR RD (MYERSVILLE)

UNITS: A78, WCM751, ALS4, E82, E72, RE74, C7, EMSBC900, EMS901

4:26 pm E82 still enroute, requesting MedEvac due to nature of call.

4:31 pm EMSBC900 on scene, 2 vehicles involved. Establishing command.

4:33 pm EMSBC900 reports one patient alert and oriented. Bystanders report patient was briefly unconscious.

4:36 pm EMSBC900 holding WCM751, E72, RE74, E82, RE74, EMS901. Other units in service

4:39 pm E72 in process of shutting down WB lanes for Trooper 3 while they are in process of landing.

4:49 pm WCM751 evaluating patient prior to transferring to Trooper 3.

4:49 pm WCM751 reports patient has no other injuries other than brief loss of consciousness. WCM751 planning to transport via ground to Meritus Medical Center, Pri. 2.

4:54 pm WCM751 transporting Pri. 2 patient to Meritus Medical Center. Remaining units clearing the scene when ready.

TRAFFIC & ROADS5:20 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE / URBANA PIKE (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A38, E31

TRAFFIC & ROADS5:40 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

3600 block URBANA PIKE — POTOMAC EDISON SUBSTATION (URBANA)

UNITS: A239, TT23

5:44 pm TT23 in the area, attempting to locate.

5:49 pm TT23, A239 checked the area, nothing found.

TRAFFIC & ROADS6:47 pm

Motorcycle Accident

9000 block OLD HAGERSTOWN RD (MYERSVILLE)

UNITS: A89, ALS8, E82, RE74, EMS901

6:49 pm A89 on scene, one down in the roadway.

6:56 pm A89 evaluating patient; continuing to hold A89, ALS8, E82. Other units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY6:49 pm

Small Aircraft Accident

7300 block HOLTER RD — REMSBURG PARK (MIDDLETOWN)

UNITS: E72, E121, R20, EMSUTV31, A78, A129, ALS20, BR75, BR205, BC903, SAF901, EMS900, OPSDC900

6:51 pm Frederick ECC advises single caller reported a paraglider falling rapidly. OPSDC900, LCBC612 in the area, investigating.

6:52 pm OPSDC900 reports paraglider is airborne.

6:53 pm OPSDC900 reports paraglider has landed safely. Good intent call, all units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS7:40 pm

Vehicle Accident - Rollover

US-15SB / AUBURN RD (CATOCTIN FURNACE)

UNITS: A229, A299, ALS30, PE102, E291, R10, E221, HM33, HMSU33, BC902, EMS902

7:41 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units that Fire-Police on scene called-in; reporting a tractor trailer hauling sugar on its side, leaking fuel from saddle tanks.

7:47 pm R10 on scene, confirming tractor trailer on its side on the shoulder. R10 establishing command.

7:49 pm R10 reports driver conscious and alert, confined to the vehicle.

7:51 pm R10 unable to affirmatively determine if saddle tank is actively leaking, however due to the position of truck, assuming tank is leaking. Requesting HazMat resources.

7:52 pm BC902 on the scene, assuming command.

7:57 pm A229 evaluating one patient, possible refusal. BC902 continuing to hold A229, ALS30, R10, E102, E221 and HazMat resources. Other units in service.

8:12 pm HM33, HMSU33 on scene, assessing need for fuel containment/ pump-off.

8:39 pm BC902 reports pump-off complete. Units clearing the scene.

TRAFFIC & ROADS8:28 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)

7900 block YELLOW SPRINGS RD, PH2

UNITS: A19, E11

8:29 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units that phone owner notified ECC that their phone fell off their car, triggering the Automatic Crash Notification (ACN). No emergency at the dispatched location. Units in service.

FIRE & RESCUE10:33 pm

Vehicle Fire

I-270SB / 25MM (URBANA)

UNITS: E231, MCPE735

10:40 pm E231 in the area, I-270SB toward Hyattstown, attempting to locate.

10:41 pm MCPE735 reports nothing found on I-270NB. E231 clearing units on a good intent.



PUBLIC SERVICE NOTICE

Missing: Helen Martinez (MD) - Helen Martinez, Age Now: 14, Missing: 09/08/2026. Missing From Columbia, MD. ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT: Howard County Police Department (Maryland) 1-410-313-3200 . #PleaseShare <http://www.missingkids.org/poster/NCMC/2102582/1> [View original notice](#)

FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

TUE
Sep 29



73° / 57°

Cloudy

ISSUE DAY

WED
Sep 30



80° / 62°

Patchy Fog then Mostly Sunny

0% precip

THU
Oct 1



82° / 63°

Mostly Sunny

1% precip

FRI
Oct 2



86° / 61°

Mostly Sunny

33% precip

SAT
Oct 3



70° / 56°

Chance Rain Showers

52% precip

SUN
Oct 4



66° / 54°

Rain Showers Likely

55% precip

MON
Oct 5



67° / 46°

Slight Chance Rain Showers then Mostly Sunny

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