

FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Alcohol and Tobacco Merchant Sales Compliance Check Update

2026-10-16

Source: Frederick County Health Department

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FREDERICK, MD -- Between July 1, 2026, and September 30, 2026, the Frederick County Liquor Board and Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) conducted compliance checks of Frederick County businesses. Of the 177 alcohol-selling businesses inspected, 162 passed and 15 sold alcohol to underage buyers. Of the 48 tobacco-selling businesses inspected, 6 businesses sold a tobacco or vape product to an underage buyer. Twenty-one (21) total businesses were issued a civil citation for an underage sale. The complete report of businesses checked and the results is available here.

“The preventative compliance inspections in Frederick County are critical in our efforts to help to prevent underage access to alcohol and tobacco in our community,” states Andrea Walker, Director of the Behavioral Health Services Division of the FCHD. “It is important to intervene early because early substance use greatly increases the risk of future substance use disorders.”

According to the 2025 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, the most recent year data is available, 32% of all Frederick County high school students said they currently use alcohol. In the same survey, around 2.3% of students said they have tried tobacco for the first time in the last year.

The Merchant Sales Compliance Initiative aims to reduce teen access to alcohol and tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices. The program’s goal is to protect public health and promote health and wellness in teens.

[Read the original release](#)

Environmental strategies, including policy and enforcement efforts, are effective strategies in preventing the misuse of tobacco and alcohol by kids, according to the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Compliance by merchants of age-restricted sales laws protects the health of our teens by limiting access to potentially addictive substances. The chance of becoming addicted to alcohol or nicotine is greater when people start drinking or using drugs as teenagers. Teens who begin drinking before age 15 are four to six times as likely to become dependent on alcohol compared to people who don’t drink before turning 21 years old (Grant & Dawson, 1997; SAMHSA, 2014). The majority of adults who have a substance use disorder started using before age 18 and develop their disorder by age 20. These statistics highlight the importance of keeping kids and teens away from using substances while underage. (Dennis et al., 2002).

In Frederick County, underage individuals assist in the execution of both alcohol and tobacco merchant compliance checks. All underage individuals possess their valid state-issued driver’s license or identification card, which is provided to every merchant who asks for identification. If the merchant asks the individual their age, the individual is required to reply truthfully. All underage individuals are accompanied and observed by a plainclothes officer.



Image courtesy of Frederick County Health Department.

For more information about the Frederick County Merchant Sales Compliance Initiative, call 301-600-1755 or visit: Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Merchants.

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CITY OF FREDERICK NEWS

Temporary Road Closure at East All Saints Street for AARCH Society Heritage Center Grand Opening

2026-10-16

Source: City of Frederick

The City of Frederick Department of Public Works is notifying residents, businesses, and the traveling public that E All Saints Street between S Carroll Street and the East All Saints Street Parking Garage will be closed temporarily tomorrow, October 17, 2026. The closure is anticipated to remain in place from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. due to the planned AARCH Society African American Heritage Center Grand Opening. Due to the scheduled activities and heavy pedestrian traffic expected, no vehicular activity will be allowed, and motorists are asked to use alternate routes and to observe all posted traffic-control devices and temporary signage in the area.

The East All Saints Street Parking Garage, located at 125 E. All Saints Street, will remain open to the public with regular operating hours and pricing.

The AARCH Society African American Heritage Center Grand Opening activities are scheduled for noon to 5 p.m. on East All Saints Street and in the adjacent gravel parking lot.

The City of Frederick appreciates the public's cooperation and encourages motorists to plan accordingly. Please visit <https://aarchsociety.org/> to learn more.



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CITY OF FREDERICK NEWS

City of Frederick, Washington Freedom Mark Milestone with Special Events Center Groundbreaking

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Source: City of Frederick

City of Frederick officials joined representatives of the Washington Freedom and project partners Friday for a ceremonial groundbreaking at the site of the proposed Special Events Center along East Patrick Street, marking another milestone in the development of a new professional cricket venue and community destination.

The privately funded facility, planned for the Gateway Property near Interstate 70, will serve as the future home of the Washington Freedom, a Major League Cricket franchise.

The proposed 10,000-capacity venue is envisioned to host professional cricket matches, recreational activities and other community events.

Following the ceremony, initial work to grade and prepare the playing field will begin.

While this site activity represents progress toward the project's development, full construction of the Special Events Center will not begin until the project's site plan has received approval and the necessary permits have been issued.

The development team is targeting an opening in 2027, contingent upon the remaining approvals and construction schedule.

"Today marks an exciting milestone for Frederick and an opportunity to further strengthen our city's position as a destination for investment, recreation and community connection," Mayor Michael O'Connor said.

"We are proud to welcome the Washington Freedom to Frederick and appreciate the vision and investment their organization is bringing to our community.

This project has the potential to introduce new audiences to our city, create economic opportunities and bring people together through a sport with a passionate and growing international following."

"Cricket is one of the most beloved sports in the world, and bringing it to Frederick is an exciting opportunity for Maryland," said Lt. Governor Aruna Miller.

"The Washington Freedom's investment is an opportunity to create jobs, strengthen our local economy, and bring people from different cultures and communities together through a shared love of sports.

We're proud to welcome the Washington Freedom to Maryland and look forward to seeing Frederick become a destination for cricket fans from across the country and around the world."

In August, the Frederick City Council approved the rezoning of the Gateway Property to allow for the proposed Special Events Center.

That action established a pathway for the project to advance but did not constitute final site plan approval.

The project remains subject to the City's development review requirements, including applicable conditions concerning transportation, parking, event management and site development.

While the Special Events Center is a privately developed project, the City of Frederick recognizes the public interest in its progress and will continue sharing updates with residents as major development milestones are reached.



Image courtesy of City of Frederick.

"Projects of this scale naturally generate excitement and questions from the community," O'Connor said. "Our responsibility is to support economic development opportunities while ensuring that the established review and approval processes are followed.

Residents deserve to understand what work is happening, what approvals are still required and what comes next."

Additional information about the project and future development milestones will be shared as it becomes available.

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Techie Awards

Recurring event series

Source: techFrederick

Now in its third year, the Techie Awards continue to shine a spotlight on Frederick’s innovators, change-makers, and rising stars.

Last year’s celebration brought together more than 130 industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and tech enthusiasts for an unforgettable evening to recognize the people and companies driving our region’s innovation economy.

The Techie Awards honor the visionaries who are shaping Frederick’s technology landscape — from pioneering startups and dynamic corporate teams to educators and community champions fostering the next generation of talent.

The 2025 ceremony will once again celebrate excellence across multiple award categories, highlighting the creativity, collaboration, and spirit that make Frederick’s tech community thrive.

Celebrate the accomplishments of 2025 and those working behind the scenes to drive innovation in our local community.

Sponsorship Levels The 2024 award categories and respective winners include: STEM Student Achievement Award: Yashita Thalla – As a senior at Urbana High School, Yashita holds a remarkable 4.8 weighted GPA and has been recognized at both county and national levels for her STEM accomplishments.

Her groundbreaking research on photo-reactivation in bacteria highlights her dedication to advancing science.



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To register, go to techfrederick.org/events.

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The Day’s Run Log

Complete call activity for Friday, October 16. Excludes medical calls.

FIRE & RESCUE

1:51 am

Vehicle Fire - Structure Threatened
14500 block BLACK ANKLE RD
UNITS: RE171, CCE141, CCE102, E152, K17, CCT1, A179, C17, CCC1, BC901, SAF901
2:01 am CCC1 on scene, confirming vehicle on fire next to the garage. Establishing command.
2:02 am C17 on scene, assuming command.
2:03 am RE171 on the scene, reports homeowner spraying water on fire; fire appears to be contained to the vehicle.
2:06 am C17 reports structure is not involved.
2:07 am C17 holding RE171, K17. Other responding units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

4:16 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls
4800 block BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE — HOME2 SUITES
UNITS: A319, PE311
4:22 am PE311 on the scene, vehicle into a ditch. Checking on occupant(s)
4:32 am A319 transporting one patient to the hospital.

ALARMS

4:18 am

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)
10800 block HOOK CT (LAKE LINGANORE - HAMPTONS)
UNITS: E152
4:32 am E152 on the scene, 2-story single-family residence. Nothing evident.
4:40 am E152 reports a malfunctioning alarm. E152 in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY

4:20 am

Smoke Or Co Detector Malfunction
5500 block UPPER MILL TER N
UNITS: E33

FIRE & RESCUE

6:56 am

Transformer Fire
2700 BLOCKC THURSTON RD (URBANA)
UNITS: E231
7:05 am E231 on scene, confirming transformer exploded, no active fire currently.
7:06 am E231 reports power line is down and smoldering in the woods. Utility company notified.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

8:36 am

Pedestrian Struck - Als
URBANA PIKE / BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE — ENTERPRISE CAR RENTAL
UNITS: A38, ALS4, R3, E291, EMS902, OPSDC900
8:39 am E291 on the scene, patient in the parking lot of Enterprise Car Rental. OPSDC900 on scene, establishing command.
8:39 am OPSDC900 reports patient is upright and walking.
8:40 am OPSDC900 holding A38, ALS4, E291. Other units in service.
8:45 am E29 reports patient refused transport. Remaining units clearing the scene.

PUBLIC SAFETY

9:58 am

Service Call
400 block HARLAN WAY — THE FRED APARTMENTS
UNITS: E11, MCH904
9:58 am E11 alerted to assist a resident with a broken wheelchair.

ALARMS

10:47 am

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)
7700 block DANCE HALL RD
UNITS: E111
10:53 am Frederick ECC advises E111 that the alarm company reports a false alarm. E111 in service.

ALARMS

10:55 am

Commercial Fire Alarm
1800 block ROSEMONT AVE (FREDERICK)
UNITS: E11, T50

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11:49 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls
21000 block BIG WOODS RD
UNITS: R14

TRAFFIC & ROADS

12:42 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)
GREEN VALLEY RD / PRICE RD (GREEN VALLEY)
UNITS: A259, PE251
12:48 pm PE251 located a cell phone in the roadway that triggered the automatic crash notification. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

1:34 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls
OAK DR / RIDGE RD (DAMASCUS)
UNITS: A259

TRAFFIC & ROADS

2:22 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls (Automatic Crash Notification)
I-70WB / RT40A (BRADDOCK)
UNITS: A129, A89, R3, E121, E82
2:25 pm E121 in the area, attempting to locate.
2:29 pm A89 reports nothing found on their route of travel eastbound.
2:30 pm E121 reports units found nothing in either direction of I-70. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

2:40 pm

Vehicle Accident - Entrapment
2700 block MILT SUMMERS RD (MYERSVILLE)
UNITS: A89, A79, ALS8, E82, R3, RE74, C7, BC903, EMS901
2:40 pm A89 on the scene, 2 vehicles involved, one overturned. Occupants appear to be out.
2:42 pm A89 reports one occupant is out of their passenger vehicle, second occupant still inside the overturned box truck, requires a windshield to be removed.
2:43 pm BC903 requesting R3 to respond.
2:46 pm C7 on the scene, establishing command.
2:48 pm C7 reports a patient with non-life-threatening injuries still inside the overturned box truck, however, vehicle requires stabilization before occupant can be removed. A89 evaluating patient from the other passenger vehicle.
2:59 pm C7 reports occupant of the box truck has been removed from the vehicle.
3:03 pm C7 requesting additional ambulance.
3:08 pm A89 transporting a patient with non-life-threatening injuries to Meritus Medical Center.
3:21 pm M79 transporting additional patient to Meritus Medical Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY

4:08 pm

Flooding Condition
8000 block DEVILBISS BRIDGE RD
UNITS: E291, E221

TRAFFIC & ROADS

4:13 pm

Check Up After Accident - Police On Scene
4700 block MUSSETTER RD (IJAMSVILLE)
UNITS: A259, E251
4:21 pm A259 on the scene, 2 vehicles pulled off in a driveway of a residence. Checking on occupants.
4:31 pm A259 transporting a patient with non-life-threatening injuries to the hospital.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

5:12 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls
RT80 / IJAMSVILLE RD
UNITS: A339, E231
5:17 pm E231 on scene, 2 vehicles involved. Checking on occupants.
5:35 pm A339 obtained patient refusals. Fire/EMS clearing the scene.

ALARMS

5:50 pm

Commercial Fire Alarm
3900 block BRAVEHEART CIR (CENTERVILLE)
UNITS: PE251, TT23
5:55 pm TT23 on scene, 2-story single-family. Nothing evident.
5:56 pm TT23 made contact with the homeowner who advises alarm was accidental. Units in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

7:30 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls
RT40 / US-15
UNITS: A18, E11
7:34 pm E11 on scene, on W. Patrick St in the WB lanes beneath the US-15 bridge.

PUBLIC SAFETY

7:33 pm

Electrical Hazard Inside
9100 block STAUFFER RD (WALKERSVILLE)
UNITS: E291, PE23, TW11, R24, K1, K17, C11
7:39 pm C11 on the scene, 2-story single-family dwelling. Nothing evident. Occupants are out.
7:42 pm C11 holding E291, other responding units in service.
7:49 pm C11 reports E291 located a faulty electrical outlet. Power has been secured, E291, C11 in service.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

8:09 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls
13800 block MOTTERS STATION RD (ROCKY RIDGE)
UNITS: A229, A309, SU13, E133, C13
8:11 pm C13 on the scene, single vehicle into a utility pole. Checking on occupants.
8:21 pm C13 requesting additional ambulance. 8:42 pm; A309 transporting a patient with non-life-threatening injuries to FHH.

FIRE & RESCUE

8:25 pm

Illegal Open Burning - Non Emergency Response
400 block DELAWARE RD — MONOCACY VILLAGE PARK
UNITS: PE23
8:33 pm PE23 on the scene of a campfire in the open. Investigating.
8:35 pm PE23 reports fire extinguished.

FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

National Weather Service

FRI
Oct 16

82° / 49°

AM Clouds/PM Sun

ISSUE DAY

SAT
Oct 17

55° / 33°

Isolated Rain Showers then Partly Sunny

18% precip

SUN
Oct 18

57° / 38°

Areas Of Frost then Sunny

3% precip

MON
Oct 19

58° / 44°

Chance Rain Showers

27% precip

TUE
Oct 20

64° / 48°

Slight Chance Rain Showers then Mostly Sunny

16% precip

WED
Oct 21

64° / 47°

Sunny

17% precip

THU
Oct 22

62° / 48°

Slight Chance Rain Showers

17% precip

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