

# FSCA *Kurier*



## The Frederick Sister Cities Association Newsletter

*Promoting partnership and heritage in Frederick, MD and our sister communities in Germany: **Mörzheim** and **Schifferstadt**.*

<https://fredericksistercitiesassociation.weebly.com/recent-activities.html>

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### *Willkommen!*

“Welcome” to the first edition of the FSCA *Kurier* (Courier), bringing you the latest news about the Frederick Sister Cities Association (FSCA) and its activities.

We will be starting with a publication to be distributed twice annually via email. We want to bring you information about our organization, as well as insights into German heritage around the Frederick area, happenings of possible interest, and updates for goings-on in our two German Sister Cities.

If you are interested in Germany, the German language or traveling to Germany, we urge you to join the FSCA as a Member. Annual dues are absolutely minimal, and will get you invitations to great events and opportunities. We will also make every attempt to keep you informed of German-related activities in the Frederick-Hagerstown-Rockville triangle.

I hope you enjoy our newsletter and I solicit your comments and suggestions. You can contact me at: [fscal150@gmail.com](mailto:fscal150@gmail.com)

And please visit our website from time-to-time. <https://fredericksistercitiesassociation.weebly.com/>

Sincerely,  
Steven “Fritz” Buckingham, FSCA President

### ABOUT FSCA

In 1990, the founding members supported by Mayor Paul Gordon established the **Frederick Sister Cities Association (FSCA)**. For nearly three decades, FSCA has been active in engaging citizens of Frederick, MD with those in Mörzheim and Schifferstadt.

“In 1959, Frederick entered into a sister-city agreement with Mörzheim, Germany. That was the home village of John Thomas Schley, Frederick's founder. The Schley, Shriver and Delaplaine families contributed their family and personal ties to that relationship.

“In 1982, at the prodding of Mayor Ron Young, Frederick formed a sister-city compact with Schifferstadt, Germany. Joseph Brunner, builder of the lovely stone structure on the north bank of Carroll Creek (now the Schifferstadt Museum), named the homestead after his hometown.

“Mörzheim is hilly like much of Frederick County. It is notable for wine and music. Schifferstadt, a 30 minute drive northeast of Mörzheim, is a larger town, flat, but with mountains visible in the distance. Its radishes are famous, as is its School of Art. Germany's center for Olympic wrestling is there. Incidentally, Schifferstadt has two sister cities besides Frederick!

Both Mörzheim and Schifferstadt are in western Germany, in what is known as the Palatine region (after the long succession of Bavarian princes [palatines] who enjoyed autonomous rule there). Many of Frederick's founding families came from that re-

gion, notwithstanding the land grants made *in absentia* to prospective English settlers.”

[*Frederick News-Post*, Nov 6, 2003]

### MORE ABOUT MÖRZHEIM

“Mörzheim is a village with a traditional village center. There are many old restored half-timbered houses preserved and the many old-established wineries dominate the townscape. The environment is characterized by extensive vineyards. The house of Johann Thomas Schley, emigrant and founder of the US city of Frederick, Maryland, can be seen in Mörzheim.” (Wikipedia)

[www.moerzheim.de/moerzheim.html](http://www.moerzheim.de/moerzheim.html)

<http://www.places-in-germany.com/121403-municipality-moerzheim.html>

### MORE ABOUT SCHIFFERSTADT

“**Schifferstadt** is a town in the Rhein-Pfalz-Kreis [county], in Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany. Schifferstadt is [actually] the only urban municipality in the Rhein-Pfalz-Kreis. It is situated approximately 12 km southwest of Ludwigshafen and 6 km northwest of Speyer.” (Wikipedia)

<https://www.schifferstadt.de/>

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g651929-Schifferstadt\\_Rhineland\\_Palatinate-Vacations.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g651929-Schifferstadt_Rhineland_Palatinate-Vacations.html)

## Activities

MAY 2019

**May** - Germans have many May traditions:

[https://www.thelocal.de/20190430/germanys-most-bizarre-may-1st-celebrations-may-day-](https://www.thelocal.de/20190430/germanys-most-bizarre-may-1st-celebrations-may-day-may-)

[may-pole?pk\\_campaign=newsletter\\_???label.doctype.AANLIs-](#)

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**May 1<sup>st</sup>** - Mayor O'Connor proclaimed Schifferstadt Day as May 4th.



**May 4<sup>th</sup>** - Frederick Sister Cities, in conjunction with Grace United Church of Christ, held its first **MAIFEST!**



Frederick, MD - May 4, 2019  
Ronnie Osterman, George Albrecht, Steve (Fritz) Buckinham, Ruth Heflin  
1st Maifest in conjunction with Grace United Church of Christ

A special thanks to our singers Shawn, Jeanne and Reiner; and Mary for getting the maypole off the ground and moving !! Much humming and laughter was in the air. And to Barbara and Scott !!! They did an excellent job in keeping the beer (and the Maibowle) flowing !



Maifest goers were entertained with German folk songs celebrating spring.



Great fun was had by the participants in a Maypole Dance.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Schifferstadt Mayor (*Bürgermeisterin*) Ilona Volk was re-elected with 52.5% of the vote for the next 8 years !

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** – **First Frederick German Kraftung takes place** - Members from various local community organizations and the Frederick Sister Cities Association (FSCA) met on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Frederick in an initial attempt to pool ideas and resources regarding the status of German heritage in Frederick and to discuss ways for strengthening, broadening, coordinating and expanding the



legacy, culture and history of Frederick's German community. The two-hour meeting was successful in brainstorming ideas for future implementation and afforded the attending representatives an opportunity to meet each other face-to-face and discuss common and shared goals.



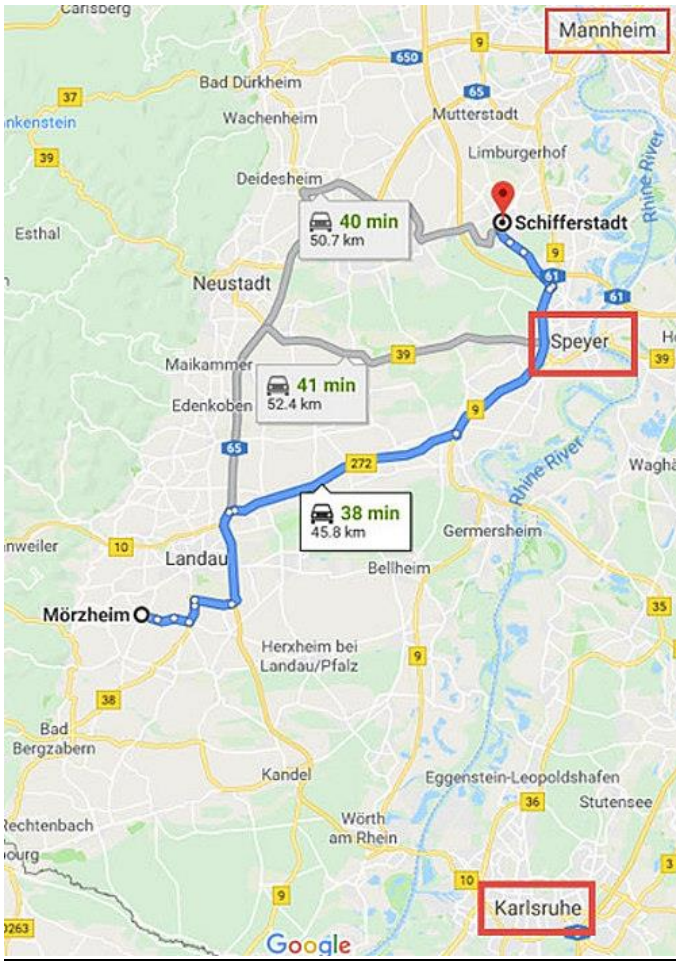
FSCA VP Rick Peters begins the brain-storming process

Attending organizations included: Alderman Roger Wilson, FSCA, Frederick County Landmarks, Heritage Frederick, Visit Frederick, Grace United Church of Christ, the Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ, Frederick and various guests.

Thanks go to **Baltimore Coffee & Tea of Frederick, MD** for donating the coffee that kept us alert and up-to-speed!

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### Locations of Schifferstadt and Mörzheim



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



### 2019

**Friday, JUL 5 - New Paltz Band**, Brodbeck Music Hall, Hood College, 7:30 p.m. (donations welcome; \$10 suggested)

**Fri-Sat, SEP 27-28 – Frederick City’s Oktoberfest** at the Fairgrounds, organized by the Rotary Clubs of Frederick County

- Fri, Sep 27 at 6:15pm – *Official Keg Tapping!*

**Sat-Sun, OCT 19 & 20 - Schifferstadt Oktoberfest**; Schifferstadt Architectural Museum, 1110 Rosemont Ave, Frederick, MD 21701

**Saturday, DEC 14 – Museums by Candlelight** at the Schifferstadt Architectural Museum (Try FSCA’s Glühwein – the best in town!)

### 2020

**First Week in July (TBD) - Jugendchor aus Schifferstadt “Juventus”** (Visit of the Youth Choir “Juventus” from Schifferstadt) [*Seeking individuals/families willing to host youths & chaperones – interested? Contact [fscal150@gmail.com](mailto:fscal150@gmail.com)*]

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### FREDERICK, MD – Schifferstadt Architectural Museum

One of America's finest examples of German colonial architecture. The 1758 stone house is one of the earliest known homes in Frederick and has several unique architecture features.

Schifferstadt Architectural Museum is a National Historic Landmark and the site of an annual Oktoberfest, where FSCA always has an information table and German items for sale.