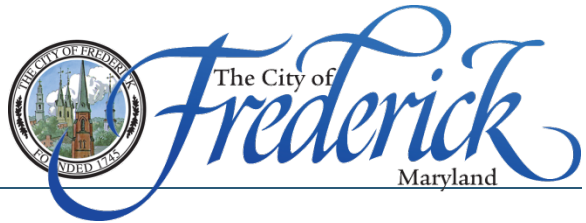


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REVISED NEWS RELEASE

Date Set to Relocate Taney, Johnson Busts

FREDERICK, MD – March 16, 2017: Busts of Roger B. Taney and Gov. Thomas Johnson are scheduled to be relocated Saturday from the grounds of City Hall, and later taken to Mount Olivet Cemetery.

A petition opposed to the relocation was dismissed earlier this year, and the City was able to complete arrangements to move the statues as the Board of Aldermen resolved to do in October 2015.

The Historic Preservation Commission gave approval to move the statues along with a plaque interpreting the historic Dred Scott v. Sandford decision. Taney wrote the Dred Scott decision as chief justice of the United States in 1857.

The City made an agreement with Mount Olivet Cemetery to house both busts and the plaque, according to Nikki Bamonti, executive assistant to the mayor. As part of the agreement, the busts will undergo restoration before being permanently placed on the grounds of the cemetery. The cemetery will need the Historic Preservation Commission's final approval for the placement.

The busts are scheduled to be removed from City Hall beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday.

(This has been updated to clarify that the busts will not immediately go to the cemetery.)

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