



Where did everyone go?

If you have transactions with a City staff member in one of our City Buildings, they may be in a different location. City Hall is being renovated, so City staff and departments have moved to other locations. Please visit these other locations until staff moves back to the building. There has been some confusion as to where to pay utility bills. To pay those, please visit 8500 Public Works Drive.

The Customer Service Center **9800 Godwin Drive**

- Building & Zoning Permits
- Long-Range Planning

- Business Licenses
- Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes
- Tax Relief for the Elderly/Disabled/Disabled Veterans
- Tax Payments & Parking Permits

The Piedmont Building **9324 West Street**

- City Clerk
- City Manager & City Attorney
- Communications
- Economic Development
- Mayor & Council



Public Works **8500 Public Works Dr.**

- Human Resources

Your Drinking Water

Most of the year, the City of Manassas treats drinking water with chloramine to keep it safe as it travels from the water treatment plant to the tap. Over time bacteria which are harmless to humans accumulate in the water system. To combat this, the water plant briefly switches from treating with chloramine to free chlorine. Free Chlorine is a stronger, faster-acting disinfectant that clears out the system. This annual switch in drinking water treatment is known as the Chlorine Burn. The Burn starts in late March and lasts until late June. During this process, you may notice that tap water smells and taste like chlorine. This is completely safe. This routine maintenance procedure ensures that only the highest quality water will reach your tap.



Expected to open later this year, the new Public Safety Building has a bridge from the annex to the main building to protect from the elements.



Located in the Grant Ave. Shopping Center, the new Public Safety Building has some big meeting rooms for Police, Fire & Rescue and other staff.



Contractors review plans on top of the new Public Safety Building.

A Moment with the Mayor



Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger

Wow, we welcome Spring this month! I am so glad to see it come... it has been so COLD! This month also brings St. Patrick's Day and our wonderful parade where we get to greet everyone adorning all green. I look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces!

Don't forget to "spring ahead" this month for Daylight Savings time...

losing an hour of sleep is always hard, but I love being able to hang out with residents later in the evenings. One of the best things is the return of First Fridays as well as many festivals and events.

With March also being Women's History Month, I would like to give special thanks for all the woman who have paved the way to allow us the opportunity to do what we do. I know I stand on the shoulders of some amazing women and am thankful for each and every opportunity that comes my way!

I want to take a moment and thank our council members for attending the recent retreat held in Harrisonburg, VA. The retreat is a time for Council to dedicate a couple of days to focus on the business of the City and our pathway forward. The media and the public are always welcome. This year it was a little further out in Harrisonburg. I chose Harrisonburg, VA because that city is very similar to Manassas

in demographics. I was able to tour the city with their Mayor to see the different things they are doing and maybe inspire ideas to possibly bring to Manassas. Overall, I believe it was time well spent!

The council and I also attended the Virginia Municipal League Day in Richmond. I made lots of connections that will be beneficial for the city in the near future (stay tuned). As we head into budget season, we have several house and senate bills we are watching very closely, as they may affect how we are making our decisions regarding the tax rate.

So, as you see, we have much going on, but are never too busy to take a moment to be kind and patient with each other. I never mind if you stop me and say hello when you see me out in in the community. I love chatting with you. To think, I got in trouble for chatting too much in school...it's now paying off big time!

Big Move or Spring Clean-up? Call Refuse and Recycling!

This time of year is well known for "spring cleaning" with everyone heading to their shed, garage, basement or attic to finally get to those corners that need to be cleared out for something new – or just for some space. Here are some tips to make disposal easier:

Schedule curbside collection of your old televisions, computer monitors, & electronics at the curb

Call the Trashline at 703-257-8252 to schedule a Thursday pickup.



Drop-off Days

Take household, garden and pool chemicals, paint, oil, old gasoline, and electronics to the next scheduled drop-off day at the Manassas Transfer Station.



Schedule curbside collection of bulk waste or large items

Always call 703-257-8252 to schedule collection of large items and extra trash. City ordinances only allow for 3 large items per collection.

Rent a Courtesy Truck for Big Jobs

Rent a Street Department truck after working hours from April through September. The trucks cost \$150.00 and all you need to do is load it up and we'll do the rest.



Plan ahead. Call to schedule collections at least 24 hours before your collection day. Unscheduled items will not be collected.

call 703-257-8252 or visit manassasva.gov/trash

A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
W. Patrick Pate

Spring cleaning came a little early for us this year as staff has completed our temporary move out of City Hall so that the building can undergo some needed updates and renovation. While offices have moved to several different locations, Utility bills can still be paid at Public Works, 8500 Public Works Drive, or through the mail or online. Most other City business can be conducted at the Customer Service Center at 9800 Godwin Drive. There are also plenty of options for conducting city business electronically or by mail.

Council meetings will continue to be held in City Hall in March and April and the plan is to then hold these meetings at the Dean Elementary School auditorium until City Hall renovations are complete. Council committee meetings have been consolidated into one Committee of the Whole meeting each month and the location for these meetings can be found by visiting the city website at www.manassasva.gov/watch.

Council is actively working on a budget for the City for the next fiscal year which begins on July 1, 2022. This involves many meetings to discuss the priorities and needs of the community.

Council has also been closely monitoring the General Assembly as they work to pass their biennial budget. Many of the proposed bills, if passed, would mandate new costs that the City will need to cover or potentially reduce the revenue options to fund existing

services. We are actively opposing these unfunded mandates and loss of local decision-making authority. You can find information on the proposed city budget and Council deliberations on the city website. Council will also conduct a Town Hall at the Dean Elementary School auditorium on March 21 at 7 p.m. where you can provide input on city services and the budget.

As the weather continues to turn warm, it is great to see so many residents and visitors getting out-and-about in our community. Many of the local businesses that support the community with jobs and activities have worked hard to survive the past couple of years and I encourage you to support them by shopping and eating local.

Personally, I am looking forward to the start of parade season, outdoor dining and the vibrant weekend activities that we all enjoy in this community. I have always found Manassas to be a warm and welcoming community. Thank you for making it that way!

W. Patrick Pate

Committee of the Whole

Due to meeting space limitations and other factors the City of Manassas Council will now hold "Committee of the Whole" meetings instead of separate Finance, Land Use, Legislative, and Appointments committee meetings. Committee of the Whole meetings include the entire Council and will include reports from each of the four areas mentioned above if there is an item to be brought forth from them. They will also include any other items that may need to be addressed in a work session environment. For dates and times visit www.manassasva.gov/watch.

Budget Calendar

The City Manager presented his budget on Feb. 28. City Council will hold Budget work sessions on the following dates:

March 7 @ 5:30 p.m.
Work session on Tax Supported Funds - Operating and CIP

March 8 @ 5:30 p.m.
Work session on more Tax Supported Funds - Operating and CIP

March 9 @ 5:30 p.m.
Determine Advertised Tax Rate

March 16 @ 5:30 p.m.
Work session on Non-Tax Supported Funds - Operating and CIP

March 23 @ 5:30 p.m.
Work session on Non-Tax Supported Funds - Operating and CIP

March 30 @ 5:30 p.m.
City & Schools Joint Budget Work Session

April 25 @ 5:30 p.m.
Public Hearing on the Updated Budget/CIP/Revenue Rates

April 27 @ 5:30 p.m.
Work session on Public Hearing Items / Outstanding Issues

May 9 @ 5:30 p.m.
First Reading of Tax Rates & Other Rate Ordinances and Adoption of Budget & CIP

May 23 @ 5:30 p.m.
Second Reading of Tax Rates & Other Rate Ordinances

The City of Manassas Happenings

Find these events and more in the City of Manassas, Virginia. For more information go to www.visitmanassas.org.

100 Books Before College program at the Prince William Public Libraries for students in grades 6 – 12 offers students a chance to earn prizes for reading. Visit pwcva.gov/100books or get a checklist from the library.

Art, Dance, and Theatre Workshops, Dinner theatre and more at the ARTfactory virginiaartfactory.org

Now - March 19 - **Capricorn Planetary Alignment** exhibit at the ARTfactory virginiaartfactory.org

Now - April 1 - **37th Annual Arbor Day Poster Contest** - "May the Forest Be With You" for pre-K through 4th Grade. For more info. contact mbolsen@gte.net

March 4 - First Friday – **PJ Luau** 6-9 p.m. Come out in your favorite winter PJ's and enjoy no hands fruit roll up contest at Sinistral Brewing, Hula Hooping contest at Crossroads Tabletop Tavern and see how low you can go with Limbo at Mariachi's.

March 4 - 6 - Rooftop Productions - **Love, Loss and What I Wore** at the ARTFactory

March 7 - Application deadline for **Peeps on Parade**. Get your creativity going with Peeps. Create a scene of Peeps doing daily chores, or play acting

a moving scene. Details and entry form at www.visitmanassas.org.

March 5 at 7:30 p.m. - **Manassas Symphony Orchestra: Amadeus!** at the Hylton Performing Arts Center

March 11 - 13 - **Manassas Ballet Theatre's Gaité Parisienne & More!** hyltoncenter.org

March 11 - 20 - Prince William Little Theatre presents **Sister Act** at the Hylton Performing Arts

March 12 at 11 a.m. - **The Greater Manassas St. Patrick's Day Parade**

March 12 at 7:30 p.m. - **An Evening with the Pundemics** at the ARTfactory

March 17 at 5 p.m. - **Mathis Ave. Improvement Meeting** at the Prince William Islamic Center, 9002 Mathis Ave www.manassasva.gov/mathisave

March 18 - April 17 - **Artistic Expressions**, Osbourn High School's art show at Jirani Coffee House

March 19 at 2 p.m. - **Liberia Basement to Attic Tour** - Discover this 1825 historic gem where President Lincoln may have eaten ice cream on the porch and where soldiers left their marks on the walls.

March 19 at 7:30 p.m. - **Manassas Chorale Voices United: Wonder, Love and Praise** Concert hyltoncenter.org

March 21 at 7 p.m. - **City Council Town Hall Meeting** at Dean Elementary School

March 30 – 6 p.m. at City Hall – Historic District Design Guidelines Update Open House - www.manassasva.gov/hod

April 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. - **Downtown Hopping for First Friday**

April 7 - Opening of the **Thursday Farmer's Market** for the season

April 9 & 16 - **Hop Around Downtown** - Sweet surprises and a grand prize too.

April 14 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. - **Museum at the Market** (Farmers Market)

April 16 at 2 p.m. - **Liberia Basement to Attic Tour**

April 22 at 10 a.m. - **Arbor Day** at Liberia House

April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon - **MS Walk** at the Harris Pavilion

April 23, 2 - 6 p.m. - **Artist Inventory Sale** at the Harris Pavilion

April 24 - **Manassas Runway 5K, 10K and 1 miler** - BishopEventRegistration.com

April 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **Manassas Reads** at the Harris Pavilion

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