Capital Project Update

John D. Conner, III Public Safety Facility (PSF)

You may have driven down Grant Ave. recently and noticed the progress being made on the new 89,800 square foot Public Safety Facility (PSF). The new PSF is actually two buildings connected by an elevated walkway residing on a 3.5-acre site. The site used to be home to the local Safeway Super Market. Included on the site is a 17,124 square foot parking deck with 99 employee parking spaces, as well as a 34-space public parking lot. The PSF is replacing the aging 25,500 square foot police station at 9518 Fairview Ave. Construction for the PSF began in November 2020 and is slated to be completed in September 2022. Staff will begin to move into the building in October of 2022, and the facility will be 100% operational by January 2023. At the time of this article the building is 90% complete.

The new PSF will house the City's law enforcement, fire & rescue administration, emergency communications/operations, and IT Department. One of the many benefits of the new PSF is added space! Thanks to the vision of City leaders, additional square footage was planned throughout the building to allow for program modernization and physical growth. With over three times the amount of space as the police station on Fairview Avenue, the additional space addresses existing program shortfalls and lack of modernization. The current police station was built in 1989 when the city's population was roughly 27,000. Our current population stands at 42,772.

The new PSF will be named after Sergeant John D. Conner, III. Sergeant Conner was shot and killed on July 24, 1988 while responding to a call, making him the first City of Manassas police officer to die in the line of duty.

Fun fact: In an effort to help integrate the new facility into the City's historic downtown theme, the architect used several finishes on the exterior of the building, including a variety of brick, block, and metal siding, to connect it to our history. The metal finish placed on the elevated walkway connecting the two buildings, was designed to represent the siding of a railway train car.

City Hall Renovation Project

The City of Manassas City Hall building that opened its doors in 1987, when the population of the City was roughly 22,000, is now empty and ready for a new era to begin. City staff have been relocated to the Customer Service Center (CSC) (9800 Godwin Dr.), Piedmont Building (9324 West St.), and Public Works building (8500 Public Works Dr.) The contents have been moved to storage in preparation for the comprehensive renovation to begin.

Failing building systems, age, security concerns, program deficiencies, and lack of energy efficiency are some of the compelling reasons why City leadership decided to move forward with the comprehensive modernization of the city's flagship building. The building will undergo a major renovation to include: the replacement of interior finishes, mechanical/electrical systems, low voltage systems, fire protection, elevator, plumbing, as well as upgrades to all restrooms. Finishes include carpet, VCT, vinyl base, painted gypsum board partitions and a new ceiling. A high-end wall panel system will be installed in the front lobby and customer service areas. The front entrance of the existing building will receive new curtain walls and exterior masonry walls. All the existing windows (interior and exterior) will be replaced and/or modified as a part of this project. A new public meeting room will be located adjacent to the council chambers. The existing council chambers will remain the same.

The project is designed as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certified Project. LEED Certification is the most widely used global sustainable rating standard that recognizes buildings that are efficient, cost-effective, and better for occupants and the environment.

Construction will be completed by September 2023.

The City of Manassas Planning Commission and Department of Community Development are seeking your input to help the City develop policies to increase home ownership opportunities through updates to residential zoning. The Department will be conducting an online survey to get your feedback on this important topic. The survey will be available online from September 9 – October 31 at **www.manassasva.gov/housing**

If you have any questions, please contact Christian Samples, Senior Planner at 703-257-8225 or planningcommission@manassasva.gov

A Moment with the Mayor

Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger

This month we say WELCOME to Fall…can you believe it? It seems we just started summer and we are expecting leaves to begin falling soon. Fall is my absolute favorite season, I love fall festivals, the crisp, fresh air and the sweaters that come with… and who doesn't love a good pumpkin spice flavored drink? I want to take time to wish all of those well who are heading off or those who are already in college. All the best in your studies, work hard and make your families and me "Manassas proud!"

Last month, things slowed down a little, with council being on recess, but I still enjoyed being out and about at our various City events. Our First Fridays are going strong and growing each and every month!

I also had the honor of attending the summer Osbourn High School graduation last month, I wish those graduates all the best in their future endeavors. My "Mid-Day Meet Up with the Mayor" at lunch time were an absolute success and I want to thank all those who agreed to come and share with attendees. There were many what I hope were long lasting connections and friendships made, but that is what we in Manassas are about, acceptance and inclusion. I will be starting up the "Mayor on the Move" walks again on Sept. 10, so make plans to join me at 8:30 a.m. at the Osbourn High School parking lot. Those will happen weekly every Saturday until most likely the end of October. I also had the opportunity to take a group of girls who had been through the My Mayor Looks Like Me program on a tour of the White House! What an awesome experience for them to tour the west wing and meet lots of female officers in charge. It was an amazing day!

Before I go, a reminder that September is also Addiction Recovery Awareness month. I can't tell you how important it is for us to help those who experience addiction and/or mental health crisis. If you know someone who needs help, please reach out on their behalf and get them the help they need. I know that our Manassas is better than any addiction and we can step up and help one another, so please, if you see something, say something. I am counting on all of you to make sure our beautiful city remains the loving and inclusive place where we all have what we need to be successful, but I can't do it alone!

Well time to get going… remember, be kind to one another and leave people better off than when you found them. Kindness is FREE but pays HUGE dividends! See you next month.

Fall Leaf Collection

For a full-size leaf map visit www.manassasva.gov/leaves or for the interactive map visit www.manassasva.gov/leafmap. You may also pick up a copy at the Customer Service Center at 9800 Godwin Drive or at the Public Works Customer Service at 8500 Public Works Drive. Our newsletter is so full of information that we couldn't fit the whole map. Thanks for understanding.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2022-2023

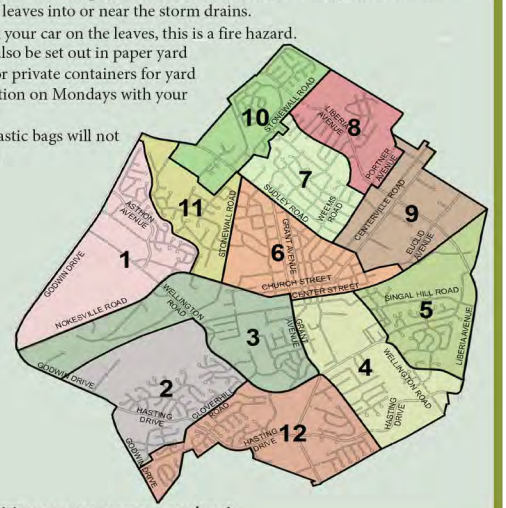
Manassas
HISTORIC HEART, MODERN BEAT

Section 1	Section 5	Section 9
Oct 24–Oct 28	Oct 24-Oct 28	Oct 17-Oct 21
Nov 14-Nov 18	Nov 14-Nov 18	Nov 7-Nov 10
Dec 12-Dec 16	Dec 12-Dec 16	Dec 5-Dec 9
Jan 9-Jan 13	Jan 9-Jan 13	Jan 3-Jan 6
Section 2	**Section 6**	**Section 10**
Oct 24- Oct 28	Oct 24-Oct 28	Oct 11-Oct 14
Nov 14-Nov 18	Nov 14-Nov 18	Oct 31-Nov 4
Dec 12-Dec 16	Dec 12-Dec 16	Nov 28-Dec 2
Jan 9-Jan 13	Jan 9-Jan 13	Dec 27-Dec 30
Section 3	**Section 7**	**Section 11**
Oct 17-Oct 21	Oct 11-Oct 14	Oct 17-Oct 21
Nov 7-Nov 10	Oct 31-Nov 4	Nov 7-Nov 10
Dec 5-Dec 9	Nov 28-Dec 2	Dec 5-Dec 9
Jan 3-Jan 6	Dec 27-Dec 30	Jan 3-Jan 6
Section 4	**Section 8**	**Section 12**
Oct 11-Oct 14	Oct 11-Oct 14	Oct 17-Oct 21
Oct 31-Nov 4	Oct 31-Nov 4	Nov 7-Nov 10
Nov 28-Dec 2	Nov 28-Dec 2	Dec 5-Dec 9
Dec 27-Dec 30	Dec 27-Dec 30	Jan 3-Jan 6

Note:
Please be advised that leaves are collected on City streets only.
Leaves on private streets or lanes will not be collected.

8 Tips for Leaf Collection:

- Make sure you follow the collection schedule for your area. Leaves will only be collected one time during each scheduled collection period. If you have missed your collection, please wait until the next time your street is scheduled.
- Rake the leaves to the edge of the curb/street prior to the collection period start date. No sticks or other yard waste may be in the leaf piles. Leaf piles containing sticks and other types of yard waste may be skipped.
- Do not block traffic lanes or sidewalks. Leaves that are out of reach or on private property will not be collected.
- Do not allow children to play in the leaves once they are ready for collection.
- Do not rake leaves into or near the storm drains.
- Do not park your car on the leaves, this is a fire hazard.
- Leaves can also be set out in paper yard waste bags or private containers for yard waste collection on Mondays with your yard waste!
- Leaves in plastic bags will not be collected.



For more information call (703) 257-8342 or visit: www.manassasva.gov/trash

A Message from the Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager
Bryan Foster

By the time you're reading this, summer is over and kids are back in school. Summer is often a time when many of us are able to take vacation, whether it's a trip to the beach, the annual family reunion, or perhaps the bucket list trip to some exotic locale. Or maybe you had a nice staycation and puttered around the house or curled up with a good book. Hopefully you found some time to relax and recharge the batteries.

Regardless of the time of year, the City and its staff continue to work hard providing services to the community and moving projects forward. While we encourage all of our employees to maintain a good work-life balance and take time off as needed throughout the year, our work never stops and our team continues to keep the City humming. Here are a few updates on major projects currently underway.

Construction of the new John D. Connor III Public Safety Facility on Grant Avenue is nearing completion. City Council named this facility in honor and memory of Sergeant John Conner who died in the line of duty helping to protect the city he loved. We expect to begin slowly moving in and transitioning our operations to this new facility this fall and be completely operating out of the new building by January 1. In addition to the Police Department, the City's Information Technology (IT) team and Fire Department administration will also call this facility home.

If you drive Nokesville Road on a regular basis, you have seen the transformation taking place as we widen this stretch of road to six lanes and improve the on and off ramps onto the Prince William Parkway. I know road construction is never fun – especially if it is a road you drive frequently – but once completed, this section of Route 28 will provide a smoother transition to the Parkway, Bristow and points south and help ease congestion.

Another transportation project underway is the Dean Drive extension project. Did you know there are two sections of Dean Drive? One end is off of Nokesville Road and the other end is off of Wellington Road. However, these two sections don't connect…. at least for now. The first phase of this project is finished and the new section connecting to Nokesville Road is now being used. You cannot drive all of the way through yet, as we are replacing a water line and completing additional road improvements. Watch the detour signs if you drive this way. It will only be a few more months before it is 100% complete.

City Council held a groundbreaking at the end of July for the Manassas Museum expansion. Construction work is just beginning and should last about one year. City Hall is being renovated as well. Both of these projects will be complete in 2023, allowing the City to better serve our citizens and visitors to our community. You may also see scaffolding and construction work restarting at Annaburg. This is a continuation and completion of the repairs and stabilization of the exterior. While we aren't able to renovate and restore the house just yet, this work will ensure the house's preservation for generations to come.

These are just a few of the major projects currently underway, and all of them will continue to help propel the City forward. The City will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary as an incorporated community in 2023, and while a lot has certainly changed since 1873, the efforts of our City Team to make Manassas the best community it can be continues to be at the forefront of all we do. Thanks to everyone, past and present, who has helped make Manassas the great community it is.

The City of Manassas Happenings

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

Now - Nov. from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. **- Manassas Farmer's Market** on Thursdays @ Harris Pavilion and Saturdays on Prince William Street.

Sept. 10 - **Bands, Brew & BBQ** - There will be bands, games, brews and, of course, BBQ

Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. - Liberia House **Basement to Attic tour -** cityofmanassas.recdesk.com

Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. - **Stories of Preservation and Progress** with Heather Bollinger on the Fairfax Circuit Court Slavery Index project

Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. - **City Council Town Hall** at Jennie Dean Elementary School

Sept. 23 - **Veteran's History Project** at the Freedom Museum

Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Old Town Manassas Art Show & Craft Fall Fair** on the Manassas Museum Lawn

Sept. 24, 12 – 7 p.m. - **Manassas Latino Festival** at the Harris Pavilion

Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. - **Take a History Hike** with the Manassas Museum & meet Rosie the Red-tailed Hawk

Oct. 1 from 8 a.m. to noon - **Household Hazardous Waste** and Electronic Waste drop off at the Manassas Transfer Station

Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Fall Jubilee** - See more than 100 crafters, community partners and get your gift list checked off. You won't want to miss a minute of it.

Oct. 7, 6 – 9 p.m. - **First Friday's Cancer Awareness & Favorite Football Jerseys** in Historic Downtown Manassas

Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. - **Special Occasions Band** at the Harris Pavilion

Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m. - **Manassas Chorale: Broadway in Manassas!** at the Hylton Performing Arts Center

Oct. 14 - 15 - **The Legend of Sleepy Hollow** performed by the Manassas Ballet at the Hylton Performing Arts

Oct. 14 – 23 - Prince William Little Theater presents ***Peter and the Starcatcher*** at the Hylton Performing Arts Center

Oct. 14 at 7 to 10 p.m. - Join a **Paranormal Investigation** at the Candy Factory - space is limited

Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. - **Stories of Preservation and Progress** with Legacy Impact

Oct. 21 and 28 at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. - **Cemetery Tours** with the Manassas Museum

Oct. 22 & 23 - Pied Piper Theatre presents ***Cats: Young Actors Edition*** at Metz Middle School

Oct. 22, 7:30 p.m. - Manassas Symphony Orchestra ***"Celebrations"*** at the Hylton Performing Arts Center

Oct. 29 from 7 - 9 p.m. - **Spirits of Mayfield Fort** with the Manassas Museum

Oct. 29, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. - **Old Town Manassas Holiday Crafts & Treats Fair** on the Manassas Museum Lawn

Nov. 4 - 13 - **Flags for Heroes** on the Manassas Museum Lawn

Nov. 5 - **Fall RecycleFest with Shredding** at the Manassas Transfer Station

Nov. 5 - Last day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot In-Person

Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. - **12th Annual Veterans Day Parade** in Historic Downtown

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