



Red Light Cameras

One of the top priorities for the City of Manassas is keeping our residents and visitors safe. Traffic enforcement and roadway safety is also one of the biggest concerns among our residents. For these reasons, the City of Manassas will be installing red light cameras at some of the busiest intersections in the City. Running red lights is a leading cause of accidents in the area. These accidents have led to serious injuries and severely damaged vehicles. Traffic enforcement in the intersections listed below is often dangerous to both officers and drivers. Red light cameras will allow the Police Department to enforce red light laws safely and help prevent accidents.

The red light camera program will begin with traffic and engineering studies through Conduent, its vendor, to determine which intersections are appropriate for the system. The following intersections will be considered for the study:

- Liberia Avenue/Centreville Road
- Liberia Avenue/Euclid Avenue
- Liberia Avenue/Mathis Avenue
- Liberia Avenue/Signal Hill Road
- Grant Avenue/Center Street
- Godwin Drive/Wellington Road
- Godwin Drive/Nokesville Road
- Liberia Ave./Prince William Parkway
- Liberia Avenue/Richmond Avenue
- Sudley Road/Godwin Drive

The answers to some frequently asked questions follow:

- The City of Manassas is allowed to install up to ten red light cameras. However, that does not mean ten cameras will be installed. The cameras will only be installed at intersections that need photo enforcement.

- It takes 45-60 days to complete a traffic study and install a camera.
- The photo is taken only of the rear of the vehicle and its license plate. No photo is taken of the driver.
- Once a camera is installed, there will be a 30-day grace period where only warnings will be issued. After that period, a \$50 civil fine will be mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle.
- The vendor will conduct a two-step review of the violation before sending it to MCPD for final review and approval.
- Violations will be mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle. Fines will be able to be paid via phone, mail or online.
- The fines collected will be used to fund the entire red light camera program. Additional money



collected beyond the cost of the program will be deposited into the City of Manassas' General Fund.

For more information please visit the Red Light Camera Program page on www.manassascity.org.

2020 CENSUS IN MANASSAS

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A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
W. Patrick Pate

So, what do you think the New Year and the new decade will hold for Manassas? Will we develop transportation mobility solutions that will dramatically improve our commute times and traffic congestion? Will we continue to be a cultural and arts hub, hosting community events that enhance our community vitality? Will we continue to see growth that promotes economic prosperity and the need for enhanced educational attainment? Can we continue to enhance the quality services enjoyed by our residents and visitors?

While there is no shortage of prognosticators (fortune-tellers) willing to tell us what will happen with the economy, jobs, politics, sports, weather or practically any other subject that you want to mention, predicting the future is no easy task. It is often easier to find predictions that offer opposing views on most subjects than ones that agree. I wonder what the Boston Red Sox were predicting when they announced in January 1920 that they had traded Babe Ruth to the NY Yankees? As the saying goes "hindsight is 20/20."

One thing that we do know is that coming in 2020 is the decennial census. The census impacts how much federal funding Virginia will receive to support programs that benefit city residents. It is estimated that \$1,215 is lost for every resident that is not counted. This is funding that impacts programs like

education, transportation and social services along with determining our legislative representation.

Prior census data tells us that areas like Manassas (and Northern Virginia) that are diverse and urban tend to have more difficulty with a complete count resulting in a higher undercount of the population than other areas of the Country. Households at risk of being undercounted include single parent, immigrants, people of color and limited English speakers. It is important to remember to count everyone living in your household as young children and renters are often undercounted.

Over the next several months there will be a variety of efforts made to encourage everyone living in Manassas (and the rest of the United States) to respond to the census. There are strict rules on how census data can be used and significant penalties for release of confidential information by Census Bureau staff. During the 2010 census about 75% of households returned questionnaires and the remaining 25% required in-person home visits. The only

way to ensure that census takers do not come to your house will be to complete the census online, by phone or by mail. Completing the census is one of the best ways that you can support your community in 2020.

Another event that we know will be coming this decade is the 150th birthday of the founding of Manassas. I am hoping that some local historian will finally solve the mystery of where the name for the Manassas Gap originated which lead to the Manassas Railroad Junction, the Town of Manassas and now the City of Manassas.

So maybe instead of trying to predict what is going to happen, it is more important for us to determine what we want to see happen in Manassas over the next decade and invest the time and effort necessary to make it happen. Based on the pride that I hear from residents talking about this community, I am looking forward to what the New Year and beyond will hold for this City.

Happy New Year!

2020 Census in Manassas

Census taker jobs are available now!

Apply Online at:
2020census.gov

Free Tuesday Night Open Gym

Through Feb. 25 / 8 -10 p.m.
Boys & Girls Club
9501 Dean Park Lane

Do you have a Carbon Monoxide Detector?

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

Recently, an actress and her family all were affected by carbon monoxide poisoning while on vacation. They would have never known and may have died if two of their family members had not felt bad and gone to a nearby clinic. The vacation home they were staying in did not have a CO detector.

The following information may help you protect yourself and your loved ones from CO poisoning this winter.

- Install CO alarms in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call 911 from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm your car, make sure to remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine

- or motor indoors, even if the garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use them outside.

The City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department is here to help. For more information or to receive a free smoke detector, call 703-257-8458.

Recycling News

Snow and Bad Weather

Snow and bad weather can make setting out trash and recycling difficult. Here are a few tips to make your winter trash and recycling collection easier:

- Trash and recycling collection may be postponed or delayed when road conditions are poor. Check the City of Manassas government channel, website, Facebook page or call the Trashline at (703) 257-8252 for information.
- Make your container easy to see. Set trash out in hard-sided containers with tight-fitting lids, preferably the City trash and recycling containers.
- Think before you set out bulk waste. Setting out large items in bad weather can be dangerous for you and for the crew. Please call ahead to schedule bulk waste collection.
- Report damaged carts and/or bins. Freezing cold weather can be hard on plastic containers causing them to shatter and break. Call the Trashline at (703) 257-8252 as soon as you see damage and we will replace your container on the next scheduled delivery day.

Please have patience. Our aim is to collect your trash and recycling in a timely manner. Our contractor will be checking the safety of road conditions all night before they postpone or cancel service. Sometimes a storm may not be as bad as it seems and collections will follow a regular schedule. We will let you know as soon as there are any changes.

Report Your Missed Trash and Recycling

Did we miss your trash, recycling or yard waste? You can report your miss by calling the Trashline during regular office hours at (703) 257-8252 or visit www.manassascity.org/trash. Please give your house number and street address and what has been missed. All misses reported before 2 p.m. will be collected on the same day. If you report your miss after 2 p.m. it will be collected on the next business day.

Know Your Carts

Setting out trash and recycling can be confusing at times, and collection crews will not pick up trash or recycling set out in the wrong cart. Here's an easy way to make sure that you have

everything in the right place and ready for collection:

All City of Manassas trash carts have "trash only" on the lid and a serial number on the back or side of the cart that begins with CM9T, CM6T or CM3T.

All City of Manassas recycling carts have a recycling symbol of chasing arrows on the side and a serial number that begins with 09M.

City residents receiving trash and recycling service are permitted to have two trash carts. If you have a large family and need an additional cart, call the Trashline at (703) 257-8252 for more information.

Join a great team - CERT

The Community Emergency Response Team is looking for volunteers to join the team. A class is forming now. Contact manassas_cert_recruiting@verizon.net. Learn about helping in emergencies and in other situations. Be part of a fun team.



The City of Manassas Happenings

Find these events and more at www.visitmanassas.org. Here's what's happening in the City of Manassas:

Harris Pavilion Skating

Regular (weather permitting) hours are:

Wednesday-Thursday, 3 - 8 p.m.;
Friday 3 - 10 p.m.; Saturday, 12 - 10 p.m.; Sunday, 12 - 7 p.m.

Weekly Events include: Rock the Rink: Saturdays, 8 - 10 p.m.; Free Skate, Wednesdays: 3 - 8 p.m.

(\$6 skate rentals, free skating); and \$6 Matinee Skate on Thursdays:

3 - 6 p.m. (includes skate rental)
Learn to Skate sessions: (\$80 per session per person) January 4-25 - February 1-22; Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Visit www.harrispavilion.com or call 703-403-8297 for more information.



Jan. 4, 2-4 p.m. - **Off the Wall Exhibit Open House**



Through Jan. 14 - **Off the Wall: High School Art Competition Exhibit** at The Center for the Arts

Jan. 18, 6-9 p.m. - Meet the Poet Reception "**Camera eyes: On Poetry**" at Center for the Arts.

Exhibit Jan 15 - Feb 5



Jan. 18, 9 a.m. - noon - **Electronics Drop Off Day** at Potomac eCycling at 7917 Wellington Drive



Jan. 20 - **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**



Jan. 25 - 26 - **Hunchback of Notre Dame** performed by Pied Piper Theatre



Jan. 31, 8 p.m. - **The Siberian State Symphony Orchestra** at Hylton Performing Arts Center



Feb. 7, 6-9 p.m. - First Friday **6th Annual Souper Bowl**



Feb. 7, 8, 14 & 15 - **Mystery Dinner Theatre** at the Center for the Arts



Feb. 8, 6 - 8 p.m. - Opening Reception for Yemonja Smalls' solo exhibit "**It's Complicated**" hosted by the Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in honor of Black History Month



Feb. 8, 8 p.m. - **Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra** at Hylton Performing Arts Center

Feb. 14 - **Valentine's Day** holiday



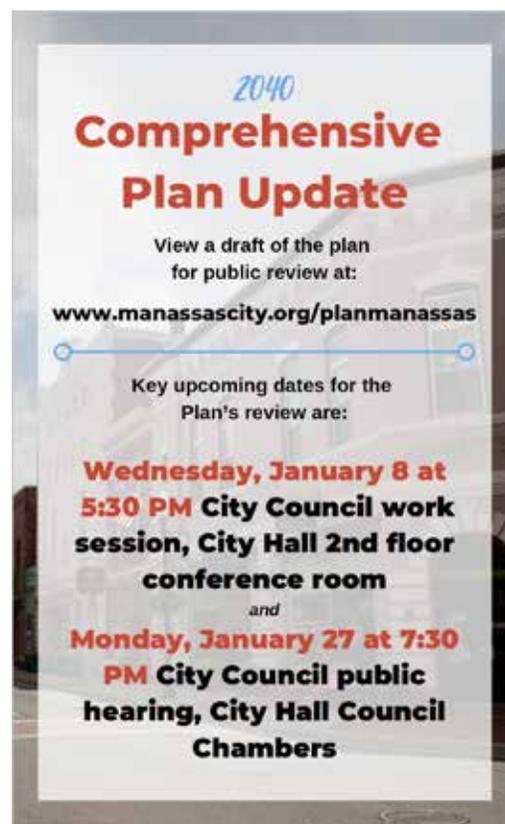
Feb. 15 - Virginia National Ballet: **Cinderella** at Hylton Performing Arts Center



Feb. 17 - **Presidents Day** holiday



Through Feb. 23, 2020 - **Native Legacy: The Patowomeck Indians of Virginia** Exhibit at the Manassas Museum



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