



Manassas Connection

September 2017

Welcome Back Students

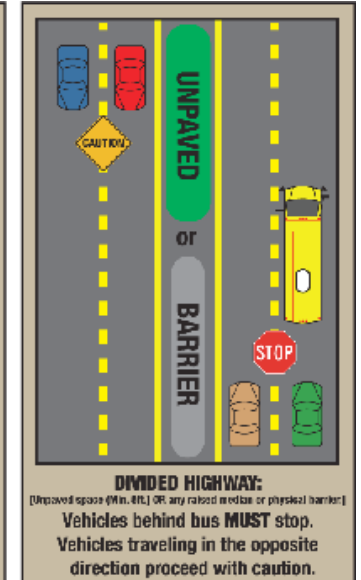
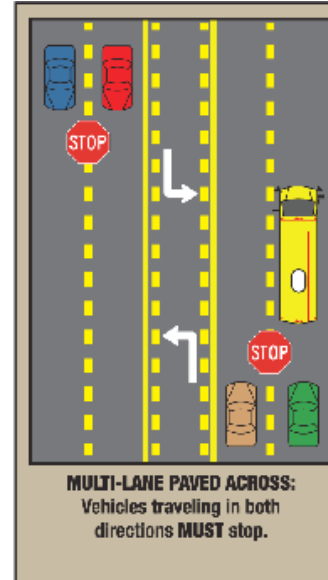
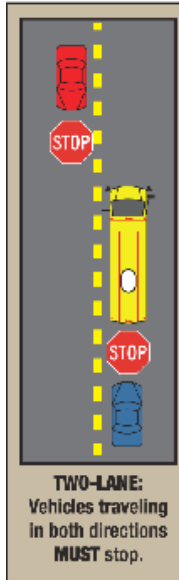
As summer turns into fall, we welcome back students to school and look towards a successful school year. The City of Manassas government works with Manassas City Public Schools to keep our students safe all year.

To do that, we ask that you follow these simple steps:

- 1. Respect the big yellow bus.** Do your part and make bus drivers' lives easier. Yield when they are attempting to merge, and maintain a significant distance behind them, as they often make unexpected stops. Make sure children know to walk in front of - never in back of - buses. Remember, unless it is a divided highway, you must stop when the bus arm goes out. All City of Manassas school buses now have stop arm cameras.
- 2. Get in the zone.** Speed limits in Virginia school zones typically range between 15 and 25 mph. Abide by the limits and look out for pedestrians, keeping your foot on the brake. Speed limits aren't just for during school hours either - consider after-school marching band practice, late night football games, and other events.
- 3. Walk better.** Drivers aren't the only ones who need to obey the rules of the road. A major driving pet peeve is pedestrians who jaywalk, or text while walking. Remember to be a good pedestrian -- cross at corners and marked crosswalks in clear view, never between parked cars. Remind your children to do the same.

Keeping your children safe

The City of Manassas Vehicle Maintenance Department inspects each bus every 90 days or 5,000 miles whichever comes first. They do a thorough job of checking the



instrumentation, transmission shifting, mirrors, wipers, defroster, heaters, doors, lifts (if applicable), seats, and the entire interior. Checking the exterior includes the engine, boxes, tires, brakes, any damage that may have occurred and much more.

The City of Manassas has three trained technicians that perform these inspections every day to keep our 61 school buses on the road and safe for their occupants. We hope you will help us with this effort by obeying the school zone traffic rules and stopping when the bus stops.

A Note from the City Arborist

In the City of Manassas there are some dead or dying trees on private property. It is important to note that if you have a dead or dying tree on your property, it needs to be removed. A dead upright tree could fall or drop heavy branches at anytime, day or night, storm or no storm. For the safety of your family, tenants or neighbors you must remove dead trees from your property. A falling tree can also cause major damage to property such as a fence, a car or even worse, your house.

Many homes have low hanging branches that make walking on the sidewalk or parking on the street difficult. Being a good neighbor means taking the time to look at these issues and correct them. This will help to prevent injury and property destruction while making sidewalks more accessible and a pleasure to use.

Thank you for your help in making our community safe and walkable.



A Message from the Deputy City Manager



*Deputy City Manager
Bryan Foster*

Summer has wound down. A new school year is upon us, and fall is right around the corner. I hope that everyone has been able to take some vacation and decompress from all of life's hectic activities. If you are like me, summer is also a time for home maintenance projects. This summer's project was replacement of my split rail fence. Perhaps over my wife's mild objections, this became a do-it-yourself project.

One of the benefits of living in Manassas are the services that your City government provides. One such service is the Courtesy Truck program administered by our Public Works Department. For \$85 and subject to availability, the City will park a dump truck at your home that can be filled with the things that are too large to fit at the

curb for regular collection. We will then pick up the loaded truck and haul your stuff away. Have that itch to clean out the basement? The Courtesy Truck can save you time and effort. In my case, I had a lot of old fence posts and rails and I booked the Courtesy Truck to get rid of them. There are a few rules to follow and there are some prohibited items. You can find all of the details on the city's website www.manassascity.org/trash.

The household hazardous waste and electronic drop-off days is another recycling service the City provides and is a great resource for getting rid of certain items. The first Saturday morning of each month we collect household hazardous waste and electronics at the Manassas Transfer Station. This is in addition to our traditional curbside recycling where we collect cardboard, aluminum, glass, plastic, and mixed paper on a weekly basis. The City reports its recycling efforts each year to the state, and we set a record last year by recycling 47.2% of all waste generated in the City. We were awarded the Outstanding City/County Recycling Program of the Year in 2016 by the Virginia Recycling Association.

Soon the leaves will begin changing colors and dropping from trees. Printed in the newsletter this month is the 2017/2018 Leaf Collection Schedule for Manassas. We divide the City into 12 zones and collect leaves curbside during

the weeks listed for that zone. During this leaf collection season, you may rake your leaves into a pile at the curb and the City will collect them in bulk. This service is not available along private streets (typically found in our townhome communities).

Besides the variety of great services provided, the City and community do a wonderful job with festivals and other family-friendly activities. Whether it's the July 4th Fireworks, the Farmer's Market, or ice skating at the Harris Pavilion during the winter, there's always something for everyone. Fall Jubilee is right around the corner on Oct. 7. Also on Oct. 6 and 7 the Profiles of Honor History Mobile will be open for free tours in the Railway Depot Parking Lot. Have your World War I and World War II documents and photographs scanned and added to the statewide online collection. So, after you've completed your home maintenance project, gotten rid of items with the Courtesy Truck, and recycled all that you can, come out to one of our fall events and spend time with your neighbors.

Additional information, rules, procedures, and schedules for these and other city services and events can be found on the City's website www.manassascity.org.

November Election - Important Dates

The Voter Registration & Elections Office at 9025 Center Street is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for In-Person Absentee Voting starting Friday, Sept. 22, 2017. Additional important dates are listed below.

- The last day to register to vote for the Nov. 7, 2017 General Election is Oct. 16, 2017 by 5 p.m.
- The last day for In-Person Absentee Voting is Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017.
- The Voter Registration Office will be open two Saturdays for In-Person Absentee Voting: Oct. 28 and Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017. Mail-in ballots must be received by 7 p.m. Election Day.
- Election Day is Nov. 7, 2017. Polls open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. A photo ID is required for in-person and Election Day voting.

For more information about voting in the City of Manassas
call 703-257-8230 or visit:
www.manassascity.org/vote





FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2017-2018

5 tips for leaf collection:

- Rake your leaves to the curb (not into the street) the day before leaf collection begins in your area.
- You can help prevent flooding in your area by not raking your leaves into the storm drains.
- Do not park your car or allow children to play in the leaves once leaves are raked to the curb.
- Leaves will only be collected one time during each scheduled collection period. Make sure you follow the collection schedule for your area. If you have missed your collection, please wait until the next time your street is scheduled.
- Don't forget that you can also set out your leaves in paper yard waste bags or private containers on Mondays with your yard waste!
- No leaves in plastic bags will be collected.

Section 1	Section 5	Section 9
Oct 16 - Oct 20	Oct 23 - Oct 27	Oct 16 - Oct 20
Nov 6 - Nov 10	Nov 13 - Nov 17	Nov 6 - Nov 10
Dec 4 - Dec 8	Dec 11 - Dec 15	Dec 4 - Dec 8
Jan 1 - Jan 5	Jan 8 - Jan 12	Jan 1 - Jan 5
Section 2	Section 6	Section 10
Oct 16 - Oct 20	Oct 16 - Oct 20	Oct 30 - Nov 3
Nov 6 - Nov 10	Nov 6 - Nov 10	Nov 27 - Dec 1
Dec 4 - Dec 8	Dec 4 - Dec 8	Dec 18 - Dec 22
Jan 1 - Jan 5	Jan 1 - Jan 5	Jan 15 - Jan 19
Section 3	Section 7	Section 11
Oct 23 - Oct 27	Oct 30 - Nov 3	Oct 23 - Oct 27
Nov 13 - Nov 17	Nov 27 - Dec 1	Nov 13 - Nov 17
Dec 11 - Dec 15	Dec 18 - Dec 22	Dec 11 - Dec 15
Jan 8 - Jan 12	Jan 15 - Jan 19	Jan 8 - Jan 12
Section 4	Section 8	Section 12
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Nov 27 - Dec 1	Nov 27 - Dec 1	Nov 13 - Nov 17
Dec 18 - Dec 22	Dec 18 - Dec 22	Dec 11 - Dec 15
Jan 15 - Jan 19	Jan 15 - Jan 19	Jan 8 - Jan 12

Note:

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



The City of Manassas Happenings

Here's what's happening in the City of Manassas.

Farmer's Market - Every Saturday in the VRE Parking Lot on Prince William Street, every Tuesday and Thursday in the Harris Pavilion - check out the Farmers Market - Sat. & Thurs. from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
www.visitmanassas.org

Through September - **Historic Downtown Walking Tours** - learn history and more on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of each month
www.visitmanassas.org

Now - October - **Museum at the Market** - Saturdays during the Farmer's Market

Through September - **Free Exhibit: Tailor-Made: Vintage Fashions from the Museum's Collection Unveiled**
www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 1, 6 - 9 p.m. - **First Friday** in Historic Downtown Manassas
www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 2, 6:30 p.m. - Center for the Arts Free Concert at the Harris Pavilion - **Bruno Nasta**
www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 2, 8 a.m. to noon - **Household Hazardous Waste & eWaste drop off** - at 8305 Quarry Road
www.manassascity.org/trash

Sept. 9, 12 - 6 p.m. - **Bands, Brews and BBQ** - live music, award winning craft brews and a sampling of Northern Virginia's best BBQ.
www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Out of the Darkness Walk**
www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 15, 5 - 9 p.m. - **Greek Taverna Night** at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 16, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **International Food Festival** at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Show** on the Manassas Museum Lawn
www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 16, Noon to 5 p.m. - **Manassas City Police Department Open House** - enjoy demos, displays, refreshments, station tours and meet the Chief of Police. This event is free and lots of fun.
www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 17, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk at the Manassas Museum - **Virginia in the Civil War**
www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 24, 12 to 5 p.m. - **Latino Festival** at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 27 - Oct. 1 - **B17 Bomber** at the Manassas Regional Airport.
<http://eaa186.org>

Sept. 30, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **They Paved Paradise** - a driving tour look back at Manassas & Prince William County before asphalt changed the landscape
www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 30, 12 - 5 p.m. - **Manassas Steins, Wines & Spirits Festival** - taste beer from local craft breweries; wine from local wineries; local distilled spirits; and fun food
www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 1, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk at the Manassas Museum - **Fire on the Water, the USS Kearsage, and the CSS Alabama**
www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 5, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. - NOVANT Auxiliary Presents: Dillards at Stony Point Sale of fine items
www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 5 - Personal Property taxes are due
www.manassascity.org/tax

Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. - Opening reception for new Manassas Museum exhibit **The Forgotten World War: It's Impact At Home**
www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 6, 6-9 p.m. - **First Friday** in Historic Downtown Manassas
www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Fall Jubilee** - Crafts, games, pumpkin pie baking and eating contests, beer and wine garden and much more
www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 7, 8 a.m. to noon - **Household Hazardous Waste & eWaste drop off** - at 8305 Quarry Road
www.manassascity.org/trash

Oct. 13, 8 p.m. - **Cemetery Tour** - by the Manassas Museum
www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 15, 7 a.m. - **Peyton's Project Walk** - Freeze Bullying at the Harris Pavilion
www.manassascity.org

Oct. 20 - 22 - Manassas Ballet Theatre presents **The Legend of Sleepy Hollow**
www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 21, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - **Walk to End Alzheimer's** at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 28, 7 p.m. - **Spirits of Manassas** - get into the season with this chilling experience
www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Haunted Happenings** in Historic Downtown Manassas
www.visitmanassas.org

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