



## Eagle Scout Project at the Manassas Regional Airport

About a year ago, the Manassas Regional Airport was presented with an Eagle Scout project they felt was totally inspiring and fit perfectly into the aviation theme. A young man seeking his Eagle Scout designation presented his project to Airport staff and to the Airport Commission. Matthew Bonifera came prepared with a proposal, slides, cost estimates and the amount of volunteers needed to complete the proposed task.

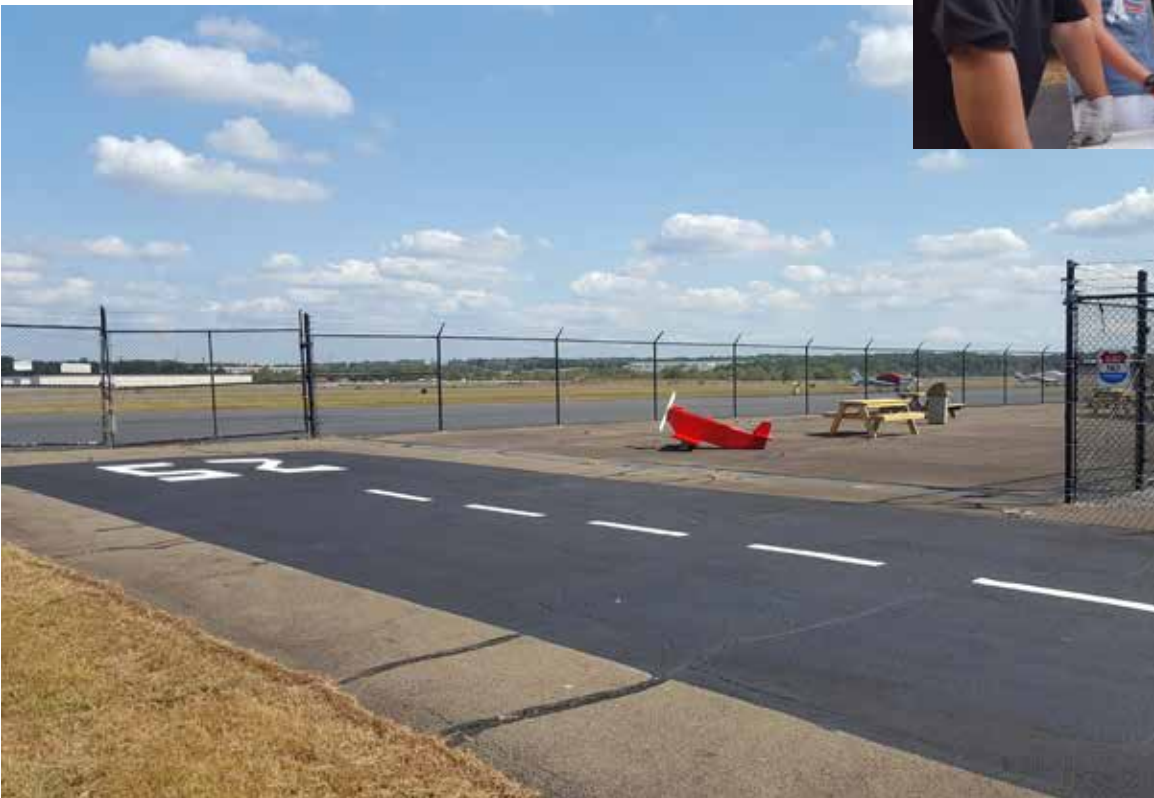
Matthew's proposal was to create a more interesting space at the Observation Area for those who wish to watch the activities at the Manassas Regional Airport. He proposed to build two picnic tables, refurbish two existing picnic tables, build a wooden airplane for children and paint a mini runway on adjacent asphalt. His original proposal

was for two days, but with all of his ancillary projects, the task took two weekends to complete.

With donated labor and supplies, Matthew, along with other Boy Scouts in his troop, went to work at the Observation Area at the base of the FAA tower.

"We are always willing to entertain Eagle Scout projects," said Manassas Regional Airport Director Juan Rivera. "The entire community will benefit from Matthew's project and it really was an outstanding activity to watch. You can see all of the hard work that was put into this project and we invite you to come visit."

The Observation Area is located on the west side of the Manassas Regional Airport at the base of the Tower.



# A Message from the City Manager



**City Manager**  
**W. Patrick Pate**

At the end of this month we will be celebrating New Year's 2020 and embarking into a new decade. The last two decades have brought about many changes to Manassas so what will this new decade bring? Will it be anything like a century ago when the "Roaring 20's" brought a decade that made quite an impression on the world, and in particular the United States?

In the 1920 census Manassas was a town in Prince William County with a population of 1,306 residents out of 13,660 total county residents. The 1920s became the first decade where more people lived in cities rather than rural areas. Economic prosperity was booming as more individuals were in the workforce creating more wealth for spending. Today, as we are about to enter the 2020s we still see creating economic wealth and prosperity as a priority for our community of more than 42,000 residents.

One reason for the increased workforce in the 1920s was due to women continuing to work after WWI. The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified in 1920 guaranteeing all American women the right to vote. The era saw the Harlem Renaissance and the Jazz Age both reflecting changes in post war social attitudes. A baby boom also filled the schools and created demands on educational institutions much like today where we are working on educational

attainment as a priority for creating the workforce of the future.

The mass production of items, such as automobiles, also began in the 1920s. This brought on many changes including new jobs with the creation of gas stations and automotive repair shops. Motels began to spring up along popular travel routes and "fast food" became available as folks wanted to eat in a hurry and get back on the road. America started down the road to becoming a car centric society. Today we still see the emphasis on roads and transportation mobility as a priority particularly in our metro area.

Probably the most infamous trend of the 1920s was Prohibition, brought on by the changing social norms and a desire to limit their impact on society. Unfortunately, Prohibition actually led to an underground market for bootlegging and speakeasies along with a growth in organized crime. In fact, corruption brought about widespread reforms in local government, including the hiring of professionals to run day-to-day operations and remove political patronage from many urban jurisdictions. Just as we see today, changes in community norms

and values led to efforts to improve community vitality and livability.

So, what will the 2020s bring to Manassas? Can we make changes in transportation mobility that will reduce our time spent commuting? What social issues will rise up to change our perspectives of the world? How can our education system help the workforce of today and tomorrow attain the skills necessary for economic prosperity? What changes to our community could have the most impact on increasing community vitality and livability? These are some of the questions being considered by citizen groups working on our community strategic plan as we look to make the 2020s a memorable decade for Manassas.

Happy Holidays and Blessings for the New Year/Decade!



## WHEN SNOW FALLS

### IF IT SNOWS 6 INCHES OR LESS

Clear sidewalks adjacent to your property within 24 hours after the snow stops falling.

### IF IT SNOWS MORE THAN 6 INCHES

Clear sidewalks adjacent to your property within 48 hours after the snow stops falling.

### IF ICE CANNOT BE REMOVED FROM A SIDEWALK

It should be covered with sand or other material that will make it safe for pedestrians.

### IF A PROPERTY IS NOT OCCUPIED

The owner is responsible for removing snow or ice.

# Crime Solvers, It's Confidential



Do you have information about a crime? The Manassas Crime Solvers organization

provides an anonymous way to report information about criminal activity in our area. Citizens can phone in information to the 24-hour confidential tip line at **(703) 330-0330** or through the P3 tips app on their mobile device or computer. Tips provided are investigated

by local law enforcement and if the information leads to an arrest, the tipster is eligible for a cash reward up to \$1,000.

The 24-hour tip services are safe, secure and anonymous. Calls are not recorded or monitored. If you provide a tip, you will be assigned a specific code number. This number is the only way to identify yourself to check on the status of your tip. Visit [www.p3tips.com](http://www.p3tips.com) to learn more about how you can submit tips anonymously through the app on your device.

The Manassas City Crime Solvers was established in 1987 as a way for citizens to anonymously provide information about crimes and wanted criminals to the Manassas City Police Department. The 24-hour tip line also serves the City of Manassas Park. Crime Solvers is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization as defined by the IRS and receives no government funding (IRS Tax Exempt ID# 54-1430034). Visit [www.manassascrimesolvers.org](http://www.manassascrimesolvers.org) to learn more.

## Recycling News

### Live Christmas Tree Collection

Did you know that live Christmas trees can be collected as yard waste? Once the holidays are over, set out live Christmas trees for collection as yard waste beginning Jan. 6, 2020. Please make sure to remove all lights, ornaments and garland before the tree is set out for collection on Sunday night. All artificial Christmas trees will be collected as trash on regularly scheduled collection days. Please call (703) 257-8252 for more information.

### Christmas Day and New Year's Day

There will be no trash and recycling collection on Wednesday, Dec. 25 and Wednesday, Jan. 1, in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays. Christmas pick up will be on Saturday, Dec. 28. New Year's Day pick up will be on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020. Please be advised that cart deliveries or exchanges and collections for large items, appliances and televisions will be suspended during the holidays to avoid confusion.

### When You're Done Opening Presents

Did you know that between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, the amount of trash produced in the United States increases by an estimated 25%? That's about one million extra tons of garbage every week.

Here are 3 tips to help get through the holidays:

- Wrapping paper: coated and metallic wrapping paper go into the trash. Uncoated paper and brown wrapping paper go into recycling. Rule of thumb on tissue paper: If it has glitter on it – it goes in the trash ... sparkles are pretty, but don't recycle.
- Boxes: cardboard is a very valuable recycling item. Make sure to remove all the packing material and flatten boxes for recycling collection. Just a reminder: Styrofoam, plastic packing bags and plastic wrapping cannot be collected as curbside recycling.
- Ribbons and Bows: these go in the trash.

Bonus Idea: Save your pretty Christmas cards and use them as gift tags for your presents next year. It saves money, lets your friends know that they have good taste in cards, and gives you a chance to show your creative side!



### January Electronics Drop-off Day

Between the holidays and the Super Bowl, old electronics can build up pretty quickly. It's easy to schedule curbside collection of televisions and computer monitors by calling the Trashline at (703) 257-8252 – but those other electronics can be pretty tricky to recycle and need special attention. That's why the City of Manassas partners with Potomac eCycle to offer a special electronics drop-off day for residents on Jan. 18, 2020 from 9 a.m. – noon at Potomac eCycle, 7917 Wellington Drive, Manassas, VA 20109.

### Free WiFi in Downtown

The City of Manassas has just placed free WiFi access points in the Historic Downtown area of the City. The next time you are attending one of the many events at the Harris Pavilion or on the Lawn at the Manassas Museum or walking down Center Street, you can login to Manassas Public WiFi. It's free.



# The City of Manassas Happenings

Find these events and more at [www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org). Here's what's happening in the City of Manassas:

Through Dec. 15 – **ELF-The Musical** @ Center for the Arts



Dec. 2 & 3 - **K&J Jewelry & Accessory Sale** @ Novant Prince William Hospital



Dec. 4, 7 p.m. - **Planning Commission Public Hearing** on the Comprehensive Plan Update - Council Chambers, City Hall



Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. - **Manassas Warrenton Camera Club** @City Hall - [www.mwcc-photo.org](http://www.mwcc-photo.org)



Dec. 6 – 31 – New Exhibit: **Deck the Halls** at the Manassas Museum



Dec. 6, 5 – 9 p.m. – **Merry Old Town** begins in Historic Downtown Manassas with **Santa Lights Manassas**



Dec. 6, 5– 8 p.m. - Manassas Museum **Holiday Open House**



Dec. 6, 6 - 9 p.m. - **Jolly Ol' Confections** in Historic Downtown Manassas



Dec. 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – **Greater Manassas Christmas Parade** in Historic Downtown Manassas

Dec. 8, 1- 4 p.m. – **Merry Old Town:** Ice Skating, Free Carriage Rides, Shopping!



Dec. 8, 1 - 4 p.m. - GFCW **Manassas Holiday House Tour** - tickets available at the train depot, Manassas Museum & The Things I Love



Dec. 12 - Jan. 14 – **Off the Wall:** High School Art Competition Exhibit at the Center for the Arts



Dec. 14, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **Santa Train**



Dec. 14, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Holiday Market** on the Manassas Museum Lawn



Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. - **Manassas Chorale Winter Concert** @Hylton Performing Arts



Dec. 15, 1–4 p.m. – **Holiday Open House at Liberia**



Dec. 15, 1 - 4 p.m. – **Merry Old Town:** Ice Skating, Free Carriage Rides, Shopping!



Dec. 15, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Spy Pilot** by Gary Powers Jr., the son of famed U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers - at the Manassas Museum



Dec. 18 - 22 - **Winter Wonderland Train Show** @Center for the Arts 3rd Floor



Dec. 18 - 23 - Manassas Ballet Theatre performs **The Nutcracker** @ Hylton Performing Arts Center



Dec. 22, 1 - 4 p.m. – **Merry Old Town:** Ice Skating, Free Carriage Rides, Shopping!



Jan. 1, 2020 – **New Year's Day**



Jan. 18, 9 a.m. - noon - **Electronics Drop Off day** at Potomac eCycling at 7917 Wellingford 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 **Souper Bowl**



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

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