

PARKS NEWSLETTER

Deadline to register to vote in the November 3, 2009 election is October 5.



In November, we will be voting for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and our representative to the House of Delegates. Manassas Park residents will also be casting ballots for the city's Commissioner of The Revenue and Treasurer. Registration forms are available online at www.sbe.virginia.gov and in the Manassas Park Registrar's office in City Hall, Monday thru Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm. To check your registration, inquire about absentee voting, or any other questions concerning voting, call the registrar's office at 703-335-8806.

Scooping Up After Your Dog



Walking your dog is great exercise for you and your dog. All dogs love to be walked but there is a natural byproduct of this activity.... dog droppings. You as the owner, have a responsibility to clean up after your dog and not leave the droppings on someone else's property. When walking your dog, make sure your pet is on a leash and carry a disposable bag to pick up your pet's waste. The waste should be properly disposed of in your own garbage. Be considerate of your neighbors when walking your dog. Plan ahead and take along a dog waste bag.

Annual City-Wide Leaf Pickup

The city's annual curb-side leaf pickup will begin on October 13, 2009 (as needed). If you would like to have leaves picked up, contact Public Works at 703-393-0881. Leaves will usually be picked up by the next business day.

Library News!

Did you know that our community library offers a lot of programs?

Book reservations on line renewal by telephone, computer classes, free internet use, activities for children (crafts, coloring, drawing and more). There is even a small collection of DVD's and CD's for your enjoyment. Buy a used book for \$1.00 and under. **Stop by the Library and register for your free Library Card today!**

Kids

Storytime – for ages 2-6 accompanied by an adult. Held every two weeks. Wed, Sept. 23 at 6:30 pm.

Mind Benders Trivia Contest School Days – For students in grades K-5, Sept. 1 – 30. Pick up contest form at the front desk.

Family

- All aboard for the Prince William Model Railroad Club's 2009 Modular Layout Show! Sat, Sept. 12, 10:30 am – 5:00 pm and Sun, Sept. 13, 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm.

Adults

Speaking of Spanish – Thurs. Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24. From 12:00 to 2:00 pm.

Central Reads Book Club – Never Have Your Dog Stuffed by Alan Alda. Wed. Sept. 16, 1:00



pm.
Science Fiction Book Discussion – Powersat by Ben Bova. Sat. Sept. 19, 2:30 pm.

Computer Connection @ Space is limited and registration is required. A \$10.00 deposit is required to reserve a space in class. This deposit will be returned at the end of the class.

Excel is Excellent: Parts I & II – Thur. Sept. 17 & 24, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Learn how to create spreadsheets and manipulate numbers in a variety of ways.

For more information visit the Central Community Library located at 8601 Mathis Ave., Manassas, VA 20110, call at (703) 361-8211 or visit the library web page www.pwcgov.org/library

Monday - Thursday 10 – 9
Friday – Saturday 10 – 5
Sunday 12 – 5
(September – June)

Building Inspections

The Building Department has moved to the **Public Works Building**, located at 331 Manassas Drive
Telephone: (703)335-8815 or (703)335-0019
Fax: (703)331-0168

A city building code requires a permit before any work begins. Separate permits are required for electrical, plumbing and mechanical work. To schedule an inspection and set up an appointment please call the phone numbers listed above. A minimum 24 - hours notice is required; inspections are performed Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

- Building permit applications will be received at the Public Works Building.
- Only credit card or check payments will be received at this location.
- Cash payments will be received by the Treasurer's Office at City Hall, One Park Center Court.

From the City Assessor

If you purchased property after July 1, 2009, your purchase will be considered for the 2010 annual reassessment. This also applies to properties that have been appraised for purchase or refinancing purposes by independent appraisers.



Each year the City Assessor prepares a sales ratio study comparing current fiscal year assessments to sales that occurred during the same time period in order to determine how assessments should change for the upcoming fiscal year. The current fiscal year covers the period from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. If you have recently purchased or had your property appraised, you can contact City Assessor Richard Sanderson by e-mail at r.sanderson@manassasparkva.gov, or call at (703)335-8811 or visiting the City Hall (One Park Center, Court, Manassas Park, VA 20111)



Schools Open – Drive Carefully!

Motorists can help reduce the risk to children going to and from school by:

- Slowing down in school and residential areas.
- Obeying school bus stop laws.
- Clearing fogged windows before driving.
- Obeying all traffic signs.
- Avoiding school zones during arrival and dismissal hours.
- Don't drive distracted! **Avoid using a cell phone and texting while your car is in motion.**

Get Public Works Events and Alerts emailed directly to you. Send an email to l.coughanour@manassasparkva.gov and say "Add me to the list".

You'll get early-bird announcements of all Refuse & Recycling events plus other Public Works sponsored events.