

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

March 2022

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 1 – Mardi Gras & Rent is Due

March 2 - Ash Wednesday

March 5 – Last Day to Pay Rent Without Late Fees

March 10 – National Slam the Scam Day

March 13 – Daylight Savings Begins at 2 AM

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day & Purim

March 20 - Spring Begins

March 31 – National Transgender Day of Visibility



## **WELCOME TO SPRING NEIGHBORS!**

Spring is springing and we hope you are all ready for warmer days! As the weather warms up and the COVID-19 restrictions are being scaled back, here are some tips and community activities that we hope will be helpful to you.











Do NOT use a gift card to pay: the IRS or Social Security, tech support, a family member in trouble, ransom or to avoid arrest or deportation, a member of the military, or to keep your utilities on.

Report gift card scams at: ReportFraud.ftc.gov

Chances are someone you know has received an ominous call or message from someone pretending to be from the government, alleging that your information has been compromised or demanding immediate payment. Ignore it. This is just one of the tips that the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General (SSA OIG) is sharing to warn consumers about these scams through a National Slam the Scam Day initiative taking place March 10, 2022.

Slam the Scam Day is an initiative to raise public awareness of the pervasive scams that continue to plague the nation and is part of the Federal Trade Commission's National Consumer Protection Week, (NCPW) happening March 6-12, 2022. The initiative, which began in 2020 to combat Social Security-related scams, is now expanding to include other government imposter scams. In a government imposter scam, someone claims to be an SSA, or another government employee, and may ask for personal information, demand payment, or make threats. These scams primarily use the telephone, but scammers may also use email, text messages, social media, or U.S. mail.



We are here to help. Please contact us if you are having trouble paying rent or covering other expenses. We may have resources to share.



#### Contact Us

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#### 2022 GREATER MANASSAS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

The 2022 Greater Manassas St. Patrick's Day Parade will march on and paint Old Town green on Saturday, March 12, at 11:00 a.m., along Center Street in Old Town Manassas. Bring the family and enjoy several military and pipe bands, Irish dance groups, Irish culture groups (Ancient Order of Hibernians Divisions), St. Patrick, dignitaries, and many other participants celebrating the Grand Irish Tradition of St. Patrick's Day! Visit the many shops, pubs and restaurants and take in favorite Irish dishes and up-close performances from the pipe band and Irish dancers.





March 31 is National Transgender Day of Visibility – a day to recognize the challenges transgender people face in daily life and to recognize the accomplishments and resiliency of people in the transgender community.

In 2009, Rachel Crandall, a transgender activist based in the United States, held the first Transgender Day of Visibility to celebrate transgender people bring awareness to their struggles, according to <a href="mailto:nationaltoday.com">nationaltoday.com</a>.

On his first day in office in 2021, President Joe Biden signed a proclamation that stated that his administration was committed for "fulfilling the promise of America for all Americans by stamping out discrimination and delivering freedom and equality for all."