



The City of Manassas Connection

May 2013

Officer J.K. Shubert to Receive Medal of Valor



On Jan. 19, 2013 a resident called the Manassas City Police Department to report a suspicious person who was standing on the sidewalk on Liberia Ave. at the overpass. She was looking down at the

railroad tracks and it looked as if she wanted to jump. Two officers were

dispatched to the scene. Officer Shubert, who was nearby, also answered the call and was first to respond.

On this area of the bridge on Liberia Ave. there is a fence about 40 feet long which serves as an added security measure for pedestrian traffic crossing the intersection. The person in question was on the opposite side, or the unsafe side, of the fence when Officer Shubert approached.

Officer Shubert requested that the person come back to the safety of the overpass. She responded that she would not. Without hesitation, Officer Shubert

moved along the fence to rescue the woman. This put him at personal risk should the person have decided to jump or struggle. Officer Shubert was able to successfully grab the female and walk her back to safety. It was later determined that her intention was to end her life. Had Officer Shubert not acted so quickly, precious time would have been wasted and the outcome may have ended in tragedy.

For his heroic efforts, Officer J.K. Shubert will be recognized with a City of Manassas Medal of Valor Award at the City Council meeting on May 13, 2013.

New Exhibit at the Manassas Museum - *Enduring Legacy: Liberia Plantation*

Liberia Plantation is a Manassas historic gem that served as a Civil War headquarters and was visited by two Presidents. It is the focus of a new exhibit, *Enduring Legacy, Liberia Plantation 1825-2013*, opening May 10 at The Manassas Museum.

Liberia Plantation has been named to the National Historic Register, the Virginia Landmarks Register, and is being recognized during Virginia's Year of the Historic Home, but its captivating story has never been the subject of an exhibit until now.

Built in 1825, Liberia was one of the most prosperous and largest plantations in the region. During the Civil War, Liberia served as headquarters for both Confederate and Union forces and was visited by Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln. After the devastation of the war, Liberia was transformed into a successful dairy farm and became home to the Breeden family, who later donated the property to The City of Manassas.

Enduring Legacy details the establishment of the plantation by the Weir family and their ties to the wealthy and influential Carter family of Virginia. The exhibit explores the conflicting attitudes about slavery within the family, despite owning nearly 90 slaves, and what happened to the family and their slaves when the home was occupied by Civil War troops. Period furnishings, Civil War artifacts, and ledgers from Liberia's time as a dairy farm are also included.

The exhibit features a hands-on experience for children and adults, including an activity with a cipher disk - a Civil War spy tool. The exhibit also describes architectural features, construction of the home, and more about the home's original owners.

The Manassas Museum has restored parts of the exterior of the house, with



the help of generous Museum supporters, and hosts tours and special events on site. Recently, a Citizens Advisory Committee recommended a master plan for the site. This will provide direction for future restoration.

Enduring Legacy is free with admission, and is open Tuesday - Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A companion book that benefits Liberia restoration, *Liberia, Sentry of the Ages*, and various commemorative gifts are available at *Echoes*, the Museum Store.

A Message from the City Manager

Celebrated the first week of May since 1985, Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) is time set aside to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees and ensure that our government is the best in the world.

The City of Manassas has some of the finest employees in the country. From Public Works and Utilities to Police and Fire & Rescue to General Government

employees and School personnel, City of Manassas employees work hard to constantly and consistently maintain and improve the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. The work that these dedicated public servants perform on a daily basis is inspiring.

I would like to personally thank each City of Manassas employee for the service they give every day to the community. Their innovative solutions

to complex issues are what make the City of Manassas a desirable place to live and do business. City employees are the heart and the backbone of the City of Manassas and deserve our appreciation.



City Trains 5 EMS Bike Team Members

The City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department has trained five technicians as members of the EMS Bike Team. This is a 40-hour course on safe bicycle operations and biking skills during high and low speed maneuvers and navigating challenging courses.

“Having an EMS Bike Team is a great asset to the City of Manassas,” said City Manager John A. Budesky. “With all of the parades and events that happen in the City, these medics can get through a crowd and to an injured person much more easily.”

Previously, the City had six qualified bike medics, two of which are certified bike instructors. Joining the bike medics are Fire Medic Kristopher Otten, Fire Medic Justin Reed, Fire Medic Brian Seay, Firefighter EMT Matt Eichhorst and Firefighter EMT Jamieson Jewett.

These highly trained medics, trained by instructors Lt. Jason Bowers and Master Technician Steve Schmid, can navigate through crowds and use small spaces, such as alleys and paths, to reach

patients who otherwise may have to wait precious minutes for an ambulance to arrive.

“With serious medical conditions, time is of the essence,” said Fire and Rescue Chief Brett Bowman. “The time saved by bike navigation through the crowded events and festivals within the City can literally mean the difference between life and death.”

Bike medics in the City of Manassas carry a full line of medical equipment, including a full line of basic life support equipment, an automatic external defibrillator (AED) and Oxygen.



Spring Housing Event - May 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- Mortgage Assistance
- Foreclosure Prevention
- Home Buyers Education Class/Certification
- Housing Counselors Available

REGISTER AT:
www.manassascity.org/2013Springevent
Or call 703-257-8297



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City Named Tree City USA

The City of Manassas has been named a 2012 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of the City's commitment to effective urban forest management. This is the 23rd year the City of Manassas has earned this national designation.

The City of Manassas achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"The City is honored to be a Tree City USA," said City Manager John A. Budesky. "In becoming a Tree City, the City of Manassas benefits with cleaner air, improved storm water management and energy savings, which helps to increase our property values and commercial activity."

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. For more information on the program, visit www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.



The 19th Annual Manassas Heritage Railway Festival is June 1

Saturday, June 1st, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in Old Town Manassas

This family celebration of rich railroad history features train memorabilia, specialty vendors, and live performances. Country and Bluegrass music will transport you as you watch miniature trains come to life. Take your love of trains to a new level by boarding one of our four train excursions to Clifton and back. Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at the Manassas Train Station beginning May 1st.



What is Being Paved this Summer

Curious about which streets will be paved this summer? Below is a list of paving projects being worked on this summer.

Road	From/to
Byrd Drive	Grant Ave. to Bragg Ln.
Center Street	East St. to Fairview Ave.
Flowerden Lane	Cloverhill Rd. to Bens Way
Daylily Court	Flowerden Ln. to the cul de sac
Bethany Court	Flowerden Ln. to the cul de sac
Pom Pom Court	Flowerden Ln. to the cul de sac
Trellis Court	Flowerden Ln. to the cul de sac
Hastings Drive	Dumfries Rd. to Cloverhill Rd.
Mercedes Drive	Nagle St. to Haag St.
Haag Street	Oakenshaw Dr. to Nagle St.
Beck Lane	Mercedes Dr. to Haag St.
Bertha Court	Haag St. to the cul de sac
Zimbro Avenue	the new construction to Alpha Ct.
Liberia Avenue	Kirby St. to Stonewall Rd.
Ashton Avenue	Godwin Dr. to Confederate Tr.

Water Quality Report

The 2013 Water Quality Report is available online at www.manassascity.org/waterqualityreport. For a printed copy of the report, contact the Utilities Department at 703-257-8245.



The City of Manassas Happenings

Here's what's happening in the City of Manassas during May and June.

May 2 – June 13 - **Dare to Dance** – Where quilters gather, art quilts will happen at the Center for the Arts.

www.center-for-the-arts.org

May 3 - The **7th Annual Spring Gallery Walk** in Old Town Manassas from 6-9:30 p.m.

www.visitmanassas.org

May 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Open House and Airshow** at the Manassas Regional Airport.

www.marbainc.com/2013airshow

May 4, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. - **Big Day of Servicing** in the Weems Community. Take part in the **World Record Attempt** at 9 a.m. for the largest red light/green light game.

www.manassascity.org/givingback

May 4 & 18, 9-11 a.m. - **Bike Tour** - Civil War forts, cemeteries, markers, natural features and other areas of local interest.

www.manassasmuseum.org

May 4 - 12 - Osbourn High School's **Mother's Day Gift Wrapping Booth**

www.visitmanassas.org

May 4, June 1, 8 a.m. to noon - **Household Hazardous Waste and eWaste drop off** at the Manassas Transfer Station, 8305 Quarry Road.

www.manassascity.org

May 5, 2 p.m. - Manassas Museum Book Talk - **Sentry of the Ages**

www.manassasmuseum.org

May 5, 4 - 6 p.m. - **Learn the Fox Trot** at the Center for the Arts.

www.center-for-the-arts.org

May 10 & 24, 8 p.m. - **Cemetery Tours** - Who is buried in the Manassas Cemetery? Is it only Confederate Veterans?

www.manassasmuseum.org

May 11, 25 & June 8, 15, 22 & 29 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **Museum on the Lawn** - Stop by the Museum lawn and see what is going on.

www.manassasmuseum.org

May 12 & June 16 - Free admission to the Manassas Museum for all Mothers on Mother's Day and Fathers on Father's Day.

www.manassasmuseum.org

May 16, 2 - 8 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** at the Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad (9322 Center Street).

May 17, 8 p.m. - **Movie Night** free on the Lawn at the Manassas Museum featuring **Wreck it Ralph**.

May 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Osbourn High School - **2013 Spring Housing Event** - Foreclosure prevention, mortgage assistance and home buyer education.

Call 703-257-8297 or register at www.manassascity.org/2013Spring-Event

May 18 & 19 - Manassas Ballet's presentation of **Don Quixote** at the Hylton Performing Arts Center.

May 19, 12 - 6 p.m. - **Lions Spring Vendor Fair & Wine Tasting** at the Harris Pavilion.

May 20 - 26 - National Emergency Medical Services Week.

May 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad Open House** at 9322 Center Street. Talk to members of the squad, have your vitals checked, enjoy refreshments and activities as you learn about what it takes to volunteer at the GMVRS.

www.gmvrs.org

May 25 - 30 - Virginia's Preparedness Sales **Tax Holiday** on hurricane readiness supplies.

www.ReadyVirginia.gov

May 25, 8 - 11 a.m. - **Soaring Eagles 5K Run**

www.osbournathleticboosters.com

May 27, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Take 25 minutes out of your day to talk to your children about safety. Then stop by MCPD's Take 25 booth at Stonewall Pool to get a free child ID kit and \$1 off admission to the pool.

www.Take25.org

May 31 at 7:30 p.m. - The Manassas Chorale presents a **Star Spangle Banner Celebration**

www.manassaschorale.org

June is National Safety Month. Learn ways you and your family can stay safe all year long at www.manassascity.org/police

June 1, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **19th Annual Manassas Heritage Railway Festival** in Old Town Manassas.

www.visitmanassas.org

June 2 from 4 - 6 p.m. - **Learn the Samba** at the Center for the Arts.

www.center-for-the-arts.org

June 3 - 7 - **Business Appreciation Week**

June 3 - Aug. 26 - **Toddler Tyme** at the Manassas Museum most Mondays this summer - www.manassasmuseum.org

June 3, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** at Osbourn High School to support the band - www.visitmanassas.org

June 5 - Second half of Real Estate Taxes are due - www.manassascity.org/taxes

June 9 at 2 p.m. - Book Talk at the Manassas Museum - **Letters Home: Three Years Under General Lee in the 6th Alabama**

www.manassasmuseum.org

June 12 - **Deadline for National Night Out Participation Applications.** National Night Out is on August 6. Let the MCPD help make your event a memorable one.

www.manassascity.org/NNO

June 15 & 16, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. - **Battle of the Artists Street Painting Festival** on Battle Street.

June 16, 12 - 7 p.m. - **9th Annual Manassas Wine & Jazz Festival** on the Museum Lawn.

Enjoy headlining jazz artists during this relaxing afternoon event. Taste and purchase wines from award-winning Virginia wine artisans. Tickets are sold for tasters and non-tasters and make great Father's Day gifts! Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and a blanket to relax on the grass with a bottle of wine.

www.visitmanassas.org

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