



The City of Manassas Connection

September 2013

National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month. You may ask, *what do I need to be prepared for?* The answer is any number of things; hurricanes, tornados, floods, and earthquakes, to name a few.

Emergencies can occur anywhere at any time. Be prepared for an emergency in case you need to be self-reliant for three days - without utilities, electricity, water service, access to a supermarket or local services.

Preparing can start with four important steps:

1. Be informed about emergencies in the City of Manassas. Sign up for Manassas Alert at <https://alert.manassasva.gov>. Like the City on Facebook at www.manassascity.org/facebook, or follow us on Twitter at



City Council proclaimed September Preparedness Month in the City of Manassas at a Council meeting in August.

2. Make a plan.
3. Build an emergency supply kit.

4. Get involved.

For more tips on how to be prepared, visit www.ready.gov

Osborn Freshman Academy Rising Stars

The City of Manassas Police and Fire & Rescue Departments recently participated in Osborn High School's Freshman Academy Rising Stars program.

Two MCPS teachers were able to ride along as Fire and Rescue personnel used the ladder truck to demonstrate putting out a tall building fire. Next, personnel used a special hydraulic rescue tool to remove the top of a car. Teens also got hands-on experience using a fire extinguisher to put out a fire.

Teen volunteer Sean Willemann helped City of Manassas Police demonstrate how heavy the gear is that a SWAT officer wears. Master Police Officer (MPO) Rust and K-9 Sultan showed students how they work as a team and then MPO Rust posed as a criminal while K-9 Rex and Officer Shubert demonstrated a take-down by K-9 Rex. Motor Officers demonstrated their superior riding skills as students looked on.

The day was an exciting look at careers students can look forward to in the future. At the end of the event, students posed for a group photo in the shape of an O.

The Osborn High School Freshman Academy is a three-day summer enrichment program developed by Mike Dufrene, assistant principal in charge of the Freshman Academy, to prepare incoming freshmen for the upcoming challenges of high school. More photos of the day are available at www.flickr.com/photos/cityofmanassas.



A Message from the City Manager

The City of Manassas has created many community partnerships that help the City to grow. The Neighborhood Services Division hosts events like the Neighborhood Conference, the Big Day of Serving and the Week of Hope. These projects take a magnitude of volunteers to pull off and I am always amazed by the great community spirit and volunteerism we have in the City of Manassas.

Last month, Neighborhood Services hosted a delegation of Chinese Students at Osbourn High School. Working with Manassas City Public Schools (MCPS), they made the day memorable for both the Chinese students and Osbourn students.

City Police and Fire & Rescue Departments worked with MCPS to host Career Camps this summer. Some of the 13/14 year-olds said these camps were life-changing.

At Osbourn High School's Freshman Academy, our public safety personnel

gave students an idea of what it is like to be a police officer or a firefighter. They also let students know that it is okay to stop an officer to ask a question or to wave at them as they pass by.

The Police Department worked with neighborhood groups to help promote participating neighborhood National Night Out events. Police also hosted an event in Old Town Manassas for those who wished to attend. If you would like City of Manassas Police or Fire & Rescue at an event in your neighborhood, visit our website - www.manassascity.org to request their attendance.

The Manassas Civil War Weekend is another great example of community partnership. This event was terrific for the City of Manassas. The event brought in visitors from all over the country to learn about the Civil War. But, while they were here, they ate in our restaurants and shopped in local businesses.



*Interim City Manager
Lawrence D. Hughes*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank City staff and the community for creating all of these partnerships. Working together we have truly made the City of Manassas a great place to live, work, play and do business.

News Around the City

School is in session. Please remember to watch out for our children at crosswalks and especially in school zones.



Have an unidentified bug? Does your grass have bald spots? Don't know which grass seed to use? The Master Gardeners are here to answer all your gardening, fertilizing, and plant questions. Call the Horticultural Help Line at 703-792-7747, or email master_gardeners@pwcgov.org.



As you can see on the back of this publication, the City has numerous fun community events you may want to attend. Don't miss a minute of the fun. Visit us online at www.manassascity.org. While you are there, make sure to like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter. If you missed an event and want to see what happened, look for photos on our Flickr site and download the one you wish to keep.

October 5 Shredding Event

Do you have personal or business papers that need shredding, but it seems like the task is overwhelming? Then bring them to the City's Shredding Event on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Manassas Transfer Station (8305 Quarry Road). Please remove all binder and paper clips, but staples are fine. No limit. City businesses are welcome, just let the Refuse & Recycle Coordinator know at 703-257-8252.



Get Social!

Visit the City at www.manassascity.org.



www.manassascity.org/facebook



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Put your own photos up at
www.flickr.com/groups/mycityofmanassas.

To contact the City of Manassas Connection newsletter, email prrince@ci.manassas.va.us.

Manassas Civil War Weekend

You may have heard cannons thunder and muskets firing recently. That's because on Aug. 23-25 the City of Manassas and Historic Manassas, Inc. hosted Manassas Civil War Weekend. The weekend featured a fantastic line up of speakers, Liberia Plantation tours, living history, reenactors, Civil War cemetery tours, Civil War Baseball, and a parade through Old Town. Here are a few photos from the weekend, but you can find more at www.flickr.com/photos/cityofmanassas.



The Neighborhood Conference is Nov. 16

Don't miss this year's Neighborhood Conference Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College Manassas Campus. The conference features Keynote Speaker Dr. Roger Ramsammy, Provost, NVCC - Manassas Campus. Registration is open at www.manassascity.org/neighconf. There is no fee to attend the conference, but space is limited.



City of Manassas Cemetery Lottery

The City of Manassas Purchasing Department will be accepting cemetery plot applications from Sept. 4, 2013 until 3 p.m. on Oct. 4, 2013. Applications will be available on Sept. 4 online at www.manassascity.org/cemetery, or in person in the City Clerk's office at 9027 Center Street or in the Purchasing Department office at 8500 Public Works Drive in Manassas.

The lottery is open to any City of Manassas resident or property owner

over the age of 18 as of Jan. 1, 2013. Businesses, government agencies and funeral homes are ineligible for this lottery.

A public drawing will be held at a later date once the City has verified eligibility of all participants. Applicants that are selected in the random drawing will be assigned a numerical designation in the order they are selected from the drawing. Each applicant will be eligible to purchase up to two plots,

based on availability. The City will notify applicants in the order they are drawn until all available plots have been purchased.

All rules and guidelines will be available at www.manassascity.org/cemetery on Sept. 4, 2013. To contact the purchasing office, call 703-257-8368.

The City of Manassas Happenings

Here's what's happening in the City of Manassas during September and October.

Now - Sept. 24, 4 to 7 p.m. - Visit the Tuesday Farmer's Market located at Prince William Street and Main Street.

www.visitmanassas.org

Now - Sept. 19 - **REemerging Technologies Exhibit** featuring Don Hurlbert, GC Schow & Kathy Strauss at the Center for the Arts.

www.center-for-the-arts.org

Sept. 4 - Oct. 4 - Applications for City of Manassas cemetery lottery are available at

www.manassascity.org/cemetery

Sept. 6 & 7 - Auditions for Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.

www.center-for-the-arts.org

Sept. 7, 8 a.m. to noon - **Household Hazardous Waste and eWaste drop off** at the Manassas Transfer Station, 8305 Quarry Road.

www.manassascity.org

Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Museum on the Lawn** - free event for children and adults

www.manassasmuseum.org

Sept. 8, 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk at the Manassas Museum - **Junius and Albert's Adventures in the Confederacy** by Peter Carlson, former Washington Post Reporter.

www.manassasmuseum.org

Sept. 12, 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Live cooking Demonstration** with Lavender Retreat at the Farmer's Market at Harris Pavilion.

www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 14, 7 - 11 p.m. - **CASA** - Evening Under the Stars www.harris pavilion.com

Sept. 15, 2 - 6 p.m. - **Community Band Festival** at the Harris Pavilion

www.harris pavilion.com

Sept. 17-26 - **R.A.D. Self-defense Class for Women.** To register, visit www.manassascity.org/RAD or call 703-257-8064.

Sept. 19, 2-8 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** at the Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad on Center Street.

Sept. 21, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - **Annual Tastes of Greece & the East.**

www.harris pavilion.com

Sept. 21, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **38th Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet** at the Manassas Museum

www.manassasmuseum.org

Sept. 26 - 29, **Ford Trimotor Aircraft** offering rides and tours at the Manassas Regional Airport. www.eaa186.org

Sept. 26, 6 - 9 p.m. - **Haute Cuisine** at Hylton Performing Arts Center - a Fall for the Book Event featuring cookbook authors and food writers. www.fallforthebook.org

Sept. 28, 12 - 7 p.m. - **3rd Annual Bands, Brews, and Barbecue Festival** - featuring local barbecue, 3 live bands and lots of local brews on the Manassas Museum Lawn

www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 28, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Annual Chili Cook Off/Kids Fest** www.harris pavilion.com

Sept. 29, 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk at the Manassas Museum - **Here is Where, Discovering America's Great Forgotten History** by Andrew Carroll.

www.manassasmuseum.org

Sept. 29, 12 to 5 p.m. - **Annual Latino Festival** at the Harris Pavilion.

www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 5, 8 a.m. - noon - **Shredding Event** at the Manassas Transfer Station (8305 Quarry Road).

Oct. 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **31st Annual Fall Jubilee**, in Historic Old Town Manassas - This year's Jubilee includes more than 100 crafter and community booths, live music and entertainment, wine tastings (located on the Manassas Museum lawn), the farmer's market, children's rides and activities and a pumpkin patch. Something for everyone in the family! The Manassas Museum will offer free admission this day!



Oct. 7 - **Personal Property Taxes are due.** www.manassascity.org/taxes

Oct. 11 & 25, 8 p.m. - **Cemetery Tours** www.manassasmuseum.org

Oct. 12, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **100-Year Anniversary Celebration of the City of Manassas Utilities**, 8500 Public Works Drive - The event is free and you won't want to miss the fun, food and ice cream!

Oct. 12, 7 to 11 p.m. - **Boo Ball** by the Voluntary Action Center.

www.harris pavilion.com

Oct. 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Free VIN Etching Event** at Manassas Baptist Church (8730 Sudley Rd, Manassas)

Oct. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Manassas Volunteer Fire Company Open House.**

Oct. 17 at 10:17 a.m. - **The Great Southeast Shakeout Earthquake Drill** - sign up at <http://www.shakeout.org/register>

Oct. 20, 2 p.m. - **Ghosts of Georgetown** Free Book Talk. www.manassasmuseum.org

Oct. 24-28 - **B-17 Aircraft** on display at the Manassas Regional Airport.

www.eaa186.org

Oct. 26, **Spirits of Manassas Walking Tour** www.manassasmuseum.org

Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - **Haunted Happenings** - Grab the family and your dog for a wickedly good time in Old Town Manassas

Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **DEA's Fall National Drug Take Back** at Prince William Hospital

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