



# The City of Manassas Connection

October 2013

## City Announces New City Manager



City of Manassas Mayor Harry J. Parrish II and the Manassas City Council announce the appointment of William Patrick Pate of High Point, N.C. as the new city manager of the City of Manassas, VA. Pate was selected from a pool of highly qualified applicants after thoughtful consideration and deliberation by the City Council. Pate's first day as City Manager will be Oct. 28.

"We welcome Pat to the City of Manassas and are eager to put his extensive public service experience to work for our residents," said Mayor Parrish.

"I am excited about coming to the City of Manassas and serving as the City Manager," said Pate. "I am looking forward to learning more about the City and getting to know the staff and community."

Prior to his appointment as city manager, Pate served as assistant city manager of the City of High Point, N.C., since 1999. High Point, N.C. has a population of 108,000 residents and a city staff of 1,565. As assistant city manager, Pate oversaw the activities of finance, budget and evaluation, customer service, communications, information technology, systems project administration, public services,

engineering services, facility services and parks and recreation. Before becoming assistant manager, Pate served as the budget and evaluation director for the City of Greensboro, N.C.

Pate received a double major Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Religion from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and a Masters of Public Administration from the same. He is a credentialed manager of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and a past-president of the Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada.

Pat and his wife Sandra will be moving to the City of Manassas in the coming months. They have two sons, Will and Andrew, who are both college students.

## Neighborhood Conference in November

The 7th Annual Neighborhood Conference is on Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Manassas Campus of Northern Virginia Community College (6901 Sudley Road). This is a brand new location for this impactful program.

This year, the conference will showcase how attendees can use local resources to "Bridge Cultures, Education and Service in our Neighborhoods." The conference features free training to educate and empower residents at adult seminars and a youth cafe. There will be exhibitors, door prizes and free lunch for all participants.

The keynote speaker for the event is Dr. Roger Ramsammy, provost of the Manassas Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. Attendees can choose from three sessions to attend:

- ✓ **Trash 2.0 Workshop**  
A pilot program in Point of Woods 1 & 2 will be revealed. Bring your refuse & recycling questions and/or share your ideas!
- ✓ **Code Enforcement & Civil Penalties**  
Find out how a reboot of the inspection process and enactment of the civil penalties program has increased voluntary compliance by 17 percent. Let us know what's happening in your neighborhood and bring your questions.
- ✓ **Smart Neighborhoods, Smart Children**  
Join a panel of NOVA Early Childhood experts in a vital discussion. Children who grow up in healthy, thriving neighborhoods have significantly better chances at

graduating from high school. Bring your family questions and learn about available resources, like NOVA and GMU. Help our neighborhood youth thrive, from cradle to college.

Register for the 7th Annual Neighborhood Conference online at [www.manassascity.org/neighconf](http://www.manassascity.org/neighconf) or call 703-257-8315. The event is free, but space is limited. Sign up today!



# A Message from the City Manager

The Manassas Regional Airport is a treasure for the City of Manassas. Do you know that in the last several years, the Airport has secured more than \$11 million in grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Commonwealth?

You might ask what they did with all that money. They extended the runway to 6,200 feet, creating a runway that allows aircraft to take off from Manassas Regional Airport and land in California without stopping to refuel. With this money, the Airport also is fixing the taxiways and the bridges that aircraft traverse.

These projects help the Airport retain and attract more business to the area,

which creates a more friendly economic development climate for the City. Mauiwa AirCruise now lands at Manassas Regional Airport as one of its regular stops and more business is coming to the Airport every day.

APP Jet Center, at Manassas Regional Airport, recently broke ground on a 22,000 square foot hangar. This will also attract more business to the City as businesses choose to locate in the new hangar.

The Airport also hosts a variety of events, from the Runway 10K to the Airshow to visits by historic aircraft, like the B-17. The next time you are out that way, stop by the Airport and take a look. You'll enjoy the view.



*Interim City Manager  
Lawrence D. Hughes*

## Ash Tree Enemy #1

The Emerald Ash borer is the enemy to ash trees in Virginia. The City of Manassas horticulturalist spotted this intrusive insect in the City this summer. Already seen in Prince William and Fauquier Counties, this little beetle, originally from China, kills ash trees quickly. It arrived in Detroit in 2002, was seen in Virginia in 2003, but entomologists thought it was eradicated. It was seen again in 2008 and now, it is wide-spread. Shenandoah National Park confirmed the beetles' presence in the park as recently as Aug. 19, 2013.

### Is there a natural solution to this pest?

There have been some reports that some native American wasps and some other insect-eating predators have discovered the Emerald Ash Borer as a

food source, but their impact to this pest is relatively small. Local, state, and federal agencies have been working to combat it by introducing a Chinese wasp who likes the Emerald Ash Borer as a food source. However, "the best control measures are tree removal and insecticides," says Eric Day, an entomologist and manager of the insect identification lab at Virginia Tech.

Ash trees make up less than five percent of Virginia's forest, but they serve a vital role in our ecosystem. "Ash trees are an important part of the ecosystem here," said Terry Lasher, Fauquier's senior area forester for the Virginia Department of Forestry. "They help maintain our water quality, provide shade, and are a heavy seeding tree which serves as a food source for smaller mammals."



### What can you do?

According to Fauquier County's Extension agent, Tim Ohlwiler, check your ash trees for dead branches, which is the first sign. The beetle can take down a young tree within a year or so. Older trees can take longer, but that depends on how healthy the tree is. If you suspect you might have the Emerald Ash Borer, contact the Virginia Cooperative Extension office at 703-792-4371. They are tracking this enemy.

## October is Crime Prevention Month

October is Crime Prevention Month. Visit [www.manassascity.org/police](http://www.manassascity.org/police) for news and information from the Manassas City Police Department. Learn how to protect your personal property and stay safe in the high-tech world. Learn about school safety and senior safety. It's a big world. Let's be safe out there!



### Get Social!

Visit the City at [www.manassascity.org](http://www.manassascity.org).



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[www.flickr.com/groups/mycityofmanassas](http://www.flickr.com/groups/mycityofmanassas).

To contact the City of Manassas Connection newsletter, email [pprince@ci.manassas.va.us](mailto:pprince@ci.manassas.va.us).

# FALL LEAF COLLECTION 2013-2014



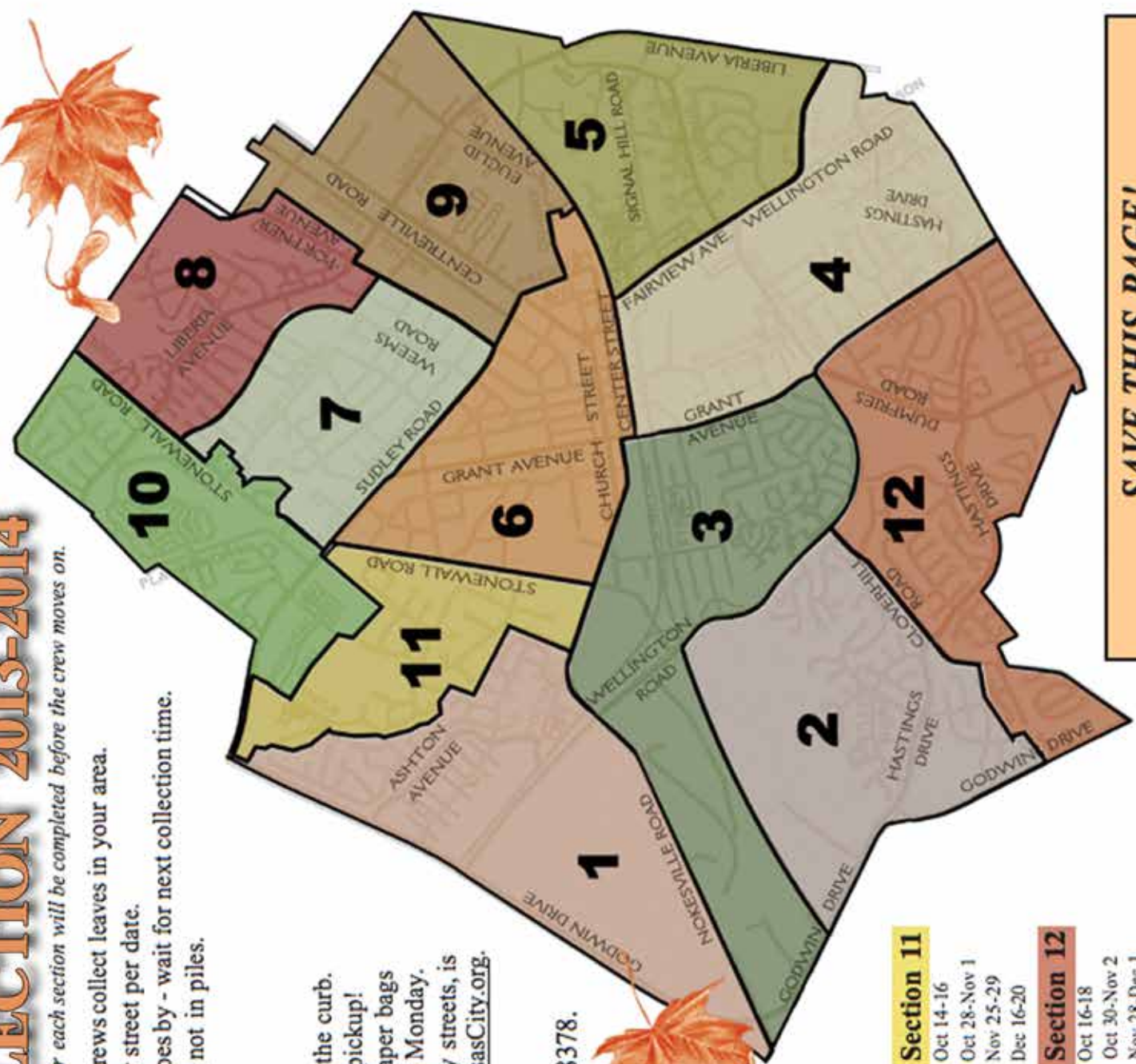
*This schedule may be delayed due to the weather; however each section will be completed before the crew moves on.*

- 🍁 Rake leaves to curb the DAY BEFORE City crews collect leaves in your area.
- 🍁 City crews will make only one pass on your street per date.
- 🍁 Don't rake out leaves after the City truck goes by - wait for next collection time.
- 🍁 Leaves should be raked along the curb line, not in piles.
- 🍁 Remove trash, sticks or rocks. Do not include grass clippings! Avoid areas where cars are parked.
- 🍁 Don't allow children to play in leaf piles at the curb.
- 🍁 For fast collection, use Monday yardwaste pickup!
- 🍁 Put leaves in trash cans or biodegradable paper bags (available at local retailers) for pickup each Monday.
- 🍁 Complete list of streets, including boundary streets, is available on the City website, [www.ManassasCity.org](http://www.ManassasCity.org).

## Questions?

Call the Street Department at 703-257-8378.

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# The City of Manassas Happenings

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

Now - Oct. 4 - Applications for City of Manassas cemetery lottery are available at [www.manassascity.org/cemetery](http://www.manassascity.org/cemetery)

Oct. 5, 8 a.m. - noon - **Shredding Event** at the Manassas Transfer Station (8305 Quarry Road). Free for City residents and businesses.

Oct. 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **31st Annual Fall Jubilee**, in Historic Old Town Manassas - This year's Jubilee includes an assortment of live entertainment for both kids and adults. With more than 100 crafters and community booths, live music and entertainment, wine tastings (located on the Manassas Museum lawn), the Chainsaw Chix, farmer's market, children's rides and activities and a pumpkin patch you are sure to find something for everyone in the family. The Manassas Museum will offer free admission this day!

[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

Oct. 6 - 12 - **Fire Prevention Week** - Make sure your house is fire safe!

[www.manassascity.org/fire](http://www.manassascity.org/fire)

Oct. 7 - **Personal Property Taxes are due.**

[www.manassascity.org/taxes](http://www.manassascity.org/taxes)

Oct. 7 - Nov. 4 - Osbourn High School **Citrus Sale**. Use group ID 467315 when ordering on [www.floridaindianrivergroves.com](http://www.floridaindianrivergroves.com)

Oct. 11 & 25, 8 p.m. - **Cemetery Tours**  
Costumed guides will lead participants by lantern light through Manassas Cemetery. [manassasmuseum.org](http://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, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Free VIN Etching Event** at Manassas Baptist Church (8730 Sudley Rd.)

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

[www.harris pavilion.com](http://www.harris pavilion.com)

Oct. 12, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Home Depot Safety Event** (8805 Liberia Ave.)

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

Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - **5K Out of the Darkness Walk**

<http://afsp.donordrive.com>

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

Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m. - **2013 Walk to End Alzheimer's** [www.act.alz.org](http://www.act.alz.org)

Oct. 20, 2 p.m. - **Ghosts of Georgetown** Free Book Talk. [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

Oct. 24-28 - **B-17 Aircraft** on display at the Manassas Regional Airport. [www.eaa186.org](http://www.eaa186.org)

Oct. 26, **Spirits of Manassas Walking Tour** [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://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. Register at City Hall and join in a parade down Center Street! Trick-or-treat through participating stores and take part in ghoulish games along the way!

[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

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

Oct. 26, 1 - 4 p.m. - **Scavenger Hunt for SERVE** at the Harris Pavilion

[www.harris pavilion.com](http://www.harris pavilion.com)

Oct. 26 & 27 - Manassas Ballet presents **Dracula** at the Hylton Performing Arts Center

[www.hyltoncenter.org](http://www.hyltoncenter.org)

Nov. 1, 6 - 9:30 p.m. - **7th Annual Gallery Walk**. Come out and enjoy this FREE annual event! The merchants of Old Town will be displaying artwork by local, featured artists. Follow the balloons to each destination.

[www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

Nov. 8 - 10, **Nature Visions Expo** - Photography expo with helpful training sessions.

[www.hyltoncenter.org](http://www.hyltoncenter.org)

Nov. 9, 11 a.m. - **5th Annual Greater Manassas Veterans Day Parade**

[www.vetpar.org](http://www.vetpar.org)

Nov. 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **City of Manassas Neighborhood Conference** at Northern Virginia Community College Manassas Campus - Free to the public

[www.manassascity.org/neighconf](http://www.manassascity.org/neighconf)

Nov. 21, 2 - 8 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** at the Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad on Center Street.

**Nov. 28 - Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Ice Skating** will begin at the Harris Pavilion as soon as the temperature drops in November. Look for the announcement at [www.harris pavilion.com](http://www.harris pavilion.com)



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