



The City of Manassas Connection

November 2013

A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
William Patrick Pate

Everywhere I visit in the City of Manassas I see evidence of the statement on the City seal “*Rich in Historic Interest.*” Indeed the community is proud of its rich historic heritage and is looking at ways

to preserve and enhance how people can experience these historic traditions.

This has made me think a little about my own history. I grew up in eastern North Carolina as the oldest of four siblings. My parents were both small business owners; my father a Chiropractor and my mother owned a florist/gift shop.

One of my grandfathers was a farmer in North Carolina who died very young. My maternal grandfather was a second generation immigrant that lived in a suburb of St. Louis, owned a small grocery store and gave me the love of baseball as we sat in his yard listening to games each summer. My paternal grandmother was a life-long teacher who gave me a love for learning and reading. My maternal grandmother was the glue that held her family together and she had the biggest garden that I have ever seen in an urban setting.

My wife Sandra and I met and were engaged on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill while we were both in school. She worked in human resources before returning to her passion of being a Nursing Home Administrator. My father-in-law is a retired Sergeant Major from the Army and my mother-in-law is a first generation naturalized US citizen.

All of these people in my background have greatly influenced my passion and desire to be involved in public service. Over the next several months, I am looking forward to taking a crash course from you on the City of Manassas and your own history with this community. As you see me around town, please introduce yourself and let me know what you love about the City of Manassas.

What's in the Time Capsule?

On Oct. 12, 2013, City of Manassas Utilities celebrated 100 years of service to the community. During the celebration a time capsule was buried in front of the building. The time capsule is scheduled to be opened in 50 years. Mayor Parrish, members of City Council, members of the Utilities Commission and staff were there to mark this historic occasion.

So, what's in the time capsule? The City created a commemorative book for the 100th anniversary that went in the capsule. Also in the capsule is the following: an old electric meter and new electric meter, an old water meter and new water meter, the cover off of a hydrant meter, an old bell-type arrestor and new arrestor, a copy of the FY 2014 budget, and a copy of a current utility bill.

Not knowing what the future holds, but realizing that many things are going electronic, it will be interesting for future generations to open this capsule and compare these items from the past to what they have in 2063. Who knows, they might not even use paper by then.



Neighborhood Conference - November 16

On Nov. 16, the City of Manassas will hold its 7th Annual Neighborhood Conference at Northern Virginia Community College Manassas Campus from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Some of the free fun offerings for the day are as follows:

- The first 75 early bird registrants to arrive at the event will receive a free turkey
- Walgreens is offering free flu shots to conference attendees
- Due to high demand, we are bringing back the Divine Desserts Church Competition with a fantastic prize for the tastiest dessert
- Keynote speaker Dr. Roger Ramsammy, provost of the Manassas Campus of Northern Virginia Community College
- Workshops including Code Enforcement and Civil Penalties,

Trash 2.0, and Smart Neighborhoods,

Smart Children

- A Youth Cafe
- Door prizes
- and Free lunch.

Neighborhood Awards will be given out during the Conference for the following:

- the Best Neighborhood Youth Involvement
- the Best Neighborhood Communication
- the Best Neighborhood Participation
- the Best Community Service for the Year.

Register for the 7th Annual Neighborhood Conference online at www.manassascity.org/neighconf or call 703-257-8315. Sign up today!

Hang up on Phone Fraud!

Cybercriminals don't just send fraudulent email messages and set up fake websites. They might also call you on the phone and claim to be from Microsoft. They might offer to help solve your computer problems or sell you a software license. Once they have access to your computer, they have access to any information on your computer, like passwords and bank account numbers.

If you receive one of these phone calls, simply hang up. Never give them access to your computer. For more information, visit the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.

City Shred Huge Success!

It can be challenging to plan events for City residents. All of these questions swirl through the mind. Will residents participate? Is it worth the effort and time? Will residents support the event so it grows every year? Will it compete with other events?

Now we know that one City event was a huge hit. The third City-sponsored shredding event on Oct. 5 was a huge success! City residents and businesses filled a box truck to the rim. Sadly, we had to turn away several residents arriving just before noon.

Part of the morning, City residents patiently waited in line to shred their materials as two small businesses unloaded box upon box of materials to be shredded. To make the process more efficient, City staff worked out a system for individuals to bypass the larger shredders for quicker service. In all, 13,400 pounds were shredded and recycled!

Thank you to all who participated! Look for an announcement in April for another City shredding event.



YES, RIGID PLASTICS CAN BE RECYCLED!

- large jugs and drums
- children's toys (no batteries)
- furniture
- storage crates & pallets
- buckets, bins & baskets
- playhouses & playsets
- shelving
- flower pots and trays
- plastic coat hangers

www.manassascity.org/recycle

Take plastic into your recycling container or place at the curb with all other recyclables!

AMERICAN DISPOSAL SERVICES
THINK BEFORE YOU THROW

Get Social!

Visit the City at www.manassascity.org.



www.manassascity.org/facebook



www.twitter.com/cityofmanassas



www.flickr.com/photos/cityofmanassas

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.

**City of Manassas
Public Works & Utility Veterans**



(L to R) David Jones, Chief Engineer, Marines & Navy; Brent Crane, Power Lineman, Marines; Jim Kelly, Water Plant Manager, Army & Marines; Vern Babcock, Water & Sewer, Army. Not pictured: Paul Hood, Air Force; Harry Davis, Army; and Keith Mitchell, Army.

**Thank you to all who have
served and all who are
currently serving!**

You are our heroes!

**City of Manassas
Police Department Veterans**



(L to R) Officer Adam Plourde, Marines; John Findlay, Parking Enforcement, GBR Army; Catherine Hanback, Records Specialist, Army; Sgt. Lowell Nevill, Army. Not pictured: Sgt. Eddie Rivera, Army; Officer Jeff Shubert, Army; Sr. Animal Control Officer Marc Daigle, Army; Sr. Patrol Officer Dan Villanueva, Army; Sgt. James Horton, Marines; Officer Russ McAndrews, Navy.

**City of Manassas
Veterans**



(L to R) Steve Schmid, Fire & Rescue Master Technician, Marines; Gary Holt, Safety Officer, Marines; Juan Rivera, Airport Director, Marines; LaTonya Bell-Buckhalter, Family Services Fiscal Manager, Air Force; Marvin Washington, Warehouse Technician, Navy Reserves & U.S. Army. Not pictured: Christian Rodriguez, Network Administrator, Air Force.



City of Manassas Police Department Veterans

(L to R) William Carruthers, Crossing Guard, Marines, Navy and Air Force; Officer Trey Cram, Marines; Officer Tabatha Pavalok, Marines; Sgt. B. Korngage, Army; Terri Hines, Crime Analyst, Marines; Officer Casey Smith, Army; Sgt. TJ Rodriguez, Marines. Not pictured: Officer Luis Sanchez, Marines; Sr. Detective Joe Shifflett, Army; Public Safety Communications Supervisor Robert Weaver, Army; Sr. Detective Brent Heilman, Navy; Officer Chris Shields, Coast Guard; Officer George Garcia, Marines; Sr. Patrol Officer Brian Mangione, Coast Guard.

The City of Manassas Happenings

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

Ice Skating will begin at the Harris Pavilion as soon as the temperature drops in November. Look for the announcement at www.harrispavilion.com

Now - Dec. 12 - Fred Markham presents **Landscapes in Oils and Graphite** at the Center for the Arts in the Caton Merchant Family Gallery
www.center-for-the-arts.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

Nov. 1 - 16, 8 p.m. on Fridays & Saturdays - **Nonsense** at the Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory.
www.center-for-the-arts.org

Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Jennie Dean** portrayal by interpreter Marion Dobbins, on the Museum Lawn.
www.manassasmuseum.org

Nov. 3 - **Daylight savings time ends**. When you change your clocks, don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke alarm. If you don't have a smoke alarm, get one for free by contacting Fire & Rescue.
www.manassascity.org/fire

Nov. 4 - Dec. 5 - Find one of **5 Golden Tickets** in Old Town Shops for a ride on Santa's float in the Manassas Christmas Parade! FIVE Old Town milk chocolate bars contain the prized Golden Tickets.
www.visitmanassas.org

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

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



Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Veteran's Day display of military equipment** on the Museum Lawn. Museum free to all veterans and active duty military Nov. 9-11.
www.manassasmuseum.org

Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Free **H.E.A.T. VIN Etching** for your car or motorcycle at Manassas Mall.
www.manassascity.org/police

Nov. 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **City of Manassas Neighborhood Conference** at Northern Virginia Community College Manassas Campus - Free to the public, but space is limited
www.manassascity.org/neighconf

Nov. 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **Lakota Tribe storytelling and dance** on the Museum Lawn.
www.manassasmuseum.org

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

Nov. 24, 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Wish Is My Master** by Robert Brookover
www.manassasmuseum.org

Nov. 29 - Dec. 24 - Osbourn High School Band **Wrapping Booth** at Manassas Mall.

Dec. 1, 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Mark Twain in Washington, D.C.** by John Muller
www.manassasmuseum.org

Dec. 2 - 2014 Parking Permits available
www.manassascity.org/parking

Dec. 5, 2013 - First half of **2014 Real Estate Tax** bills are due.
www.manassascity.org/taxes

Dec. 6, 5:30 to 8 p.m. - Merry Old Town **Christmas Tree Lighting**. Come celebrate the lighting of the Christmas tree and meet Santa as he arrives by VRE train at 6 p.m. The tree lighting is at 6:30 p.m. at the Manassas Museum.
www.visitmanassas.org

Dec. 6, 5:30 to 8 p.m. - **Manassas Museum Open House** - free admission
www.manassasmuseum.org

Dec. 6 - 8 - **Merry Old Town** - Start your holidays off right by celebrating with the City of Manassas. Enjoy free carriage rides through Old Town, meet Santa and enjoy shopping and dining along the way. Free carriage rides are also available Dec. 15 & 22 from 1-4 p.m. starting from the Train Depot.
www.visitmanassas.org

Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to noon - **68th Annual Greater Manassas Christmas Parade**
www.gmchristmasparade.org



Dec. 8, 1 to 5 p.m. - GFWC Woman's Club of Manassas **Holiday Homes Tour** - call (703) 368-6183 or (703) 365-8604.

Dec. 14, 5, 5:45, 6:30 and 7:15 p.m. - **Tour Liberia Plantation** decked out in its 1860's holiday finery. Space is limited.
www.manassasmuseum.org

The Manassas City Police Department has a new Facebook page. Check it out.
www.manassascity.org/police

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Ian T. Lovejoy	703-828-7592	Ellen M. Purdy	571-606-0499
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