



The City of Manassas Connection

June 2014

Mayor Receives Tourism Champion Award



City of Manassas Mayor Harry J. Parrish II was presented with the Discover Prince William and Manassas Tourism Champion Award at a luncheon held at the Old Courthouse. This is the inaugural year for the Tourism Awards for Discover Prince William and Manassas.

Mayor Parrish received the award for recognizing the importance of tourism to the community, supporting tourism partner organizations and showcasing the City of Manassas and the greater Prince William Area as a great place to live, work, play and visit.

In their nomination, Historic Manassas, Inc. wrote, "As a lifelong resident of the City of Manassas, Mayor Parrish has strongly supported initiatives that directly enhance our visitors'

experiences, not just in the Historic Downtown area, but throughout the City." The nomination further said, "His direct support has led to the completion of both the Battle and Main Street renovation projects, the addition of the Harris Pavilion and the Hilton Performing Arts Center. Each of these projects have enhanced the lives of our residents and have moved us toward becoming a true Arts and Tourism destination."

Other award recipients were Joann Barron from the Weems-Botts Museum received the Tourism Leader Award; Peggy Lanham with Hampton Inn Manassas received the Stellar Service Award; and The National Museum of the Marine Corps received the 2014 Partner of the Year Award.

Utilities Receives Century Award



At the May 19, 2014 City Council Meeting, the City of Manassas Utilities received the Century Award from the American Public Power Association (APPA) for its 100-year anniversary.

Established in 1987, the APPA Century Award is given each year to public power utilities that have served their customers and their community for 100 years.

To commemorate the milestone, the City of Manassas Utilities hosted a 100-year anniversary event in October, 2013 that was attended by more than 600 people. At the event, a time capsule was buried to be opened in 25 years. The time capsule contains memorable utility items from the past century. The event raised more than \$3,000 for the American Cancer Society as the Public Works and Utilities Department made a donation for each person that attended the event.

"We're honored to receive this prestigious award," said Mike Moon, City of Manassas director of public works and utilities. "Since 1913, the City of Manassas has provided dependable electricity to the community and we look forward to serving for another 100 years."

Today, 47 million Americans receive electricity from more than 2,000 not-for-profit community-owned electric utilities. As of 2010, one out of every three public power systems has celebrated a centennial.

A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
William Patrick Pate

June is often seen as a time for some of life's biggest changes. Graduations are occurring for many folks including our own local Osbourn High Seniors. These students will begin new phases of life by joining the military, starting new jobs or planning to pursue additional educational opportunities. Many couples celebrate marriages and the promise of life with a partner. We also see a lot of individuals and families move as they take on new jobs or new responsibilities.

I am falling into that last category as my family moves into a new home just outside the historic Manassas district. It is very interesting to learn about the start of Manassas after the Civil War and to see many of the historic businesses and

homes that are still helping us understand our heritage and what created the fabric of our community.

It is also nice knowing that I will be within walking distance of the many events that happen in the heart of our community, such as the Taste of Manassas, the Manassas Heritage Railway Festival, the Wine and Jazz Festival and Celebrate America, to name a few. I am looking forward to what continues to be described as the best fireworks display in Virginia right here in the City of Manassas.

Finally, let me congratulate all of those in our community who are achieving one of these milestones in their lives and also the many businesses and organizations in our community that were recently named as one of the best in Northern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine. There is a list of winners from the City of Manassas on the next page. Make sure to stop by one of these fine establishments.

I almost forgot to congratulate all of our residents. The City of Manassas was recently named the best small city in Virginia by www.CitiesJournal.com. There is a lot to be proud of in the City of Manassas!



If you haven't been to the number one Farmer's Market in Northern Virginia, as proclaimed by Virginia Living Magazine's Best of the Best contest, stop by Historic Downtown Manassas and pick up some fresh produce on Thursdays and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. all summer.

On Saturdays at the Market, see unusual artifacts, play historic games, hear about Native American culture, experience Civil War camp life, or enjoy other surprises during Manassas Museum at the Market.

For more information, visit www.manassasmuseum.org.

National Night Out is August 5, 2014!

The City of Manassas, in cooperation with Historic Manassas, Inc., welcomes you to its second annual city-wide National Night Out event this August. NNO is a community and service-oriented, family friendly gathering open to all. It includes Potter Baseball on the Museum Lawn, demonstrations by first responders, and opportunities to meet City staff and volunteers who help keep residents safe year-round.

There will be food and fun for all ages. Vendors are welcome.

Deadline for vendor applications: June 27, 2014

Event Info

**Tuesday, August 5, 2014
6 to 9 p.m.**

Manassas Museum - 9101 Prince William Street

Hosting Your Own Event? Invite MCPD!

The City also participates in individual neighborhoods' grassroots NO events upon request. Deadline for requests: July 17, 2014

www.manassascity.org/NNO

For info., call 703.257.8064 or ahelms@manassasva.gov



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

Two Officers Recognized for Valor



Two Manassas City Police Officers were recognized for valor at the 2014 Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards.

Officer Trey Cram received a 2014 Merit Award. On Feb. 26, 2013, the City of Manassas Public Safety Communications Center received a 911 call regarding a one-year-old child who was having difficulty breathing. Officer Trey Cram responded and realized that the baby was having a seizure. The child was unresponsive and not breathing. Officer Cram administered CPR, after which the baby began breathing on his own.

A City of Manassas medic team arrived and determined that the baby was conscious. Medic Steven Schmid, one of the Fire and Rescue personnel on the scene, said that the CPR performed

by Officer Cram revived the baby and increased the chances for survival. The medic team transported the infant to the NOVANT Prince William Emergency Room where doctors determined that it was in the best interest of the baby to be transported to INOVA Fairfax Hospital for further treatment.

Officer Cram's quick thinking and knowledge of CPR saved this baby's life. In a further act of compassion and concern, Officer Cram transported the family to the hospital.

Officer Cram applied his training and experience as an officer, as well as a parent, to jump into action without hesitation to save a life and comfort the family in a stressful situation. His actions not only saved the life of a baby, but offered comfort to the family as well.

Police Officer First Class (PFC)

Brett Stumpf received a 2014 Merit Award. PFC Brett Stumpf responded to a call for a vehicle being driven in a dangerous manner on an extremely busy road. PFC Stumpf arrived to find the front of the man's vehicle making contact with the rear of another vehicle at a stoplight.

Stumpf quickly determined that the driver appeared to be having a medical episode and was not responsive. The driver's foot kept moving between the accelerator and brake, causing the vehicle to push into the car in front of him. PFC Stumpf moved his vehicle behind the car to prevent him from possibly backing into oncoming traffic. Within moments, the subject did just that, hitting the cruiser.

During the event PFC Stumpf provided dynamic situational updates by radio and was directed to break the subject's window. PFC Stumpf broke the window and was able to put the car in park and shut off the ignition. Emergency personnel were then able to transport the gentleman to the hospital where he was admitted.

The owner of the vehicle in front of the car, also took action by keeping his car in front of the subject's car and putting himself in harms way, but saving others from harm. PFC Stumpf's quick response to the scene, ability to assess the situation quickly and actions to prevent further harm went above and beyond the call of duty.

Best of the Best in the City of Manassas

Virginia Living Magazine recently held their Best of the Best in Virginia contest where more than 35,000 people across the Commonwealth vote on the best of every sort of venue offered in Virginia. City of Manassas businesses were named the Best of the Best in many categories. First, second and third places were given out in each category. Congratulations to the City of Manassas businesses that made the list.

The Manassas Museum made second place in Best Historic Museum and third place in Best Overall Museum. The City of Manassas Farmer's Market was the number one Best Farmers' Market in Northern Virginia.

Other winners from the City of Manassas include: Metropolitan Aviation, Chantilly Air, Manassas Ballet, The Things I Love, Monza, Malone's, Nathan's Dairy Barn, Old Towne Sports

Pub, Iron Horse Antiques, Blueprint Salon, Advantage Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation, LLC, Charles Wood Builders, Miller Toyota, and Social Butterfly. We always knew City of Manassas Businesses are the best and now so do the readers of Virginia Living Magazine. Congratulations to all of the Best of the Best!

The City of Manassas Happenings

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

Find out more about **Old Town Walking Tours** and **Bicycle Tours** hosted by the Manassas Museum at www.manassasmuseum.org

Through October, on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Museum at the Market** - visit the City's Farmers Market to find out what the Museum staff are up to. www.manassasmuseum.org

Now - Aug. 31 - **Civil War Journey: The Maps and Sketches of Private Robert Sneden** a new exhibit at the Manassas Museum on loan from the Virginia Historical Society www.manassasmuseum.org

June - August - Check out the Harris Pavilion's **Lunch Concert** series every Wednesday, 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Pick up lunch at one of the City's restaurants and enjoy an outdoor concert. www.harris pavilion.com

June 5, 2014 - **Real Estate Taxes Due** www.manassascity.org/tax

June 6, 5 - 9 p.m. - **First Friday in Historic Downtown Manassas** www.visitmanassas.org

June 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **20th Annual Manassas Heritage Railway Festival** - Rich railroad history, train rides, live performances and much more www.visitmanassas.org

June 8, 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Battle of Big Bethel** by Michael Cobb, Edward Hicks & Wythe Holt www.manassasmuseum.org

June 8, 15, 22 & 29, 12 p.m. - Enjoy a **tour of Liberia Plantation** with the cost of admission to the Manassas Museum www.manassasmuseum.org

June 8, 3 - 4:30 p.m. - **Kings Park Band** at the Harris Pavilion www.harris pavilion.com

June 10, 10 a.m. **Pre-K Tuesday** at the Manassas Museum. www.manassasmuseum.org

June 14 at 8 p.m. - Saturday night adult dance to **Beatlemania** www.harris pavilion.com

June 15, 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. - **10th Annual Manassas Wine and Jazz Festival** - An afternoon of tasting and purchasing wines from over 15 award-winning Virginia wineries. www.visitmanassas.org

June 21, 1 p.m. - **Mormon Choir of Washington** www.harris pavilion.com

June 21, 8 p.m. - Saturday night adult dance to **Sam 'O and JFC** www.harris pavilion.com

June 21, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Wings Over Manassas** - Youth Aviation Day at the Manassas Regional Airport. <http://eaa186youngeagles.org>

June 22, 3-4:30 p.m. - **Moonlight Jazz Orchestra & Ice Cream Social** www.harris pavilion.com

June 27, 8:30 p.m. - Family Movie Night - **The Croods** www.harris pavilion.com

June 28, 6:30 - 8 p.m. - **Washington Scottish Pipe Band** - Tender to Rousing Celtic Classics at the Harris Pavilion www.center-for-the-arts.org

June 29, 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk with Author Camden Schwantes - **Wild Women of Washington, D.C.** www.manassasmuseum.org

June 29, 3 - 4:30 p.m. - **Bull Run Troubadours & Ice Cream Social** www.harris pavilion.com

July 4, 4 to 10 p.m. - **Celebrate America** in Historic Downtown Manassas. Food, fun, live entertainment and the Best Fireworks in Northern Virginia. www.visitmanassas.org

July 6, 13, 20, and 27 - Enjoy a **tour of Liberia Plantation** with the cost of admission to the Manassas Museum www.manassasmuseum.org

July 6, 3 - 4:30 p.m. - **Prince William Community Band & Ice Cream Social** www.harris pavilion.com

July 11, 8:30 - 10 p.m. - Friday Family Movie - **The Goonies** at Harris Pavilion www.harris pavilion.com

July 12, 8 p.m. - Saturday night adult dance featuring the **T-Birds** - 50's & 60's music www.harris pavilion.com

July 13, 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Like A Hurricane: The Men, Mounts, Arms and Tactics of Colonel John S. Mosby's Command** www.manassasmuseum.org

July 13, 3 - 4:30 p.m. - **St. Thomcats Band & Ice Cream Social** www.harris pavilion.com

July 15, 10 a.m. **Pre-K Tuesday** at the Manassas Museum. www.manassasmuseum.org

July 19, 6:30 - 8 p.m. - **La Unica Irish Band** - Latin Irish Fusion & Rhythms at the Harris Pavilion www.harris pavilion.com

July 19, 1 - 3 p.m. - **Dog Days of Summer** - bring your pup for a fun day. www.harris pavilion.com

July 20, 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Here is Where** by Author Andrew Carroll www.manassasmuseum.org

July 20, 3 - 4:30 p.m. - **The Hot Society Orchestra of Washington & Ice Cream Social** www.harris pavilion.com

July 25, 8:30 p.m. - Friday Family Movie - **Walking with Dinosaurs** at Harris Pavilion www.harris pavilion.com

July 26, 8 p.m. - Saturday Night Adult Dance with **B2B** www.harris pavilion.com

July 27, 3 - 4:30 p.m. **Washington Balalaika Orchestra & Ice Cream Social** www.harris pavilion.com

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