



# The City of Manassas Connection

July 2014

## Get Ready for Civil War Weekend



Hear cannons thunder and watch living history unfold during the Manassas Civil War Weekend Aug. 22 - 24. This year's Manassas Civil War Weekend will bring to life military, civilian, and African-American experiences from 150 years ago with a diverse offering of free programs, living history, and exhibits.

Nationally known Civil War historian Ed Bearss will speak on the Museum lawn on Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. He is the Chief Historian Emeritus of the National Park Service and is best known for his role in the Ken Burns' PBS series, *The Civil War*, the most popular program broadcast by that network to date.



On the museum lawn, sit under a tent and hear experts and authors talk about both the Confederate and Union experience, and dramatic presentations by ladies and soldiers of the Civil War. On the lawn experience live artillery, musket firings, cavalry demonstrations and a Sunday morning interfaith service. Join a Virginia Historical Society Curator for a special tour of the *Civil War Journey: The Maps and Sketches of Private Robert Sneden* exhibit inside the museum, and see a special display of World War II keepsakes. Enjoy music by the 2nd South Carolina String Band.

Liberia will once again be the site for re-enactor infantry and artillery units, period musical performances, children's activities, and African-American stories, songs and foodway presentations. New this year will be a quilt exhibit, stories from the Underground Railroad, and a period tea and fashion show. Brief tours of the first floor of the house will be offered. Visitors will learn about future restoration plans for the site and fundraising endeavors.



On Friday evening, Aug. 22, come along on a tour of the Manassas Confederate Cemetery or enjoy music and dancing at the Harris Pavilion or Battle Street LIVE! On Saturday morning, Aug. 23, watch the reenactors parade as it winds through Historic Downtown Manassas. The popular bourbon tasting and rail car burning to commemorate the 1862 Confederate raid on Manassas Junction will take place on Saturday night. For a full list of events visit [www.manassascity.org/civilwar](http://www.manassascity.org/civilwar).



# A Message from the City Manager



**City Manager**  
**William Patrick Pate**

I hope you are enjoying your summer and having lots of fun at the various events that are going on in Manassas and in the surrounding areas. Even if you are lucky enough to take a vacation away from home, remember to check out all of the fun things going on in our community.

July is the start of a new fiscal year for your city government. Our budget is complete and we will begin putting into place those programs and policies that we have been working on and were approved by your Mayor and City Council.

One of the initiatives for this year involves a continuing effort to make the City of Manassas a clean and attractive community. Many of you have told us that you wanted to reduce the amount of litter and garbage bags you see in the community. To help with this issue all

single-family and townhouse residents have been given a new rolling trash-cart for your household trash. These are similar to the rolling recycling containers which are already in use throughout the City.

This roll-out of trash-cart comes after a successful pilot program which looked at a variety of issues that might arise from this program. From this pilot program it was determined that 96-gallon carts would be given to single-family homes and 65-gallon carts to townhomes. In most cases this will provide uniform containers that will hold all of your weekly trash. This will help to beautify the community and hopefully the trash will stay in the containers and not on the streets. On our city website, [www.manassascity.org/trash](http://www.manassascity.org/trash), there is more information available about the program and the City Ordinance on refuse and recycling.

I have worked for two different communities where these types of roll-out trash containers were used and in each case the residents have really appreciated having them. As can be said in many cases, it takes all of us to work to keep the City looking clean, but only a few of us to make the City look unattractive. I hope that you will join me in using these new containers and picking up loose trash near our homes so that we can keep the City of Manassas clean and attractive.



**The City welcomes Patrick J. Small as Economic Development Director. He will join the City staff on Aug. 11, 2014.**

**Patrick will be coming to Manassas from Portsmouth, VA where he served for the last five years as Director of Economic Development. Prior to that, he served in Isle of Wight County, VA as Assistant County Administrator and Director of Economic Development. Patrick has also served the communities of Lancaster County, VA, Perry, FL and Tallahassee, FL. He has extensive experience in business retention and recruitment and will be a huge asset for the City of Manassas.**

**"I'm looking forward to becoming an active member of the community and working with our existing and prospective businesses to help Manassas grow and prosper," said Patrick Small. "My family and I are excited about relocating to the area."**

## National Night Out 2014

The City of Manassas, in cooperation with Historic Manassas, Inc., invites you to celebrate "America's Night Out Against Crime" this August. National Night Out is a community- and service-oriented, family-friendly gathering open to all. It includes Potter Baseball on the Museum Lawn, demonstrations by first-responders, opportunities to meet the City staff and volunteers that help keep residents safe year-round, free Museum admission, food, music, and fun for all ages. *Vendors welcome! Admission is free.*

**Tuesday, August 5, 2014**

**6pm-9pm**

**Manassas Museum | 9101 Prince William St**

**[www.MANASSASCITY.ORG/NNO](http://www.MANASSASCITY.ORG/NNO)**

More Info: 703.257.8064 or [ahelms@manassasva.gov](mailto:ahelms@manassasva.gov)



## Get Social!

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



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

# Congratulations and Thank You for Your Service!



Congratulations to Lt. John Bisek, who, in his 16th year with Manassas City Police Department, graduated the FBI National Academy's 255th Session.

Since 1935, the FBI National Academy has provided professional training for U.S. and international law enforcement leaders to improve the administration of justice in police departments at home and abroad. Less than one percent of law enforcement participants - drawn from every state and over 17 countries worldwide - have completed the prestigious program.



The Manassas City Police Department wishes K-9 Max a much deserved retirement after serving the City of Manassas since 2008. Max is nationally certified through the USPCA in narcotics detection and patrol work. He will be enjoying his retirement with his K-9 handler, SPO M.J. Swirchak.

Job well done, Max!



The City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department has received the Outstanding EMS Agency Award from the Northern Virginia EMS Council. Recipients of the EMS awards were selected based on their excellence in Emergency Medical Services in the Northern Virginia Region. Regional EMS Award recipients are also entered into the Virginia Governor's EMS Awards program to be announced in November. Dr. Thomas Luckey, Operational Medical Director for City of Manassas Fire & Rescue personnel, also received an award for EMS Physician with Outstanding Contributions to Emergency Medical Services.

## Virginia Downtown Development Award

The City of Manassas has received the Award of Excellence from the Virginia Downtown Development Association for the Main Street Streetscapes project completed in October 2013. This project widened narrow sidewalks on Main Street to allow for outdoor dining and improved pedestrian access. Brick crosswalks were added to intersections and 19 trees were planted to enhance the beauty of the street.

"My wife and I love the outside dining and pedestrian friendly nature of Historic Downtown Manassas," said City Manager W. Patrick Pate. "We hope that residents and visitors will take advantage of our revitalized downtown and enjoy

some outside dining and shopping, or take in a summer concert."

The City's Public Works Department worked with consultants Rhodeside and Harwell to complete the project on time and on budget. This project was part of the City's Capital Improvement Program and complemented an earlier streetscape along Battle Street and the City Square Walkway project.

This award recognizes excellence in physical design projects and planning related to revitalization districts such as streetscapes, public improvements, window displays, parking areas, wayfinding, parks and preservation, and design guidelines. The Virginia

Downtown Development Association is an independent association that focuses on the importance of Virginia's downtowns and supports and promotes leadership in downtown revitalization throughout the Commonwealth.



# The City of Manassas Happenings

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

Find out more about **Old Town Walking Tours** hosted by the Manassas Museum at [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

Through October, on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Museum at the Farmer's Market** [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://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](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

Now - August - Check out the Harris Pavilion's **Take Out Tuesday** Concerts from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday **Lunch Concert** series, 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Pick up food at one of the City's restaurants and enjoy an outdoor concert. [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

Sundays in July and August - Enjoy a **tour of Liberia Plantation** with the cost of admission to the Manassas Museum [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

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

July 6, 3 - 4:30 p.m. - **Prince William Community Band & Ice Cream Social** [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

July 8, 10 a.m. - **Pre-K Tuesday** at the Manassas Museum [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

July 11, 8:30 - 10 p.m. - Friday Family Movie - **The Goonies** at Harris Pavilion [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

July 12, 9 a.m. - **Bicycle Tour** with the Manassas Museum (Bring your own bike). [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

July 12, 8 p.m. - Saturday night adult dance featuring the **T-Birds** - 50's & 60's music [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.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](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

July 13, 3 - 4:30 p.m. - **St. Thomcats Band & Ice Cream Social** [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

July 15, 10 a.m. **Pre-K Tuesday** at the Manassas Museum. [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

July 17 at 7 p.m. **U.S. Navy Country Current Band** free concert at the Harris Pavilion [www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

July 19, 6:30 - 8 p.m. - **La Unica Irish Band** - Latin Irish Fusion & Rhythms at the Harris Pavilion [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

July 19, 1 - 3 p.m. - **Dog Days of Summer** - bring your pup for a fun day. [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

July 20, 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Here is Where: Discovering America's Forgotten History** by Author Andrew Carroll [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

July 20, 3 - 4:30 p.m. - **The Hot Society Orchestra of Washington & Ice Cream Social** [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

July 25, 8:30 p.m. - Friday Family Movie - **Walking with Dinosaurs** at Harris Pavilion [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

July 26, 8 p.m. - Saturday Night Adult Dance with **B2B** [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

July 27, 3 - 4:30 p.m. **Washington Balalaika Orchestra & Ice Cream Social** [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

Aug. 1, 5-9 p.m. - **First Friday** in Historic Downtown Manassas - live entertainment [www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org)

Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. - **Architectural Tour** of Historic Downtown Manassas Businesses [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

Aug 2, 6:30 p.m. - **Bruce Ewan "The Red Harmonica King"** blues band [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

Aug. 3 at 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **On the Wings of Morning** with Dan Verner [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

Aug. 5, 6 - 9 p.m. - Get to know your neighbors, City Police and Fire & Rescue at the 2nd annual **National Night Out** event on the Museum Lawn, or host your own community event. [www.manassascity.org/NNO](http://www.manassascity.org/NNO)

Aug. 8, 8:30-10 p.m. - Family Movie Night - **Escape from Planet Earth** [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

Aug. 9, 8 p.m. - Saturday night adult dance featuring **The Fabulous Bel Airs** [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

Aug. 9, 9 a.m. - **Bicycle Tour** with the Manassas Museum. [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

Aug. 12, 10 a.m. **Pre-K Tuesday** at the Manassas Museum. [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

Aug. 16, 6:30 p.m. - **Dixie Power Trio** [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

Aug. 18, 12 p.m. - **15th Annual O.H.S. Scholarship Golf Tournament** to be held at the Piedmont club. [CPatullo57@gmail.com](mailto:CPatullo57@gmail.com)

Aug. 21, 7 p.m. - **U.S. Navy Sea Chanters** [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

Aug. 22-24 - **Civil War Weekend** - a weekend of Civil War festivities in the City of Manassas. [www.manassasmuseum.org](http://www.manassasmuseum.org)

Aug. 22, 8 p.m. - Friday night adult dance featuring **Southern Persuasion** [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

Aug. 24, 3-4:30 p.m. - **Manassas Symphony Orchestra & Ice Cream Social** [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

Aug. 28, 7 p.m. - **U.S. Army Blues Band** [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

Aug. 29, 8:30-10 p.m. - Family Movie Night - **Zookeeper** [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

Aug. 30, 6:30 p.m. - **Prince William Community Band** [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)

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