



Manassas Connection

November 2015

Congratulations and Welcome to the City of Manassas

Congratulations to seven new Manassas City Police Officers and two newly promoted Sergeants. At the Oct. 19 City Council meeting, these new recruits were sworn into office by Mayor Harry J. Parrish II.

Officer Goldlust was born in Russia. He grew up in Northern Virginia and received a bachelor's degree in Economics from George Mason University. For 10 years prior to joining law enforcement, Officer Goldlust worked in Information Technology.

Officer Curry was raised in Winchester, Va. She graduated from Kutztown University in Pennsylvania with a bachelors degree in criminal justice. During college, Officer Curry played four years of division two softball.

Officer Barrett is from Warwick, New York. He served in the infantry in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was deployed twice to Iraq and spent four additional years with the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Officer Sizemore grew up in Norfolk, Virginia and graduated from George Mason University in 2011. Her goal was to become a member of law enforcement. She enjoys reading, games, climbing, and martial arts.

Officer Smith was raised in Stafford, VA. He attended Auburn University in Alabama, and was a member of the Marine Corps ROTC program. He served in the U.S. Marines as a heavy vehicle mechanic.

Officer Lewis was raised in Haymarket, VA. She graduated from Lynchburg College in 2013 and is excited to start her career with the Manassas City Police Department.

Officer Saber was born in Alexandria, Egypt. He moved to the U.S. in 1996 with his family. He was an Airborne combat



L to R: Chief Doug Keen, E. Goldlust, S. Curry, S. Barrett, R. Sizemore, A. Smith, A. Lewis, and R. Saber. New Sergeants, S. Bowers and J. Rust.

engineer in the U.S. Army out of Ft. Bragg NC. He spent a year in Iraq and then completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

Sgt. Bowers is originally from Chilhowie, Virginia. She began her career with the department in 1999 as an Emergency Communications Specialist then switched to Patrol Services. Congratulations on the promotion!

Sergeant Rust was raised in Alexandria, Louisiana. He attended George Mason University. Throughout his tenure as a police officer, he has been part of the Department's career development program and has achieved the ranks of PFC, SPO, and MPO. In 2011, Sergeant Rust was selected to become a K-9 handler with K-9 partner, Sultan, and they have certified annually with the United States Police Canine Association. The two have received many awards for their exceptional performance. Congratulations Sergeant Rust on the promotion!

Ornament Winner

Thank you to all who participated in the hand crafted ornament contest. Angela Freitag is this year's winner and her ornament has been sent to the Governor's Mansion for display.



A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
William Patrick Pate

In observing all of the local festivals, fairs, football games and the colorful trees, it is hard not to notice that we have undoubtedly moved into fall. The air tends to be crisp and clear, most days, and the daylight is clearly shrinking a little more each day. I am told this is Virginia Oyster month, so I am looking forward to opportunities to check that out. If you are like me you are probably starting to think, where has another year gone! And thus for me, November becomes a time of remembrances and thanksgiving.

In my youth we always celebrated Thanksgiving at my parent's house. All of my aunts, uncles, cousins and

anyone related to my Grandmother were welcome at our house. Days were spent in gathering and preparing the food for the Thanksgiving meal. We each had our own specific tasks or specialties. (Mine was making sure we had fresh cooked shrimp and my homemade cocktail sauce.)

My mother had specific dinnerware for the occasion including the large platter with an ornate turkey that would always be covered up with the real turkey. We had grown-up tables and kid tables that over the years lost their significance as they all became mixed age tables where we were able to reconnect and share stories. I believe the days seem more comforting, looking back through the lens of many years of traditions, than they must have been at the time. Nevertheless they remind me of the many things that I am thankful for - particularly family.

We will also give thanks and pay tribute this month to our veterans. We remember those that have left this world on All Souls Day and by the time you read this I hope that most of you will have taken part in the democratic tradition

of voting. Many of us will also start planning for a new year with new goals or perhaps we will still be hoping just to make it through the holiday season. My wish for you (if you have continued to read this far) is that you will take a few moments to think about those things that you are thankful for. I also hope that we will all take the time to thank someone special in our lives or recognize someone that is not often thanked for what they do.

I am grateful for the memories that my parents left my siblings and I as they are no longer with us and the memories that we continue to make with our own families. I am thankful for our elected officials and community members that serve on our Boards and Commissions giving of themselves to make this a better community. I am blessed to be associated with the men and women that serve our community everyday by working or volunteering for the benefit of the City of Manassas.

Here's to a Thanksgiving filled with family, friends, co-workers and all of the many people we are thankful for.

Manassas Selected to Host Shaoxing Yuecheng Delegation

When delegates of the Shaoxing Yuecheng District in China were looking for an American local government to learn from, they selected the City of Manassas. In October, the City of Manassas hosted five members of the Shaoxing Yuecheng Delegation. Vice Mayor Way and City Manager W. Patrick Pate put together a team of senior staff to speak to the group. They heard from the Chief of Police, Voter Registrar, Treasurer, City Attorney and the Purchasing Manager about local government processes and transparency in government.

Members of the delegation were impressed to learn that the Manassas City Police Department is in the top one percent of police departments internationally as evidenced by their current CALEA rating. Delegates asked questions as to which agency, out of the Federal government, state or local

governments were responsible for the different aspects of government, such as elections and public safety.

Jin Quan Hai, Vice Secretary of Politics and Law Committee for Shaoxing

City presented the City of Manassas with a beautiful scroll that will be kept in the City Clerk's Office for anyone who wishes to view it.



New Artifacts Donated to the Museum

At age 12, Dr. Charles Poland Jr. was bitten by the Civil War bug. After receiving a gift of a Lincoln biography, he began to amass a collection of Civil War artifacts that would be the envy of any museum. His collection has found its home at the Manassas Museum thanks to his generous donation.

“This is the largest gift of Civil War period artifacts we have received from a single donor and is a significant addition to our collection,” says Museum Curator Mary Helen Dellinger. “We are very grateful to Dr. Poland, not only for his efforts to assemble such an amazing group of artifacts, but also for his generosity in placing this collection with us where it will be enjoyed by generations of future visitors.”

The 56-object collection includes a surgeon’s medical kit, a rifle, artillery shells, a haversack, buckles, buttons, weapons, currency, a lap desk, and photographs. What started as a personal passion to own some relics turned into a desire to share the relics. Dr. Poland transformed a van that had been used as a temporary NVCC science lab into a mobile Civil War history museum.

“I spent one day a week from March to June visiting schools in Northern Virginia and retirement homes,” Dr. Poland recalls. “During many weekends we went to fairs or community events and some years we averaged 18,000 people going through the van, with me giving what seemed like endless tours.”

The van finally gave out in 2000, and Dr. Poland moved his collection into the NVCC Annandale Library, where it became a lab for his classes and a local attraction. When the college needed more space inside the library and could no longer display the collection, Dr. Poland donated it to the Manassas Museum.

“I have visited your museum on several occasions and was impressed and treated graciously,” Dr. Poland says. “In addition to your kindly selling one of my books, I gave a lecture at the museum on the Civil War in what is now West Virginia. In short, despite my desire for the museum to have stayed at NVCC, I am very pleased that many of the items will remain in a collection at your fine museum. I look forward to visiting them there.”

Dr. Poland recently retired from Northern Virginia Community College after teaching history for 48 years. During his time at NVCC, Dr. Poland was known for conducting field trip courses to major and minor Civil War battlefields and for giving hundreds of lectures to students of all ages.



A Few Reminders about Snow . . .

We know it is early to be thinking about snow, but with weather being the most unpredictable piece of any equation, here are a few things to remember for the coming winter:

- Please remember to check on your elderly neighbors when the snow is falling.
- All residences and businesses are required to clear sidewalks on their property after snow or ice has stopped falling. Snow or ice should

be removed within 12 hours after it has ceased falling.

- If snow falls during the night, it should be removed by 5 p.m. the next day.
- If ice cannot be removed from a sidewalk, it should be covered with sand or other material that will make it safe for pedestrians. Let’s avoid a penalty and make sure that our neighborhood children and all our pedestrians do not have to walk in a

roadway or on a slippery sidewalk.

- Find out if the City government is open/closed or if there is a snow emergency affecting snow emergency routes by visiting:
 - * www.manassascity.org
 - * www.facebook.com/cityofmanassas
 - * www.twitter.com/cityofmanassas
 - * watch Comcast channel 23 in the City or Verizon 38
 - * tune in to your local news station and read the scrolling messages.

The City of Manassas Happenings

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

Through Nov. 15, 2015 - **Partisans Among Playmates: American Childhood and the Civil War** - Free exhibit at the Manassas Museum

www.manassasmuseum.org

Through Dec. 31 - **A Virginia Dynasty: The Carters of Virginia** - Free exhibit at the Manassas Museum - a joint effort with Prince William County Historic Preservation Division

www.manassasmuseum.org

November 3 - **Election Day**

November 3 - **Golden Ticket Contest begins** in Historic Downtown. Local retailers are selling chocolate bars and 1 lucky winner with golden tickets will get to ride on a horse drawn carriage in the Christmas Parade.

www.visitmanassas.org

November 6, 6 - 9 p.m. - **Fall Gallery Walk** in Historic Downtown

www.visitmanassas.org

November 6 & 7 - **Veteran's Day Commemoration** at the Manassas Museum during First Friday and after the Veteran's Day Parade.

www.visitmanassas.org

November 6 & 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Novant Health Prince William Medical Center **Annual Holiday Bazaar**. Medical Building 1, fourth floor conference rooms

November 7, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Manassas Senior Center Annual Bazaar** - Jewelry, crafts, food and more.

November 7 at 11 a.m. - **Greater Manassas Veterans Day Parade**

www.vetpar.org

November 10 at 10 a.m. - **Pre-K Tuesday** for ages 3-5 with a caretaker

www.visitmanassas.org

November 11 - **Happy Veterans Day!**

November 13 - **Gingerbread House Contest** Entry Deadline.

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November 22 at 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **A Want of Vigilance** at the Manassas Museum

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November 28, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Small Business Saturday** - support your local small businesses just in time for the holidays.

www.visitmanassas.org

December 1 - 16 - **Gingerbread House Judging** by the public. Stop in and vote!

www.visitmanassas.org

December 1 - **Dog tags** are available for purchase at the Treasurer's Office.

December 1 - 2016 Zone parking permits, Red/commuter permits and Blue/Old Town permits become available.

www.manassascity.org/parking

December 4, 5:30 - 8 p.m. - **Merry Old Town** - Old fashioned holiday fun. Greet Santa at the VRE at 6:15 p.m. or help light the tree at 6:30 p.m. It's a magical night.

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December 4, 5:30 - 8 p.m. - **Deck the Galleries** - a joint exhibit with kindergarten and first grade students from Baldwin Elementary open through December 31

www.manassasmuseum.org

December 5, **70th Annual Greater Manassas Christmas Parade**

www.gmchristmasparade.org



December 5, 6 to 8 p.m. - **Holidays at Liberia**

www.manassasmuseum.org

December 5 at 5 p.m. - Manassas Chorale **"The Spirit of Christmas" Winter Concert**

www.manassaschorale.org

December 6, 13 & 20, from 1-4 p.m. - **Merry Old Town: Carriage Rides** - NEW 2015 route! Rides leave from the Train Depot and are \$10 per ride.

www.visitmanassas.org

December 6 - **Downtown Merchants Open House**.

www.visitmanassas.org

December 6 at 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Grant's Last Battle** - at the Manassas Museum

www.visitmanassas.org

December 7 - Real estate taxes are due.

www.manassascity.org/taxes

December 13, 1 to 5 p.m. - **Holiday Homes Tour** given by the GFWC Manassas Women's Club. (703) 368-6183

December 16 - 20 - **Winter Wonderland Train Show** at the Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory.

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