



City Hires New Fire Chief

After an extensive search of highly qualified applicants the City has hired Robert Lee Clemons, Jr. as Fire and Rescue Chief for the City of Manassas.

“I have spoken to numerous people, from Fire Chiefs, Fire and EMS staff, to community members and they all speak highly of Rob,” said City Manager W. Patrick Pate. “I know his experience and leadership will be a great asset to the community and the Manassas Fire & Rescue System.”

Clemons has more than 28 years of career experience and 10 years of volunteer experience in fire and rescue services. He has multiple certifications in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Fire Services. He is a graduate of the

International Public Safety Leadership Institute and serves on many committees for the betterment of the community. He is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Fire Department Safety Officers Association and the Society for Human Resources Management.

“I am excited to begin this new adventure and cannot wait to get started working for the City of Manassas,” said Clemons. “The sense of community in the City of Manassas is wonderful and I look forward to being a part of it.”

Clemons began on June 20, 2016 and was sworn in officially at the June 27 City Council meeting.



City Firefighter/Medic Earns EMS Award

Congratulations to Valerie Kusterbeck, Firefighter/Medic for the City of Manassas, who has been honored with the Award for Outstanding Pre-hospital Provider by the Northern Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council. This award is bestowed upon an individual who exemplifies outstanding dedication to EMS across Northern Virginia and demonstrates commitment to a comprehensive, integrated EMS system throughout the Commonwealth.

Kusterbeck has been with the City of Manassas Fire & Rescue Department for more than seven years. She is a mentor and Field Training Officer for the department and teaches CPR and emergency medical services. She is currently completing the Paramedic program at Northern Virginia Community College while working towards an Associates Degree in Nursing.



Battalion Chief Todd Lupton stands with Firefighter/Medic Valerie Kusterbeck at the awards ceremony.

Kusterbeck has worked extensively to evaluate new equipment and has recommended updating protocols to improve the Fire & Rescue System. She assisted in the implementation of new ventilators and video laryngoscopes this year. She provides outstanding patient care and remains calm under pressure.

This fall Northern Virginia EMS award recipients along with honorees from Virginia’s 10 other regional EMS councils will be considered for the Governor’s EMS awards. The Governor’s Awards winners will be announced at the Virginia EMS Symposium, November 12, 2016 in Norfolk, VA.

A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
William Patrick Pate

During June I had the opportunity to attend the Manassas City Public Schools Osbourn High School graduation. As is typically the case, this graduation featured remarks by local officials, comments from student leaders, an address from the principal and a teacher chosen by the Class of 2016 and recognition of student achievements, awards and of course, the presentation of diplomas. There were many family, friends and teachers gathered to celebrate the achievements of these young adults and to share in the joy of this special moment in each of their lives.

I was very impressed with the student recognition for academic achievements, recognition for commitment to country through military service, called out as inspirational by their fellow students and

the display of musical talent featured during the ceremony. There were stories of working together to achieve goals that could not be achieved alone. Stories of overcoming the stereotypes associated with diversity to reach individual goals and a sense of community. Stories of how opportunities were taken to develop a community of peers dedicated to improving this place we call home. As principal Cathy Benner said, "It takes a City to raise an Eagle."

The next weekend we celebrated Father's Day and again in Manassas I saw many of our sons and daughters spending time with their fathers sharing a meal, visiting from places far and wide, attending events or religious services and just enjoying the company of family. Again, it is impressive to see so many young people honoring their parents and the heritage of this community.

Putting graduation and Father's Day together, reminded me of a quote that my father was fond of telling young adults as they were embarking on college, "Now don't let your studies interfere with your education." While the earliest attribution of this quote is debated, we know it was used by Mark Twain among others.

In the world that our young adults are entering I find that this quote may be more applicable now than ever. They

have far more access to written materials at their fingertips (usually by way of a cellphone) than my father's generation ever dreamed possible. But the real key to success revolves around their ability not to just consume educational materials put in front of them, but to study the world around them and learn how to make life in this world better for themselves, their families and their communities.

After listening to the stories of this graduating class of just under 500 young men and women, it is easy to see that they recognize they must be catalysts to change the world they are inheriting. I see a bright future in this generation as they set out to make their mark in the world. They represent what is best about the City of Manassas and the future that we can expect because of their desire to make the world a better place.

Congratulations to all of the 2016 graduates in and from our community. I look forward to seeing how you will use your "education" to make your world a better place.

Become an Election Official in your community!

The City of Manassas is looking for registered voters who are interested in helping out at the polls for the upcoming Presidential Election on Nov. 8. Election Officials serve a vital role in the voting process and are paid too! Any necessary training will be provided. If interested, please contact the General Registrar at sreed@manassasva.gov, or stop by the Voter Registration Office at 9025 Center Street.

See you at the polls!



The Manassas Regional Airport hosted the U.S. Coast Guard as they took off to fly over the Capital for the 100th Anniversary of Coast Guard Aviation.

Recycling News

Thank you Illana

Did you know that Illana Naylor was one of the first members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Solid Waste? Illana began in 1991 and for the past 25 years has been a committed advocate in our community. She has helped to establish and improve recycling and trash collection for the City of Manassas. From volunteering at the Household Hazardous Waste and Prescription Drop Off Days to speaking in front of City Council, Illana has always put her community first and for that we are deeply grateful.

Additional Trash Carts - Charges and replacements

The Refuse and Recycling Program provides City of Manassas residents in single family and townhomes with a trash cart and recycling cart/bin. Beginning July 1, 2016, residents will receive their first two trash carts and their recycling carts/bins at no additional cost. City residents requesting additional trash carts will be charged \$50 per cart. All damaged or broken carts/bins will continue to be replaced at no additional cost. Payments for additional trash carts will be accepted at the Treasurer's Office. For more information please call the Trashline at (703) 257-8252.



Dumping Trash Can Cost You

Refuse and Recycling would like to thank City residents for calling to schedule bulk waste or large item collections. Over the past two years, there has been a decrease in the amount of missed and inappropriate trash left at curbside. Working together, we are helping to keep our community clean and beautiful.

Unsightly piles of furniture and trash left on the street, at curbside and in common areas are not only dangerous to vehicles and pedestrians, they can

become a magnet for more unwanted trash and animals. Under Sections 98.1-2 and 98.1-3 of the City of Manassas Solid Waste Code, violators can receive a civil penalty of up to \$5,000.00 plus costs of cleanup.

Call the Trashline on (703) 257-8252 - 24 hours ahead of your collection day to make sure we pick up your sofas, beds, dryers, washers, fridges, exercise equipment and more!



Congrats to Fire & Rescue Master Technician Jamie Jewett (L) and FireFighter/EMT Adam Potter (above) for graduating from the Virginia Fire Officers Academy.

The City of Manassas Happenings

Here's what's happening in the City of Manassas.

Thru October - Thursdays and Fridays at noon - **Historic Downtown Walking Tours**
www.manassasmuseum.org

Thru October - Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Museum at the Market** - find out what fun learning experience is in store every week
www.visitmanassas.org

Thru November - **Manassas Farmer's Market** - Thursdays & Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
www.visitmanassas.org

Thru Aug. 28 - New Exhibits at the Manassas Museum - **The Quest for Light and Liberty** and **John Singleton Mosby: Lawyer, Soldier, Statesman**
www.visitmanassas.org

Every Wednesday thru August check out the **Lunch Concerts** at the Harris Pavilion from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Take Out Tuesday Concerts are every Tuesday thru August at the Harris Pavilion from 6 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday Farmers Market runs from June - August from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Harris Pavilion.
www.visitmanassas.org

July 4, 3 - 10 p.m. - **Celebrate America** with the largest fireworks display in Northern Virginia
www.visitmanassas.org

July 8, 7 - 9 p.m. Stonewall Park Pool season pass holder night swim
www.manassascity.org/pool

July 9, 8 a.m. to noon - **Household Hazardous and eWaste drop off and shredding** www.manassascity.org/trash

July 9, 6:30 to 8 p.m. - Summer Sounds Concert with **La Unica** at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

July 10, 1:30pm - Free Book Talk - **Astride Two Worlds** with author Barton Hacker
www.visitmanassas.org

July 17, 1:30pm - Free Book Talk - **The Invisibles** with author Jesse Holland
www.visitmanassas.org

July 23, 6:30-8pm - SummerSounds Concert with **Sweet Yonder** at the Harris Pavilion.
www.visitmanassas.org

July 24, 2-4:30pm - Sunday **Ice Cream Social with Moonlight Jazz Orchestra** at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

July 31, 1:30pm - Free Book Talk - **Manassas: Postcard History Series** with Author Lisa Sievel-Otten
www.visitmanassas.org

July 31, 7pm - Military Band Concert - **US Army 257th Band** at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

August 2, 6 - 8 p.m. - **National Night Out** on the Manassas Museum Lawn

August 5, 6-9pm - **The dog days of summer** are back for First Friday in Historic Downtown Manassas.
www.visitmanassas.org

August 5, 8-11pm - **Friday Night Adult Dance with Southern Persuasion** at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

August 6, 8 a.m. to noon - **Household Hazardous and eWaste drop off**
www.manassascity.org/trash

August 6, 6:30-8pm - SummerSounds Concert with **Dave Kline Band** at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

August 9 - 12, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **Archaeology & Swim Camp** - try your hand on an archeological dig, and enjoy the afternoon at the pool
www.manassasmuseum.org

August 14, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Out Flew the Sabers** by Eric J. Wittenberg and Daniel T. Davis
www.visitmanassas.org

August 20, 6:30-8pm - SummerSounds Concert with **Bruce Ewan** at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

August 26-28 - **Civil War Weekend**
www.visitmanassas.org

September 2, 6-9pm - **First Friday** in historic downtown Manassas
www.visitmanassas.org

September 3, 6:30-8pm - SummerSounds Concert with **Project Natale** at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

September 10, 12-6pm - **6th Annual Bands, Brews, & BBQ** on the Manassas Museum Lawn
www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 11 - Nov. 27 - New Exhibit at the Manassas Museum - **Remembering 9/11**
www.manassasmuseum.org

September 17, 8am-4pm - **Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Show** on the Manassas Museum Lawn
www.visitmanassas.org

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