



Manassas Connection

December 2017

City Recycling Wins an Award

The City of Manassas Refuse and Recycling program has received the Virginia Recycling Association's award for the second year. This year, the award was received for educating young residents during the Project Recycle Runway program.

The City of Manassas teamed up with the Martin K. Alloy Boys & Girls Club of Manassas to teach 9 to 13 year-old students about textile recycling by engaging them in a fashion show of their recycled creations.

The children were taken on a shopping tour of Savers that provided inspiration and materials for their creations. The budding designers then worked with volunteers to transform their pieces into runway ready pieces. A panel of judges selected the winning design and awarded the runners up for the fashion show.

In the Lobby of City Hall, the culmination of a year long Recycled Art program was held in November. Pieces

included a dragon, an American Flag, a cannon, a sundial, a rake collection, and a duck made from Coke, Sprite and Pepsi cans. The winner and recipient of the \$1,000 American Disposal Award was Michele Frantz for her Plasticus the Plunderer. The People's Choice winner, \$250 from American Disposal, was Litzy Morales, an Osbourn High School student for her "Canned Duck." Congratulations and job well done!



Michele Frantz was awarded the \$1,000 grand prize for her creation Plasticus the Plunderer.

Litzy Morales received the People's Choice Award from American Disposal for her Canned Duck.

A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
W. Patrick Pate

With Thanksgiving, lighting of the new Christmas Tree at the Manassas Museum, and the Manassas Christmas Parade behind us we now see winter and the start of 2018 quickly upon us. Did you know in the old Roman calendar, December was the tenth month of the year and March (spring) was considered the start of the New Year? It is interesting how things change over time.

For me, and I am sure for a lot of you, December and New Year's is a time of tradition and celebration. Despite the commercialization of the season (although I must remind you to shop local if shopping is a part of your traditions) my most cherished traditions and memories revolve around family, food and time spent traveling to visit extended family. I also remember that family was not just defined as "kinfolks." Family often meant neighbors, work associates or colleagues, long-term customers, church members, teachers and any number of folks that had impacted your life in a positive way.

It left an indelible impression on me that my parents always provided a little something for the sanitation collectors each December when we were children. It was only later in life that I realized how often these same sanitation collectors had returned watches, toys, bikes and any number of things to my parents that we (their children) had left on or by the trashcans.

With the many tragedies and unfortunate stories that we seem to be

bombarded with in today's world it is often too easy to overlook or forget the many blessings that we actually have in our community. My heart goes out to communities that are facing the latest act of senseless violence or families that are caught up in a set of circumstances like those related to illness or addiction. As was often said at my house, "But for the Grace of God" that could be our community or family facing any particular crisis.

But I digress. This month I want to focus on traditions and celebrations and in Manassas there are many traditions and celebrations that we share and some of which I am still discovering or you are still creating. I hope that most of you have enjoyed some of the "Merry Old Town" events or have just come to the historic downtown to enjoy the lights and maybe a carriage ride or ice skating. There is a local arts group (visual,

music, dance, ballet, etc.) providing holiday performances practically every night during the holiday season. Our local churches, non-profits and civic groups provide numerous opportunities to volunteer and serve others in our community in addition to hosting holiday bazaars and festivals.

As I said last month, we really do have a lot to be thankful for in Manassas. We are a diverse community with many different cultures, traditions and celebrations that historically have all been embraced under one large "Manassas family" umbrella. Living up to our family friendly values is a tradition that we can all celebrate!

As is my holiday tradition, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A poster titled "When Snowflakes Fall" with a background of snow-covered trees. The text provides instructions for snow and ice removal. It includes three bullet points with snowflake icons: 1. Clear sidewalks adjacent to your property after snow or ice has stopped falling. 2. 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 5:00 p.m. the next day. 3. If ice cannot be removed from a sidewalk, it should be covered with sand or other material that will make it safe for pedestrians. At the bottom, it says "Please make every effort to ensure that our neighborhood children and all our pedestrians do not have to walk in a roadway or on a slippery sidewalk." and provides the website "www.manassascity.org/snow" for more information.

When Snowflakes Fall

It's our joint responsibility to keep each other safe this winter. Please remember as the weather turns colder and snowflakes begin to fly that all residences and businesses are required to:

- ❄️ Clear sidewalks adjacent to your property after snow or ice has stopped falling.
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For information on snow emergency routes or the clearing of our streets, visit www.manassascity.org/snow

An Update on Paving

The City of Manassas has been diligently working to advance our Pavement Management Program over the past two years.

In 2017, the City completed pavement rehabilitation on 7.39 lane miles of roadway including Center Street, Church Street, Centerville Road, Portner Avenue, Stonewall Road, Mathis Avenue, Forestwood Lane, and Plantation Lane.

The 1st Phase of the FY 2018 Pavement Management Program is completed. So far over 9.44 lane miles of residential streets have been rehabilitated using an efficient and cost effective one inch edge mill and asphalt overlay to extend the life of our residential neighborhood streets, many of which have not seen new asphalt in upwards of 30 years.

The paved roads include Browning Court, Winterset Drive, Abbott Road, Poe Drive, Allen Street, Abbott Court, Cather Avenue, Antonia Avenue, Nanette Drive, Willa Lane, Cloudberry Way, Dahlia Court, Gloxinia Way, Corydalis Court, Amaryllis Avenue, Allwood Court, Lavender Flower Court, Camphor Court, Deckert Place, Feeg Court, Fitzgerald Farms Court, Oakenshaw Drive, and Nagle Street.

As part of the City's second phase of the FY 2018 Pavement Management Program, the City has already rehabilitated the inbound lanes of Sudley Road from Grant Avenue to Centerville Road, using the City's more traditional full width 2" mill and asphalt overlay methods. This is approximately 17%

of the 7.66 lane miles of pavement rehabilitation planned in FY 2018.

City crews have completed subsurface preparation of Digges Road next to the hospital and are currently preparing the outer loop of Godwin Drive from Sudley Road to Nokesville Road, Peabody Street from Center Street to Mosby Street, and Lee Avenue from West Street to the Courthouse. Paving is expected to be completed by mid-summer of 2018.

Additional residential roads will be identified that qualify for resurfacing. These will be included in the FY2019 Budget process in addition to the roads that are planned for full rehabilitation: Reb Yank Drive, Robson Drive, Mathis Avenue, Bragg Lane, Liberia Avenue, Cloverhill Road, Kinchloe Drive, Fort Drive, and Euclid Avenue.

Recycling News

At a recent City Council Meeting, the City of Manassas received the certificate of affiliation from the national nonprofit Keep America Beautiful. As a certified affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Keep Manassas Beautiful joins a powerful and passionate network of more than 620 affiliates, including 26 state-level affiliates, hundreds of additional partnering organizations, and a select number of international affiliates.

"As part of the Keep America Beautiful national affiliate network, Keep Manassas Beautiful has pledged to act as a catalyst for positive community change, with the goal of improving the quality of life for every resident of the City of Manassas by leading the fight to end littering, improve recycling and beautifying its local community," said Cecile Carson, Keep America Beautiful Vice President of Litter and Affiliate Relations.

Over the last year, the City's Recycling Coordinator and the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Solid Waste have worked diligently to fulfill the guidelines and requirements necessary to earn this designation.

Trash and Recycling Collections for the Holidays

Yard waste collection will be the only service suspended on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. All other trash and recycling collection services will follow a regular schedule.

Christmas is the Season to Recycle!

Did you know that we generate 25 percent of our trash during the holiday season? Here are some tips to keep recycling over the holidays:

- **Recycle Your Christmas Tree**
Live Christmas trees are collected as yard waste during the months of January and February. Please remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights and garland and set your

tree out at the curb on Sunday night for Monday collection. This service runs from Jan. 8 – Feb. 26. **Note:** Artificial Christmas trees are collected as trash and cannot be recycled due to the chemicals used in the manufacturing process.

- **Recycle your unwanted electronics**

The City of Manassas will collect TVs and computer monitors at curbside on Thursdays if you call and schedule collection - (703) 257-8252. We also have a special electronics drop off day for residents at Potomac eCycle (7917 Wellingford Drive, Manassas) on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.



Thank you to all of our community volunteers who give so much to Keep Manassas Beautiful!

The City of Manassas Happenings

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

Winter Farmer's Market - Every Saturday in the parking lot across from Baldwin Elementary School.

www.visitmanassas.org

Dec. - Feb. - **Ice Skate** at the Harris Pavilion this season.

www.harrispavilion.com

December - **Get ready for 2018** through the City Treasurer's Department

- 2018 Dog tags are now on sale
- 2018 Red Commuter parking permits and Blue Old Town Business/Resident parking permits are available
- 2018 Zone 1, Zone 2 and Zone 3 permits are available

www.manassascity.org

Now - Feb. 18, 2018 - New exhibit at the Manassas Museum - **The Forgotten World War: Its Impact at Home**

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Now - Dec. 13 - **Vote for your favorite Gingerbread House** - visit stores in downtown to vote

www.visitmanassas.org

Dec. 1 - 24 - **Historic Downtown extended shopping hours.**

www.visitmanassas.org

Dec. 1- 30 - **Deck the Museum** @ Manassas Museum all season

www.manassasmuseum.org

Dec. 2, 10 a.m. - **72nd Annual Greater Manassas Christmas Parade** - A Christmas Carole

<https://gmchristmasparade.org>

Dec. 3, noon - **Gingerbread House Workshop** at the Center for the Arts

www.visitmanassas.org

Dec. 3, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Ever the Gray Ghost: Colonel John Singleton Mosby and the Lincoln Conspiracies** by David Goetz

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Dec. 3, 10 & 17, 1 - 4 p.m. - **Free Carriage Rides** through Historic Downtown Manassas - start at the Train Depot

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Dec. 5 - 1st half of FY18 Real Estate Tax due

www.manassascity.org/tax

Dec. 9, 1:30 p.m. - **Lotus Leaf Painting Workshop** at the Center for the Arts

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Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. - Manassas Chorale "Around the World...It's Christmas!" Winter Concert

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Dec. 9, Santa Train Rides at 9, 10:30 a.m., noon and 1:30 p.m.

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Dec. 10, 1 - 4 p.m. - **Holiday Home Tour**

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Dec. 13 - 17 - **Free Winter Wonderland Train Show** at the Center for the Arts, 9419 Battle St.

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Dec. 12 & 13, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. - Novant Health Auxiliary presents: **The Holiday Bazaar @ Novant** Health UVA Health System Prince William Medical Center

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Dec. 14-23 - **The Nutcracker** - by Manassas Ballet Theatre

www.manassasballet.org

Dec. 20 - **Secret Santa Shopping Day** - Between Nov. 26 and Dec. 19, shop for a friend, but register for yourself.

During this time every shop will have gift registries available. Then on Dec. 20 at 5 p.m., your spouse/significant other will be able to shop off your registry. Drop off the purchased items at CenterFuse and enjoy dinner in downtown. When done, the packages will be gift wrapped and ready to go under the tree.

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Jan. 7, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Hidden History of Arlington County** by Charlie Clark

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