



Do You Want to Get Involved?

The City of Manassas has a number of Boards, Committees and Commissions that citizens serve on to better this community. Residents volunteer their time on boards such as the Beautification Committee, the Manassas Regional Airport Committee, the Board of Equalization and many others. As a matter of fact, there are opportunities available now for those who wish to get more involved in their community. Visit www.manassascity.org/bcc to see where you may want to volunteer.

One of these committees that may not be at the forefront of one's mind is the Citizens Advisory Committee for Cemeteries. Did you know that the City of Manassas owns and operates two cemeteries? Manassas Cemetery and Rose Hill Cemetery are both owned by the City.

Recently, the Citizens Advisory Committee for Cemeteries saw that there were metal markers on some of the graves in Rose Hill Cemetery. To honor those who passed away in this cemetery, they decided to replace the

metal markers with small headstones. This group of dedicated volunteers took their own time and energy to not only place the markers, but install them in the ground. This is Phase I of an ongoing project to provide more permanent markers for some of these graves.

This committee is very active and engaged, always honoring and respecting those who have gone before us. Several times a year they complete a walk through in each cemetery to determine any maintenance needs. One of those maintenance suggestions is improved signage for both places, which is in the process of being completed. This group also recommends projects, like the archways that enhance the cemeteries and they are in the research stages for scatter gardens at both sites.



Contesting a Parking Ticket



If you wish to dispute a parking ticket issued to you by the Manassas City Police

Department, it is now easier to submit a notice of contest. Those who receive tickets and feel they are in error can now submit a notice of contest for a parking ticket online through the City of Manassas website at www.manassascity.org/parking.

Visit the website for more information about parking tickets and to access the online form for contesting parking tickets. You may also contact the Manassas City Police Department's Parking Enforcement Division at (703) 257-8198.

A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
W. Patrick Pate

With winter snows highlighting the historic downtown atmosphere (I am looking at a snow-covered Manassas as I write this), freezing temperatures reminding us of our ice skating adventures at the Harris Pavilion, fireplaces rewarding us with light and warmth, and friendly neighbors (or in my case a son) who helps us jump a dead battery or dig our car out from the snow, we know that we are fully immersed in the season.

So what does February bring us but Valentine's Day and reminders to think about who and what we love. So here is a list of things that the community has said recently that they love about Manassas:

- The quality and reliability of electric utility services. Not everyone can call up their local jurisdiction to get help with a power outage (which is fairly rare in the City) or answer questions about electric service. Over eighty percent of our power lines are underground, which is also rare for a community.
 - Quality of police services. We have a nationally accredited police department which has been recognized as a CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) Gold Standard with Excellence Agency.
 - Reliability of water and sewer services. Again, we are fortunate
- Quality of customer service you receive. I am extremely proud of our City employees and the extra effort they put into doing an exceptional job every day. Customer Service is a core value of the City and we strive to be accessible and responsible to the community we serve.
 - Quality of trash, recycling and yard waste services. We are recognized for the quality of our recycling programs with Keep Manassas Beautiful having received the President's Circle award from Keep America Beautiful and two Virginia Recycling Awards of Excellence.
 - Maintenance of streets, sidewalks and infrastructure, particularly when compared to other jurisdictions. Our beautification program is award winning and we are a Tree City USA for the 29th year. I particularly get comments on the look and feel of the historic downtown during this time of the year.
 - Courteousness and professionalism of our City employees, and in particular, our public safety officers. Respect is another core value of our organization as we seek to honor diversity and individual rights in every interaction we have with others.
 - Special events and festivals. Manassas is known throughout the region as

in that not everyone has a pristine drinking water source owned by their local jurisdiction like we do in Lake Manassas or can call their local jurisdiction to get water and sewer services.

- a special place with an authentic downtown and historic charm that hosts events, shopping and dining for the greater Manassas region. Whether events are held in the Manassas Museum or on the Museum lawn, at the Harris Pavilion or the Center for the Arts, the Manassas Airport or Liberia Plantation, Stonewall Park and Pool or one of our many other local parks, something seems to always be going on in Manassas.
- Manassas as a place to live. You have heard the advertisements "four out of five doctors recommend," well our recent survey said that four out of five Manassas residents said that the City of Manassas was a good or excellent place to live.
- Quality of fire and rescue services. The highest rated satisfaction score on the recent citizen survey was for the quality of fire and rescue services. These men and women respond 24-7 to our calls for help and are ready to provide life-saving care when they arrive at an incident.

So those are the top ten things that the community said they love about Manassas. My Valentine's wish for you is that you will love the sights and sounds of the winter season and the quality of life in Manassas.

Visit
WWW.MANASSASCITY.ORG/PLANMANASSAS
See the Community Conversations Final Report & check the schedule for Comprehensive Plan Update meetings

LET'S PLAN MANASSAS 2040 comprehensive plan

MANASSAS COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

The banner features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. At the top, it says "Visit" in a script font, followed by the website URL "WWW.MANASSASCITY.ORG/PLANMANASSAS" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below that, it says "See the Community Conversations Final Report & check the schedule for Comprehensive Plan Update meetings" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The bottom half of the banner is split into two images. The left image shows a street scene with historic buildings and the text "LET'S PLAN MANASSAS 2040 comprehensive plan" overlaid. The right image shows a group of people at a community meeting with a sign that says "MANASSAS COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS".

Winter Market - Happening Now

The Winter Farmers Market is every Saturday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. through March 16. The Winter Market showcases 16 vendors with more coming in late January. Though the market doesn't provide produce vendors at this time of year, shoppers can still get some great food items like chicken pot pies, roasted coffee, fresh farm meat, breakfast burritos, organic skin care, unique art, jewelry and on the

occasional Saturday, Dutch donuts. The market is located at 9024 Prince William Street in Manassas, in the parking lot across from Baldwin Elementary and Intermediate School. Visit www.visitmanassas.org for more information. The larger Farmers Market begins in April.



Recycling News

Adopt-a-Program One Year Strong

The City of Manassas has been a Keep America Beautiful Affiliate for one year and in that time the City's volunteerism has gone up 63 percent due to the new Adopt-a Program. Volunteers have been adopting parks, streams, fields, historic sites and fire hydrants.

In just one year, 1.4 tons of trash have been collected by these dedicated volunteers. More than 1,500 volunteer hours have been donated to this task and the City can't thank you enough.

On March 20, 2019 volunteers are called to participate in the Great American Cleanup. If all City volunteers took just one hour to cleanup around the City, it would be the largest cleanup event in the history of the City of Manassas. If you would like to participate in the cleanup, please provide your information to mboehringer@manassasva.gov.

HHW and Electronics Drop-off Days Return in March

Spring cleaning is right around the corner! Don't forget that the Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Drop-off Days begin again on Saturday, March 2 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Manassas Transfer Station located at 8305 Quarry Road off Liberia Avenue. Drop off paint, oil, chemicals and electronics for free. Drop-off days run

on the first Saturday of the month from March through November. We will also be holding document shredding events on May 4, August 3 and November 2. Visit www.manassascity.org/hhw for more information.

Did You Know ...

Residents can schedule television or computer monitors to be collected at curbside. You don't have to wait for a drop-off day if all you need is to safely dispose of your television. Call the Trashline on (703) 257-8252 to schedule a large item collection.

Book the Courtesy Truck

Cleaning up your garden? Doing a bit of DIY? Cleaning out the garage? Did you know that residents of the City of Manassas can book the Courtesy Truck to help you remove larger items that cannot be collected at curbside? For just \$85, the Street Department will drop off a truck to your home at the end of their work day. The resident needs to load up the truck and then the crew will pick the truck up and take the materials for disposal the next morning. Please be advised that rules and material restrictions apply. Visit www.manassascity.org/courtesytruck or call (703) 257-8256 for more information.



WDVM reporter Rebecca Burnett recently interviewed Jacob Shepard (L) and Capt. Joe Rose about the Adopt-a-Hydrant program.



The City of Manassas Happenings

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

Now through March 3, 2019 - **Ice Skating** at the Harris Pavilion
www.harrispavilion.com



Now - Feb. 24 - New Exhibit: **True Sons of Freedom** - at the Manassas Museum - See the Library of Virginia photographic exhibit that features images of African American soldiers from Virginia who served in World War I
www.visitmanassas.org



Now - March 1 - **Born at the Bottom of the Ship**, James and Zsundayka Terrell Exhibit at the Center for the Arts
www.visitmanassas.org



Feb. 1, 6-9 p.m. - First Friday **Souper Bowl** - taste delicious soups at our stores and vote for your favorite
www.visitmanassas.org



Feb. 8 - 16 - **Murder on the Menu** - Weekends at the Center for the Arts
www.visitmanassas.org



Feb. 10 at 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk **Five for Freedom-The African American Soldiers in John Brown's Army** at the Manassas Museum
www.visitmanassas.org



Feb. 13 at 3 p.m. - **Stories of Preservation and Progress Speaker Series** www.visitmanassas.org



Feb. 14 - **Happy Valentine's Day**



Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. - **The Harlem Hellfighters** - Members of the Ebony Doughboys will share stories of service and discrimination faced by African-American soldiers who fought for our country's freedom during World War I
www.visitmanassas.org



Feb. 18 - **Presidents Day**



Feb. 24 at 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Witness to Peace & Strife - The History of Ben Lomond in Manassas, VA**
www.visitmanassas.org



March 1 - **National Employee Appreciation Day**



March 1, 6-9 p.m. - First Friday **March Madness** in Historic Downtown
www.visitmanassas.org



March 2, 8 a.m. to noon - **Household Hazardous Waste** drop off at the Manassas Transfer Station
www.manassascity.org/trash



March 3 at 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk **Bringing Down the Colonel: A Sex Scandal of the Gilded Age**
www.visitmanassas.org



March 8, 9 & 10 - **A Fantastique Evening** by the Manassas Ballet
www.visitmanassas.org



March 9 at 11 a.m. - **20th Annual Greater Manassas St. Patrick's Day Parade**

www.stpatparade.net



March 10 - **Daylight Savings Time** - Spring Ahead and remember to change the batteries in your smoke detector



March 13 at 3 p.m. - Stories of Preservation and Progress Speaker Series featuring **Women's History Month** www.visitmanassas.org



March 17 - **Happy St. Patrick's Day**



March 18 at 7 p.m. - **Town Hall Meeting**



March 20 - **Great American Cleanup** Keep Manassas Beautiful event
www.manassascity.org/trash



March 22, 6:30 p.m. - **Hylton Performing Arts Center's 9th Anniversary Gala**
www.visitmanassas.org



March 23, 7:30 p.m. - Manassas Chorale **Silver Voices: Voices United** Concert
www.visitmanassas.org



March 30 - **15th Annual Ballet Ball** in the Gregory Theater at the Hylton Performing Arts
www.visitmanassas.org



March 30, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. - 5th Annual Prince William County/Manassas History Symposium - **If I Were Today a Virginian**
www.visitmanassas.org



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