



The City of Manassas is Award Winning!

In the last several weeks the City of Manassas has been recognized in the following ways:

- The Prince William Chamber of Commerce Business Award for an Innovative Practice Partnership (public sector) for the Joint Capital Improvement Program between the City and Manassas City Public Schools
- The City of Manassas Public Works and Utilities Department received the 2012 Silver Excellence in Water Treatment Plant Performance Award from the Virginia Department of Health Office of Drinking Water for the second year. These awards recognize those treatment plants that produce water that is at least three times cleaner than required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and those plants that demonstrate excellence in their day-to-day operations. Silver award recipients meet or exceed the filtration standard, plus a standard for either water clarity or the filter backwash - or cleaning - process.
- The City of Manassas website won the Gold Hermes Award from the Associa-

Prince William Chamber Business Awards: (L to R) Chamber President and CXO Rob Clapper, City Manager John A. Budesky, Superintendent Dr. Catherine Magouyrk and Chamber of Commerce Chairman Peter Dolan.



tion of Marketing and Communication Professionals. This is an international competition for creative professionals involved in the concept, writing and design of traditional materials and programs and emerging technologies.

- Virginia Living Magazine readers selected the Manassas Museum as second place winner in the Best Overall Museum and Best Historic Museum.

Other City of Manassas businesses selected as "Best of Virginia" are:

- Metropolitan Aviation at the Manassas Regional Airport - the Best Air Charter Service. Chantilly Air, also at the

Manassas Regional Airport, took 2nd place.

- Manassas Ballet Theatre - second place as Best Performing Arts Company.
- The Things I Love - two second places for Best Gift Shop and Best Independent Home Décor Store.
- Tony's N.Y Pizza - second place for Best Pizzeria.
- Grounds Central Station - second place for Best Locally Owned Coffee Shop.
- The Opera House Gourmet - third place for Best Wine Shop.
- Iron Horse Antiques - third place for Best Antiques.

It's Vacation Time!

Whatever travel plans you are making this season, remember to keep yourself, your loved ones, and your belongings safe by following these simple steps:

- Take time to research the areas you will be visiting. Download the U.S. Department of State's free "Smart Traveler App" on your smart phone or visit Travel.State.Gov to bring yourself up to speed on travel warnings and alerts.
- Never broadcast your plans in person or online, especially if you are

travelling alone or leaving your home unattended. Communicate with trusted friends, family and coworkers about where you'll be staying in case of an emergency and check in with them to let them know you are safe.

- Make your home look "lived in" while you are away. Before traveling for an extended period of time, stop paper or mail delivery to your home or have a trusted friend or neighbor retrieve it for you, use photometric

cells or timers for lights and other electronic devices, and leave a vehicle in the driveway.

- Let the Police check in while you are away. Submit your Vacation Check Request on line at www.manassascity.org/Police.
- When you return home, if anything looks out of the ordinary, call the Police to investigate.

Stay safe this summer and enjoy your vacation!

A Message from the City Manager

Until We Meet Again . . .

It has been thirteen months since our Mayor and Council first entrusted the daily operations of the City of Manassas to me. I have been honored and deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve and the trust given to me to lead the daily operations of the City over the last year. Today, I'd like to say thank you to the Mayor, Council, and the residents of the City of Manassas.

It has been my pleasure to work with the many talented, dedicated and capable employees of this City. They are true assets to the Manassas Community. The Mayor, Council, and residents should be proud of the staff and their accomplishments on behalf of the City. The citizens and business community of this City have demonstrated a level of engagement that I have not seen throughout my more than 18 years in public service. City residents take an active role in their local government and it is indicative of their passion for this community.

The City of Manassas is a true oasis in this bustling metropolitan region. There is tremendous history to build on and incredible potential that many other communities aspire to accomplish. I am proud of staff's efforts with the development of the Council Priorities and Implementation Plan and the adopted budget that sets a course for the future by investing in projects and strategies to assist Council in achieving their vision for the City. I am also proud of the combined efforts of City and school

staff with the Joint Capital Improvement Program Process.

As I have recently found, life can throw challenges in your way that you may never have contemplated. Just over a year ago I thought my family and I were embarking on a new career and community adventure for our future. I never thought family issues would require us to return to the Richmond area. In my case, family has taken priority over career. While at face value it seems an easy choice, the decision to leave a community we have come to love has been agonizing. Making the decision to leave has been a heartfelt, personal challenge.

Our City has endless potential. Those who assess the City in the future will determine the City's success based on how future challenges are faced. After getting to know the people in the City of Manassas, I know that if the City is faced with adversity, the community will come through stronger and more successful.

I believe the City is well positioned for a bright future. I have heard Character defined as doing the "right" thing even when no one is looking. This community has consistently demonstrated character and has overcome challenges. I look forward to seeing the evolution of the City of Manassas and seeing the work we did together become a reality. I will miss so much about the City - my neighbors, friends, colleagues, employees, the Mayor and Council, residents - both those who were supportive and those who were not shy about sharing their views - the Old Town, City of Manassas shops and restaurants, and so much more.



As I leave as your City Manager, I am not quite ready to say goodbye - I will just say until we meet again.

Cooling Assistance Available

Cooling assistance provides purchase or repair of cooling equipment and/or payment for electricity to operate cooling equipment. To be eligible, a household must have at least one vulnerable individual who is age 60 or over, is disabled, or is under age six. The City of Manassas Family Services is accepting applications from June 15 to Aug. 15, 2013. Assistance is based on available funds.

SEE IF YOU MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE AT
<https://jupiter.dss.state.va.us/EligibilityScreening>

Yard Waste Etiquette

When setting out your trash, following some simple guidelines can save time and frustration. Remember, the City does not accept: weeds with dirt, plastic bags inside of paper biodegradable bags, stones, rocks and dirt. More information is available at www.manassascity.org/recycle.



Trash Line
703-257-8252

Get Social!

Visit the City at www.manassascity.org.



www.manassascity.org/facebook



www.twitter.com/cityofmanassas



www.flickr.com/photos/cityofmanassas

Put your own photos up at
www.flickr.com/groups/mycityofmanassas.

To contact the City of Manassas Connection newsletter, email prrince@ci.manassas.va.us.

Neighborhood Services helps the Community to Help Others

Recently, the Neighborhood Services team discovered that there was a lady in her mid 80s who needed help in her yard with overgrown bushes and an old tool shed. This resident, who had located in the City in the mid 1950s, had lost her husband of 66 years just a few months prior. She was overwhelmed with the work the yard required and knew that it would take her son many months to make a dent in the project.

Neighborhood Services facilitated recruiting volunteers from the Life Church on Balls Ford Road, and on a Saturday morning, just 3 months and a day after her husband's passing, a crew of more than 50 showed up to work in the yard. The group pruned bushes, tore

down the old shed, erected a new shed the family provided, and hauled more than 8 truck loads of debris from the yard. The family worked alongside the volunteers and accomplished in a day what would have taken the family a long time and a great deal of effort. The family provided lunch for the crew and a great deal of gratitude.

"That's what we are here to do," said Neighborhood Services Manager Kisha Wilson-Sogunro. "We facilitate neighbors helping neighbors in their time of need. This is what community building is all about."



What is I&I

What is Inflow and Infiltration (I&I)?

It is clean storm and/or groundwater that enters the City's sewer system through cracked pipes, leaky manholes, or improperly connected storm drains, down spouts and sump pumps. Most inflow comes from storm water and most infiltration comes from groundwater.

This additional water has to be treated as sanitary sewer, which is very costly. Inflow occurs when rainwater enters into the sanitary sewer system instead of storm sewers. Examples are: roof leaders, yard and area drains, manhole covers, and cross connections from storm drains. The remedy for inflow is to remove improper connections to the sanitary sewer system.

Infiltration occurs when ground water seeps into the sanitary sewer system through cracks or leaks in sewer pipes. The cracks or leaks may be caused by age related deterioration, loose joints,

damage or root infiltration. The remedy for infiltration is repairing or replacing the leaking infrastructure.

What problems are caused by I&I?

I&I can cause sanitary sewer overflows and backups which could release raw sewage into the environment and homes. In addition, excess storm and ground water entering the sanitary sewer system through I&I will result in increased wastewater treatment costs. More than 70 percent of the City's sewer bill to citizens is attributable to the treatment costs at Upper Occoquan Service Authority (UOSA). Because of the additional operating costs associated with treating wastewater, it is important that the City continues to reduce inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer collection system.

How will I benefit? A residential home typically flows 250 gallons per day into the sanitary sewer system. If one

inch of rain falls on a 1,500 square foot home footprint which is tied to the sewer system with downspouts, the 24-hour flow can increase by almost 500 percent! By eliminating as many sources of inflow as possible, you are protecting your property from possible sewer backups and overflows. Also, the higher the flow to the treatment plant, the higher the costs charged to you.

What can I do to help? Homeowners and business owners should disconnect spouts, drains or pumps that are tied to the sewer system. By doing this homeowners will:

- Prevent flooding of homes and businesses because of an overwhelmed sewer system;
- Comply with City sewer use regulations; and
- Save money by reducing storm water being sent to the wastewater treatment plant.



A New Exhibit

Enduring Legacy

Liberia Plantation
1825-2013

May 11 - September 2

Do you have a musical instrument collecting dust at home? Osborn High School Band Boosters are collecting instruments for students on Tuesdays from 5-8 p.m. during the summer.

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The City of Manassas Happenings

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

June is National Safety Month. Learn ways you and your family can stay safe all year long at www.manassascity.org/police

Through June 13 - **Dare to Dance: An Artist's Interpretation of Joy** at the Center for the Arts.

www.center-for-the-arts.org

Through June 27, Thursdays at 7 p.m. - Learn techniques for **landscape drawing**

www.center-for-the-arts.org

June, July & August - Visit the Harris Pavilion for great summer events, including **Take-Out Tuesdays**, evening concerts at the Harris Pavilion, **Wednesday Lunch Concerts** at the Harris Pavilion, **Friday Night Family Movies** and Sunday afternoon **Ice Cream Socials**.

www.harris pavilion.com

June 1, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - **19th Annual Manassas Heritage Railway Festival** in Old Town Manassas.

www.visitmanassas.org

June 1, 8 a.m. to noon - **Household Hazardous Waste and eWaste drop off** at the Manassas Transfer Station, 8305 Quarry Road.

www.manassascity.org

June 2 from 4 - 6 p.m. - **Learn the Samba** at the Center for the Arts.

www.center-for-the-arts.org

June 3 - 7 - **Business Appreciation Week**

June 3 - Aug. 26 - **Toddler Tyme** at the Manassas Museum most Mondays this summer - www.manassasmuseum.org

June 3, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. - **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** at Osbourn High School to support the band - www.visitmanassas.org

June 4 - Sept. 1 - **Morning Historic Old Town Walking Tours and Guided Afternoon Historic Site Tours.** For dates and times, visit www.manassasmuseum.org

June 5 - Second half of Real Estate Taxes are due - www.manassascity.org/taxes

June 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **Museum on the Lawn** - Stop by the Museum lawn and see what is going on.

www.manassasmuseum.org

June 8, 15 & 29, 8 p.m. - **Adult Dance** at the Harris Pavilion - www.harris pavilion.com

June 9 at 2 p.m. - Book Talk at the Manassas Museum - **Letters Home: Three Years Under General Lee in the 6th Alabama**

www.manassasmuseum.org

June 11 - Democratic Party **Primary Election.** For more information, visit www.manassascity.org/vote

June 12 - **Deadline for National Night Out Participation Applications.** National Night Out is on August 6. Let the MCPD help make your event a memorable one.

www.manassascity.org/NNO

June 15 & 16, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. - **Battle of the Artists Street Painting Festival** on Battle Street between Center and Prince William Streets. Watch as artists turn pavement into canvas and create masterpieces with chalk! Take part in voting for the "People's Favorite."

www.visitmanassas.org

June 15 at 8 p.m. - **An Evening of One-Act Comedies** at the Candy Factory: *For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls* and *A Blooming of Ivy*

www.center-for-the-arts.org

June 16 - Free admission to the Manassas Museum for all Fathers on Father's Day.

www.manassasmuseum.org

June 16, 12 - 7 p.m. - **9th Annual Manassas Wine & Jazz Festival** on the Museum Lawn. Featuring headline jazz artists, this event is an intimate and relaxing afternoon of tasting and purchasing wines from award-winning Virginia wine artisans. Tickets are available online or at the Train Depot until June 14.

www.visitmanassas.org

June 22, 6:30 - 8 p.m. **Bagpipes and Celtic Dancers to melt a Celtic Summer Sounds Concert** by the Center for the Arts at the Harris Pavilion - www.harris pavilion.com

June 23, 12 - 5 p.m. The 1st Annual **Taste of Historic Manassas** at the Harris Pavilion - a lively street festival, complete with local entertainment, dynamic sponsors, and lots of noteworthy restaurants.

www.tasteofmanassas.com

June 27, 7 p.m. - **U.S. Navy Commodores** at the Harris Pavilion - www.harris pavilion.com

June 29, Osbourn High School Band **Scrapbooking Crop** - www.meetup.com/Manassas-All-Day-Scrapbookers

July 4 - **Celebrate America** - Celebrate the 4th of July with one of the largest fireworks displays in Northern Virginia! Events surround the Train Depot, Harris Pavilion, and Manassas Museum. Children's rides open at 3 p.m. The rest of the fun, including food, hayrides, an apple pie contest and live entertainment begins at 4 pm.

www.visitmanassas.org

July 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **Museum on the Lawn** - Stop by the Museum lawn and see what is going on.

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www.manassascity.org

July 6, 6:30 - 8 p.m. - **Jamey Turner and his Glass Harp Summer Sounds Concert** by the Center for the Arts at the Harris Pavilion

www.harris pavilion.com

July 14, 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Wicked Georgetown Scoundrels, Sinners and Spies** by Camden Schwantes

www.manassasmuseum.org

July 20, 6:30 - 8 p.m. - **Linda Lay & Springfield Exit** - Bluegrass to Traditional Folk Summer Sounds Concert by the Center for the Arts at the Harris Pavilion

www.harris pavilion.com

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