



The City of Manassas Connection

February 2014

Welcome New Officers



The City of Manassas welcomes six new officers to the Manassas City Police Department.

Officer **Ashley “Nikki” Bowman** is a native of the Manassas area and attended Stonewall Jackson High School. Officer Bowman has always wanted to be a police officer. Her father, Virginia State Trooper Johnny Bowman, was killed in the line of duty in 1984.



Officer **Bradley Campbell** grew up in the City of Manassas and attended Osbourn High School. His father served as a Virginia State Trooper for 28 years, which spurred Officer Campbell’s interest in law enforcement.



Officer **Jonathan Casteline** was born and raised in New Jersey and graduated from Ramapo College of New Jersey with a bachelor’s degree in Law and Society. He is a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran where he served as a network specialist.



Officer **Nicole Robitaille** is a graduate of West Springfield High School. She is finishing an associate’s degree in Criminal Justice at Northern Virginia Community College. Her fiancé and daughter will be a great support system for this new MCPD officer.



Officer **Zachary Rocco** is a native to the Prince William County area and attended High School at Osbourn Park. He is a graduate of the College of William and Mary with a degree in Kinesiology and Health Sciences. Becoming a police officer has been a lifelong dream for Officer Rocco. His father, David Rocco, spent his entire career with the Alexandria Sheriff’s Office.




Officer **Jacob Turpin** comes to the City of Manassas from North Carolina. He attended Longwood University and has served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, with one tour in Iraq. He and his wife and two children live in Herndon, VA.



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A Message from the City Manager



*City Manager
William Patrick Pate*

So how are you doing with those New Year's resolutions? For those of you who believe in the theory that anything you do for 30 days will become a habit you may be well on your way to changing things for the New Year. Many of us probably did not even bother to make resolutions, but hopefully, you did take time to reflect on what occurred over the past year and what things you are looking forward to in 2014.

The City has taken some time to look at our accomplishments over the past year and I hope you will go to the City's YouTube channel at <http://youtu.be/ea2KLCd2nXU> to view our video that highlights some of the City's accomplishments from 2013.

The City of Manassas has many things to be proud of with first class City services. To highlight a few, the Police

Department received the "Gold Standard with Excellence" from the National Accreditation Team (CALEA), which audits our police services every three years. The Fire and Rescue Department has developed its first multi-year strategic plan. There are many examples of the City's broad based community involvement in providing services to our community. 2013 saw the adoption of an award winning Capital Improvement Program that will drive investments in our community and the adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan that will help shape the livability of our community for many years.

While looking back at 2013 your City staff is also looking forward and preparing for 2014. We are busy working on updating the five year Capital Improvement Program and completing budget plans for the upcoming fiscal year. The Mayor and City Council have met to discuss an update on the City Strategic Priorities Plan and progress towards implementing the items in this plan. City Council has also set priorities for City Staff to focus on during the upcoming year.

In 2014 we will continue to focus on improving our community through quality economic development including enhancing our community amenities, supporting quality housing and neighborhood redevelopment. We will be looking for opportunities

to improve public safety and to work with the Manassas City Public School Board and Staff to improve educational opportunities for the next generation of community leaders. We will strive to do these things while providing open, transparent and efficient delivery of government services.

We are looking forward to 2014 and the opportunity to provide excellent customer service to the City of Manassas.

It's Budget Time

Below are the tentative dates to remember concerning the City's FY2015 Budget process:

Feb. 24 - City Manager's Budget Presented

April 14 - Council Proposed Budget and CIP Presentation

April 28 - Public Hearings on Council Proposed Budget/CIP/Revenue Rates



www.manassascity.org/budget



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- frozen food boxes
- tissue boxes (no tissues)
- gift boxes
- shoe boxes
- product packaging boxes
- toilet paper and paper towel rolls

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New Finance Director Hired



The City of Manassas announces the hiring of the new Finance and Administration Director, Paul E. York.

York has been in local government and a finance professional for more than 30 years with a proven track record of managing all areas of finance and administration.

York comes to the City after serving as Finance and Administrative Services Director at the City of Beloit, Wisconsin since 2004. Prior to that, York served as the Director of Finance for the Town of Leesburg, Virginia for more than 19 years. Other experience includes being an accounting supervisor with the Town of Blacksburg, an accountant with

Appalachian Power Company, and a controller for the City of Huntington.

York has a Bachelors of Business Administration in Accounting from Marshall University in West Virginia. He is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) and a board member on the Wisconsin Government Finance Officers Association. York's first day with the City of Manassas will be Feb. 10, 2014.

It's Black History Month

On Jan. 27 at the City Council Meeting, a proclamation was made in honor of Black History Month. This year, the focus of Black History Month was also an opportunity to recognize the unsung heroes of the African American military history with special recognition for our local well-known African American heroes. This includes:

- 2nd Lt. Aaron Carter, youth leader of Project Infusion and recipient of the Massanutten Military Academy Commendations Medal for saving the life of a subordinate from drowning during a training exercise;
- Mr. Grailing J. Carter, U.S. Air Force Veteran, Service Officer of American Legion Post 114, and member of the Prince William Chapter of Disabled American Veterans who has devoted his life to assisting veterans with their disability claims;
- Mrs. Jaspem Boothe, founder of Final Salute, Inc., which is the only organization in the Washington, D.C. area and the only organization of its kind in the area, with only a few nationally, that offers housing to homeless female U.S. military veterans and their children;
- Sgt. Major Mark Byrd, Sgt. Major of the Marine Corps Base Quantico, whose awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement



Pictured left: Sgt. Major Mark Byrd, Tina Murray, founder of Project Infusion, Aaron Carter, and Grailing Carter.

medal with two gold stars, and the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

As Sgt. Major Byrd addressed the gathering, he spoke about volunteerism and how he became a volunteer to give back to his family for all of the time he was away from them when deployed.

"For me, there'll be only one Mark Byrd. For each one of you in this room, there'll be only one you," stated Byrd. "Maximize your potential. Maximize your gifts, your opportunities to give to others. If we all do that, we'll make the world a much better place."

In honor of Black History Month, the Manassas Museum is offering Basement to Attic tours of Liberia Plantation on Feb. 8 and 22. The tour offers visitors a rare glimpse into the 1825 plantation home, currently under restoration, and a look at the lives of its slave population. Liberia Plantation served as headquarters for both Confederate and Union officers during the Civil War and was visited by President Abraham Lincoln. For tickets, visit www.manassasmuseum.org.



Sgt. Major Mark Byrd and Jaspem Boothe at the Black History Month reception

New CERT Class . . .

Beginning Monday, March 10 at 7 p.m. the City of Manassas Office of Emergency Management will be offering a training course for new members of the **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**. To find out more, visit www.manassascert.org or email manassascert@verizon.net

The City of Manassas Happenings



Here's what's happening in the City of Manassas during February and March.

Now through the end of March, Saturdays at 11 a.m. - **Winter Tours and Talks** at the Manassas Museum.

www.manassasmuseum.org

Feb. 1 - 14 - **Win the Window** - every ten dollars spent in participating old town shops will result in a chance to 'win the window' prizes on display at the former Persnickety Cakes.

www.visitmanassas.org

Feb. 7, 5 - 8 p.m. - **First Friday February** - Treat yourself to an evening in Old Town with live music, chocolate and themed specials!

www.visitmanassas.org

Feb. 8 & 22 at 11 a.m. - **Liberia Basement to Attic Tours**, \$15/person - Learn more about the diverse people who inhabited Liberia during Black History Month tours.

www.manassasmuseum.org

Feb. 8 from 12 to 5 p.m. - **Cartoon Skate** - skate with your favorite cartoon characters, free s'mores - (admission/skate rental fees apply)

www.harris pavilion.com

Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. - **Imago - FROGZ** - Dance and acrobatics

www.HyltonCenter.org

Feb. 9, 2 p.m. - **Free Book Talk - Hope Amid Hardship** with Linda Johnston.

www.manassasmuseum.org

Feb. 9 at 4 p.m. - **Haifa Symphony Orchestra** of Israel

www.HyltonCenter.org

Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. - **Pre-K Tuesday** at the Manassas Museum

www.manassasmuseum.org

Feb. 18 at 12:30 p.m. - **Matinee Idylls: Marcolivia**

www.HyltonCenter.org

Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. - **Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel: The Power and Passion of Beethoven**

www.HyltonCenter.org

Feb. 23, 2 p.m. - **Free Book Talk - The Maps of the Bristoe Station and Mine Run Campaigns** with Bradley Gottfried.

www.manassasmuseum.org

Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. - **The Peking Acrobats**

www.HyltonCenter.org

March 2 at 4 p.m. - **The Acting Company: Hamlet**

www.HyltonCenter.org

March 8 & 9 - The Manassas Ballet will perform **A Night At The Paris Opera and More!** at the Hylton Performing Arts Center.

www.HyltonCenter.org

March 9, 9 - 11 a.m. - **Bicycle Tour of Historic Sites** in Manassas

www.manassasmuseum.org

March 9, 2 p.m. - **Free Book Talk - The Amazing Legacy of James E. Hanger, Civil War Soldier** with Author Bob O'Connor
www.manassasmuseum.org

March 10 at 9:30 a.m. - **Coffee with the Curator** at the Manassas Museum
www.manassasmuseum.org

March 11 at 10 a.m. - **Pre-K Tuesday** at the Manassas Museum
www.manassasmuseum.org

March 15 at 11 a.m. - **The Greater Manassas St. Patrick's Day Parade**
<http://stpatparade.net>

March 15 & 16 - **Leahy**
www.HyltonCenter.org

March 17 - April 21 - **Reflections**, a new exhibit at the Manassas Museum by Osbourn High School art students; free admission for Osbourn students and their families.
www.manassasmuseum.org

March 23 at 2 p.m. - **Free Book Talk** with Donald A. Hopkins - **Robert E. Lee In War and Peace: Photographs of a Confederate and American Icon**
www.manassasmuseum.org

March 23 - Pushcart Players: **Happily Ever After - A Cinderella Tale**
www.HyltonCenter.org

March 25 at 12:30 p.m. - Matinee Idylls: **Dancing Heart Ensemble**
www.HyltonCenter.org

March 28 - April 12 at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays - **Don't Dress for Dinner** at the Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory
www.center-for-the-arts.org

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