



Manassas Connection

December 2016

Project Recycle Runway

In honor of America Recycles Day, the City of Manassas teamed up with the Martin K. Alloy Boys & Girls Club of Manassas, American Disposal Services and Savers for a special fashion show. Students, nine to 13 year olds, from the Boys & Girls Club took a foray into fashion using reused and modified textiles from Savers.

The students were given a shopping trip to Savers for materials and inspiration for their own designs. Working with the City of Manassas Recycling Coordinator, the students then used the next sessions to create their masterpieces. On Nov. 15, they premiered their new/reused designs in conjunction with America Recycles Day.

Judges for the event were from American Disposal Services, Savers and the Citizens Advisory Council on

Solid Waste. The winning designer was selected along with the runners up.

“The Boys and Girls Club is thrilled for the support that Savers is providing to take our future designers and creative thinkers to the next level,” said Nadia Pedersen, Boys & Girls Club Branch Director. “We are grateful for all the support provided to our club and the time being investing in our youth.”

These ladies put their talents, heart and fantastic runway flair behind the project and much fun was had by all.

Who says recycling isn't fashionable? Did you know that according to the EPA the average person throws away more than 70 pounds of clothing and other textiles a year? That adds up to more than 3.8 billion pounds that go straight into the landfill.



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.
- ❄️ 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.
- ❄️ If ice cannot be removed from a sidewalk, it should be covered with sand or other material that will make it safe for pedestrians.

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.

A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
William Patrick Pate

In this last newsletter of 2016, I want to share some thoughts on a couple of public servants who have dedicated many years of service to the City of Manassas.

Robin Perkins is retiring after serving 18 years as your elected City Treasurer. In case you are wondering, serving as Treasurer is not an easy task. This function can be traced back many centuries and many children are first exposed to this role in biblical texts referring to “tax collectors.” The Treasurer is indeed responsible for tax billing and collection as well as paying City invoices and providing cash management. This position is critical in adhering to our core values of stewardship and integrity.

I have also known Robin to be a person dedicated to performing her duties and running her office by another

core value of customer service. Just in the past month, members of the Treasurer’s Office were recognized by their peers for their efforts in providing outstanding customer service. During Robin’s term she has also been responsible for an outstanding collection rate of over 99 percent, which is one of the highest rates in the State. This means that everyone in the City is paying their fair share of support for City services like public safety and education.

Robin actually began her service with the City by volunteering about 35 years ago with the Treasurer’s Office. It is interesting that so many people get their first meaningful interaction with local government through volunteerism. Robin also volunteers with a variety of civic and local organizations including serving many years on the Manassas Christmas Parade Committee and this year she will be recognized as Woman of the Year during the parade.

I would also like to recognize Vice-Mayor Jonathan Way for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Manassas. Jon has served on City Council for ten years, including the last two as Vice Mayor, and has been a key Council Member representing the City on numerous regional boards. These include the Greater Washington Council of Government Board, the Potomac

Rappahannock Transit Company Board, the Virginia Railway Express Operations Board and the Virginia Municipal League. He has also served as Chairman of the Transportation Legislative Committee.

Jon has always been a thorough and quick study on any issues that come before the City Council or on the many Boards where he has served. One of his colleagues described him as “the kid you wanted to study with before a test!”

Jon also began his involvement with the City as a volunteer on the City of Manassas Planning Commission where he served six years, including two as chair, before being appointed to the City Council. Again, volunteerism is a key theme for Jon as he has been active in the community with many areas, including the Manassas Therapy Dogs with his wife Shirley, SCORE small business consulting and AARP tax preparation assistance for the elderly.

Both Robin and Jon have been and continue to be examples of what it means to be a dedicated public servant. I appreciate the leadership, service and the positive examples of giving back to the community through volunteerism that they have set for our City. I look forward to seeing how they will continue to be involved in supporting and promoting the City in the upcoming years.

Recycle your Christmas Trees

Did you know that your Christmas tree can be recycled as yard waste? When the holidays are over and the decorations all come down, all you need to do is remove the ornaments, lights and garland from your tree and set it to the curb for Monday collection just like your regular yard waste. Your tree will then be recycled as landscaping material for use throughout the year.

Trash collection information for bad weather

The make-up day for designated holiday trash is always the Saturday following the holiday. Please call the

Trashline 703-257-8252 for holiday schedule changes (example: Holiday on Tuesday - trash collected on Saturday. In the event of bad weather such as snow and storms, contact the Trashline 703-257-8252 for more information or visit www.manassascity.org/trash.

RecycleFest 2016 Largest Ever!

Many thanks to all of the residents, Solid Waste Committee volunteers, Waste Management, and Savers for making the 2016 Recyclefest a success. More than 452 cars passed through the gates of the Manassas Transfer Station on Nov. 5 to part with unwanted household hazardous waste, electronic waste, shredding and used clothing.

Parking Notice

On weekdays, 4-Hour public parking is located in the Train Depot parking lot and on the 2nd floor of the parking garage. After 10 a.m. on weekdays, you can park in ANY spot in the parking garage for FREE! Public parking is free and unlimited on weekends and weekdays after 5pm. More information can be found at www.manassascity.org/Parking



Welcome to Fire & Rescue

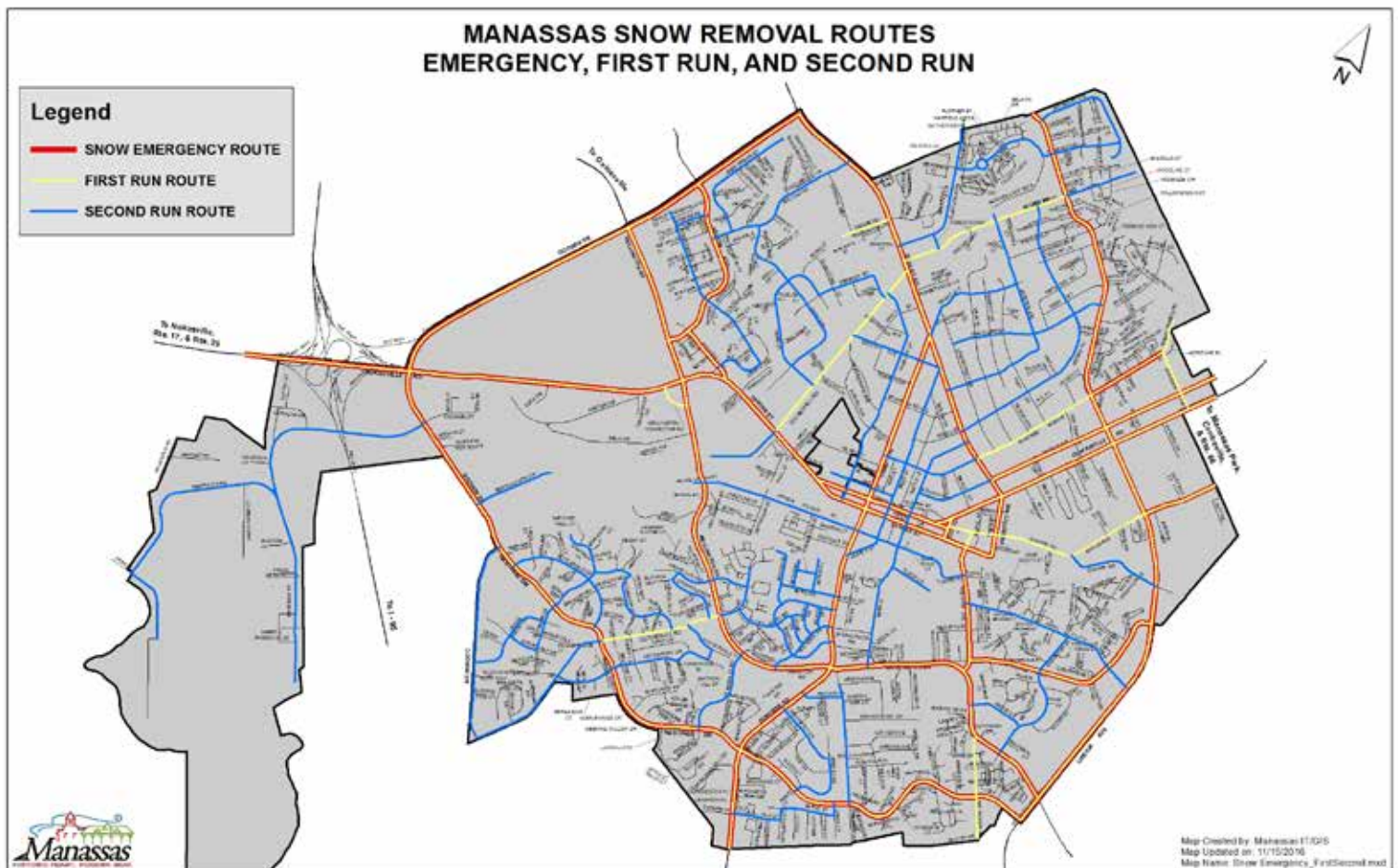
Seven new members of the City of Manassas Fire & Rescue Department were recently sworn into office. New officers include Firefighter/EMT Spencer Askin, Firefighter/Medic Lindsey Blasius, Firefighter/EMT Ian Burke, Firefighter/EMT Jared Lawrence, Firefighter/EMT Mike Salazar, Firefighter/Medic Bryan Stone and Firefighter/EMT Ryan Thodal.

The recruits participated in a rigorous didactic and practical program that was delivered through the City of Manassas Fire & Rescue. The new firefighters are already in service, working to keep the residents and visitors to the City of Manassas safe.



Snow Emergency Routes

In preparation for the winter, below is the City's snow removal route map. The City gets many questions during snow emergencies about which roads are first and which are plowed a little later. Now, residents can visit our interactive map online at www.manassascity.org/snowmap to find out where their street is in the plowing line up.



The City of Manassas Happenings

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

On Exhibit Now at the Manassas Museum

Through Feb. 19, 2017 - **Not For Glory: Manassas Veterans & the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan** - This exhibit highlights the stories of local veterans who served in America's most recent conflicts, and is being produced in partnership with the Freedom Museum.

www.visitmanassas.org

Dec. 2-31 - **Deck the Halls at the Museum** - See the handiwork of Haydon Elementary students who have created ornaments to decorate themed holiday trees in this annual event showcasing the talent of city schools.

www.visitmanassas.org

Dec. 1, 2016 - 2017 Commuter (Red) and Downtown Business & Residential (Blue) permits available

www.manassascity.org/commuter

Dec. 1, 2016 - 2017 Dog Tags on sale

www.manassascity.org/dogtags

Dec. 2, 5:30-8pm - **Merry Old Town Tree Lighting** on the Manassas Museum Lawn

www.visitmanassas.org

Dec. 2, 5:30 - 8 p.m. - **Manassas Museum Open House**

www.visitmanassas.org

Dec. 3, 10 a.m. - **Greater Manassas Christmas Parade** -

<https://gmchristmasparade.org>

December - visit the Osbourn High School Band giftwrapping booth at Manassas Mall. Get presents wrapped and support the band.

Dec. 4, 1:30pm - Free Book Talk **Justice and Vengeance: Scandal, Honor, and Murder in 1872 Virginia** with Arwen Bicknell at the Manassas Museum

www.visitmanassas.org

Dec. 4, 11, & 18 - **Carriage Rides** through Historic Downtown Manassas

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Dec. 4, 12-1:30 p.m. - **Gingerbread House Workshop** at Center for the Arts

www.center-for-the-arts.org

Dec. 5 - Real estate taxes are due

www.manassascity.org/tax

Dec. 10, 1 - 4:30 p.m. - **Pysanky Ornaments Workshop** - Family Session at Center for the Arts. Pre-registration required.

www.center-for-the-arts.org

Dec. 14 - 18 - **Winter Wonderland Train Show**

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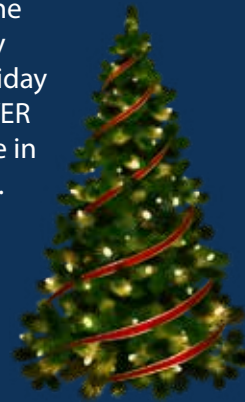
Dec. 15 - 23 - Manassas Ballet Theatre's **The Nutcracker** at the Hylton Performing Arts Center

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Christmas Tree Safety Tips

The City of Manassas Fire & Rescue Department wants you to be safe this holiday season with these simple safety tips:

- A real tree should not lose needles when you tap it on the ground.
- Cut one inch off the tree trunk to help the tree to absorb water.
- Leave the tree outside until ready to decorate.
- The stand should hold at least one gallon of water.
- Secure the tree with wire to keep it from tipping.
- Keep the tree away from floor heater, fireplaces, and other heat sources.
- Use only UL-approved lights and no more than three strands linked together.
- Turn off the lights on the tree before going to sleep or leaving the house.
- Never use candles on the tree, not even on an artificial tree.
- Dispose of the tree properly after the holiday season. NEVER burn the tree in the fireplace.



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