



Manassas Connection

June 2017

Officer of the Year



Officer Brittney Alexander has been selected as Manassas Police Department Employee of the Year. Brittney Alexander was selected by a peer review committee that screens hundreds of commendations each year before they make the final selection. Here are some highlights shared by the selection committee: "... Officer Alexander has made numerous arrests with over 30% being narcotic related. These arrests, largely a result of proactive policing above the scope of her main duties, has led to the seizure of almost \$30,000 along with a substantial amount of both narcotics and firearms. She consistently developed quality cases and with successful prosecutions the entire year and brought a great deal of pride to both her squad and this agency....Her drive, attitude, and work ethic has not only made her an outstanding officer in her own right, but also improves everyone that works with or around her.... She has had a positive and meaningful impact on the community in which we serve!"

Chief of Police Douglas Keen added that Brittney is "home-grown." She attended Osbourn High School, and now serves the community she was raised in. She has an investment in the City to make it a better place for all residents.

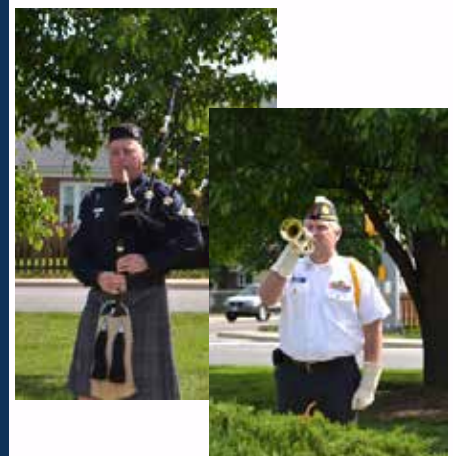
Officer Alexander was recognized in front of City Council and by the Rotary Club. In May every year, we celebrate National Police Week. This week-long event not only recognizes those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their communities, but those who work the job every day. They ensure our safety and protect the community from those who wish to do harm.

On average, there are 15,000 assaults on officers that result in injuries each year. A police officer is killed in the United States every 63 hours. In 2016, there were 143 officers killed in the line of duty. Unfortunately, Prince William County added a name to that list last year - Officer Ashley Guindon.

July 24, 2017 marks the 29th year since the violent murder of Sergeant John Connor of the Manassas City Police Department. Sergeant Connor's death changed the face of this community and the direction of the police department. Residents lined the streets to pay their last respects for Sergeant Connor. Today, the Manassas City Police Department keeps his name and sacrifice alive by naming a scholarship fund for him.

The men and women of the Manassas City Police Department are dedicated to keeping you safe - 24 hours a day. They are aware of how quickly things can change, but that does not stop them. The Chief and all his staff would like to thank the community for the wonderful support that is given to our officers and staff on a daily basis.

Photos from fallen officer Sgt. John Connor's Memorial Event



A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
William Patrick Pate

We have recently celebrated Mother's Day and college graduations and (depending on when you get this newsletter) we are heading into, or also recently, celebrated high school graduations and Father's Day, my thoughts this month turn towards family and accomplishments.

While my father is deceased, his wisdom and passion still serve as an example to me each day. Like many of you, he grew up and returned to live in a small town as a small business owner. He was active in the civic life of his community and I don't believe he ever met a stranger. He was dedicated to his family and to the many people he helped every day. So, to my dad, and all of the other fathers reading this, I wish you a Happy Father's Day.

This month my youngest niece, Caroline, and nephew, Samuel will both be graduating from high school and heading off to their respective colleges to begin their next phase of life preparation. I hope that you, like me, find it uplifting to see so many fine young men and women graduating from schools, like Osbourn High School, and know that the funds that we as a community have spent on education have provided a solid foundation for the next generation of Manassas leaders. I have high hopes for the future based on the overall values and drive that I see in today's young adults.

In adopting the 2018 budget, City Council has set forth the foundation and priorities that we, as a City, will be working on over the next several years. The adopted budget provides increases for education and public safety. New funds are provided to support PRTC and VRE services along with funds for additional street repair and resurfacing. The Council has also provided funds for community projects including a Public Safety Facility and efforts to promote economic development and tourism in the City.

As a part of these efforts, City Council will also be seeking additional input from the community over the next several months as we update our strategic plan and prepare for a long-range comprehensive plan update. I encourage you to follow the city calendar

and register on the website to receive information on projects and services that you are interested in learning about. We have a lot to accomplish.

A warm congratulations to the 2017 graduates for accomplishing your educational goals through your hard work and dedication. A special congratulation also goes to the parents that helped you each step along the way. I hope that you each had a special Mothers or Fathers Day celebration. Enjoy your summer!

Did you know...

Did you know that you can sign up for notifications about City news and information to your email box? Simply visit www.manassascity.org/notifyme and select the information you wish to receive.



Fireworks with a View!

Historic Manassas, Inc. will be hosting a ticketed rooftop party on the top floor of the City of Manassas Parking Garage this 4th of July at the Celebrate America festival. This bird's eye view will give attendees the best seat in the house for the largest fireworks display in Northern Virginia!

The fifth floor of the parking garage will be turned into the ultimate rooftop party with games, a buffet from The Bone, drink specials and more. Historically, the garage is closed so that garage traffic and pedestrian traffic are handled safely during and after the fireworks. This year is no different in that respect - no cars will be allowed to park in the garage. However, the views from the top of the garage are phenomenal. It's a spectacular location for stunning views on America's night. Tickets for this special event can be purchased at www.visitmanassas.org via Eventbrite - and there are options for children's tickets too! Enjoy the 4th and stay safe this summer!



City Paving for FY 2018

City Council has provided funding in the FY18 Budget to augment the established Paving Plan to improve mid-range rated Residential Streets. In July through spring 2018, the following streets are on the paving schedule:

- Abbott Road from Wellington Rd. to the cul-de-sac
- Abbott Court from Wellington Rd. to the cul-de-sac
- Allen Street from Abbott Rd. to the cul-de-sac
- Amaryllis Avenue from Wellington Rd. to the cul-de-sac
- Antonia Avenue from Willa Lane to Nanette Dr.
- Browning Court from Wellington Rd. to the cul-de-sac
- Camphor Court from Allwood Ct. to the cul-de-sac
- Cather Avenue from S. Grant Ave. to the dead end
- Cloudberry Way from Strawflower Lane to the cul-de-sac
- Corydalis Court from Gloxinia Way to the cul-de-sac
- Dahlia Court from Strawflower Lane to the cul-de-sac
- Deckert Place from Oakenshaw Dr. to the cul-de-sac
- Feeg Court from Deckert Place to the cul-de-sac
- Fitzgerald Farms Court from Oakenshaw Dr. to the cul-de-sac
- Gloxinia Way from Amaryllis Ave. to the cul-de-sac
- Lavender Flower Court from Camphor Ct. to the cul-de-sac
- Nagle Street from Oakenshaw Dr. to Wellington Road
- Nanette Drive from Cather Ave. to the dead end
- Oakenshaw Drive from Signal Hill Rd. to Wellington Rd.
- Poe Drive from Winterset Dr. to Abbott Rd.
- Willa Lane from Cather Ave. to Olde Mill Run
- Winterset Drive from Dumfries Rd. to Abbott Rd.

A few photos from Operation Staying Alive



Above: learning Hands Only CPR - 450 people participated.

Right: Father and son check out the GMVRS open house.



Let's Talk Recycling

Are you ready for the summer?

Your Refuse and Recycling Department is! We have recycling events, grants, a really cool art competition, a great way to save money and awesome information for City residents to enjoy.

Shredding

On July 8 the City will hold our summer recycling event at the Manassas Transfer Station located at 8305 Quarry Road from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Residents will be able to shred up to four boxes of documents and drop off household hazardous waste and electronics for free!

Apply for an HOA Recycling Grant

The City is working in partnership with American Disposal Services to offer HOAs an opportunity to reduce litter and improve recycling in their communities. Apply for a grant to help with community clean-ups and information for your residents. For more information, visit www.manassascity.org/recyclinggrant.

Calling all Artists!

Let the artist in you shine with our Outdoor Recycled Art Competition. The City is looking for artwork to celebrate America Recycles Day in November. The winner will receive \$1,000 from American Disposal Services and the top five artists will have their work displayed in Nelson Park during the month of November. Find out more at www.manassascity.org/recycledart.

Do Your Clean-up for Less

Did you know that the City offers residents a way to dispose of items that are too large for curbside collection? The City Courtesy Trucks are an inexpensive way to dispose of unwanted furniture, tree limbs and remodeling debris for just \$85! To rent a truck or arrange for pick up the cost is between \$120 and \$800. These working Street Department trucks are rented to residents at the end of the working day and collected the next morning. All you have to do is load the truck and we take care of the rest.

Material restrictions apply – so visit our website at www.manassascity.org/courtesytruck or call 703-257-8256 for more information.

Putting a Greater Focus on Environmental Issues

A new Environmental Taskforce has been established to help City staff respond to environmental incidents. The new taskforce will review current practices and procedures with a view toward improving our environment through cooperation, education and enforcement.

We're on our Way to Keeping Manassas Beautiful!

The City is becoming an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. Residents and City staff are currently receiving training from Keep America Beautiful and Keep Virginia Beautiful so that we can reduce litter, improve recycling and help make the City of Manassas more beautiful than ever! We will need your help too – so keep in touch.

The City of Manassas Happenings

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

Farmer's Market - Every Saturday in the VRE Parking Lot on Prince William Street, every Tuesday and Thursday in the Harris Pavilion - check out the Farmers Market - Sat. & Thurs. from 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Tuesdays from 5 - 8 p.m.
www.visitmanassas.org

Through September - **Historic Downtown Walking Tours** - learn history and more on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of each month
www.visitmanassas.org

June - August at the Harris Pavilion - Take in a free concert at **Take Out Tuesdays** or **Wednesday Lunch Concerts**. Concerts are free.
www.harris pavilion.com

June - October - **Museum at the Market** - Saturdays during the Farmer's Market

Through September - **New Free Exhibit: Tailor-Made:** Vintage Fashions from the Museum's Collection Unveiled
www.visitmanassas.org

June 2, 6 - 9 p.m. - **First Friday** in Historic Downtown
www.visitmanassas.org

June 2 at 7:30 p.m. - **Manassas Chorale** "Earth, Sea and Sky" Spring Concert
www.manassaschorale.org

June 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **23rd Annual Heritage Railway Festival** - Enjoy train rides, model trains, and more
www.visitmanassas.org

June 3, 9 a.m. to noon - **Save the Bay Day** at Liberia - 8601 Portner Avenue

June 3, 2 p.m. - **Architectural Tour** of Historic Downtown

June 4, 3-4:30 p.m. - Ice Cream Social with **Kings Park Concert Band**
www.visitmanassas.org

June 5 - **2nd half of 2017 Real Estate Taxes Due**
www.manassascity.org/tax

June 8, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Novant Health **Ultimate Linens sale** - in the Private Dining Room

June 9, 8-10pm - Watch **Sing** at Friday Family Movie Night at the Harris Pavilion
www.harris pavilion.com

June 10, noon - 4 p.m. - **Okra's Cajun Occasion 3** on the lawn of the Manassas Museum
www.visitmanassas.org

June 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Free VIN Etching** event at The Shops at Signal Hill.

June 11, 1:30pm - **Free Book Talk, Determined to Stand and Fight** with author Ryan Quint at the Manassas Museum
www.visitmanassas.org

June 13 - **Primary Election**
www.manassascity.org/vote

June 15, 7 p.m. - **U.S. Navy Commodores** at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

June 17, 8 p.m. - Adult Dance with the **Sandbar Band** at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

June 18, 12-7 p.m. - Enjoy the **13th Annual Jazz Festival** on the Manassas Museum Lawn featuring Virginia craft wine and beers
www.visitmanassas.org

June 23, 8:30-10pm - Enjoy **Surfs Up** at Friday Family Movie Night at the Harris Pavilion
www.visitmanassas.org

June 25, 3 p.m. - Ice Cream Social and **Nitehawks Swing Band**
www.visitmanassas.org

June 25, 1:30 p.m. - **Free Book Talk - The Maryland Campaign of September 1862** with author Tom Clemons at the Manassas Museum
www.visitmanassas.org

July 1, 8 - 11 p.m. - Saturday Night Adult Dance at the Harris Pavilion and live music by **Beatlemania**
www.visitmanassas.org

July 4, 3 - 10 p.m. - Enjoy all the family fun at **Celebrate America!** New this year, purchase your tickets to a rooftop party on the top level of the parking garage!

www.visitmanassas.org



July 7, 6 - 9 p.m. - **First Friday** in historic downtown Manassas
www.visitmanassas.org

July 15, 8 - 11 p.m. - Saturday Night Adult Dance at the Harris Pavilion and live music from **The Silver Tones**
www.visitmanassas.org

July 16 at 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Virginia's Presidential Homes** with Author Patrick L. O'Neill
www.visitmanassas.org

July 21, 8:30 - 10 p.m. - **Moana** at Friday Family Movie Night at the Harris Pavilion
www.harris pavilion.com

July 27, 7 p.m. - **U.S. Navy Sea Chanters** at the Harris Pavilion for a Military Band Concert
www.harris pavilion.com

July 29, 8 - 11 p.m. - Saturday Night Adult Dance at the Harris Pavilion and live music from **Special Occasions**
www.harris pavilion.com

Aug. 1, 6 - 9 p.m. - **National Night Out** - Manassas City Police invite you to enjoy music, entertainment and fun for the whole family on the museum lawn.
www.visitmanassas.org

Aug. 25 - 27 - **Civil War Weekend** - Enjoy dozens of free events for all ages and interests at the Manassas Museum, in Historic Downtown, and at Liberia Plantation.
www.manassasmuseum.org

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