



June 12 is a Voting Day in the City of Manassas

On June 12, residents of the City of Manassas may vote for their U.S. representatives during this primary. This is a dual primary, which means that voters will have to select which primary they want to vote in, Democratic or Republican, before voting.

In Virginia, voters do not have to declare their party affiliation, however, in a dual primary, you can only vote in one party's primary. By voting in a primary, voters are selecting the party candidate who will be on the ballot for the November General Election.

- The Democratic Ballot will have Members of the House of Representatives 10th District
- The Republican Ballot will have Members of the U.S. Senate and Members of House of Representatives 10th District

In the City of Manassas, these are the dates to remember for this dual primary election:

- The City of Manassas Voter Registration office, 9025 Center St., will be open for "In-Person" Absentee Voting, which began April 27.
- Special extended evening hours are scheduled for May 30 - June 1 and June 6 - 8, 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

- Final "In-Person" Absentee Voting is Saturday, June 9, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- The last day to register to vote in the June 12 Primary is Monday, May 21 at 5 p.m. and online at 11:59 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 5 is the last day to request an Absentee Ballot by mail.
- Polls open Election Day June 12, at 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Mail-In Ballots must be received by 7 p.m. on Election Day.

The Voter Registration Office is looking for election officers for this election and the November General Election. Find out more at www.manassascity.org/vote.

Event Season is Here

The City of Manassas is an event City where folks gather at the Harris Pavilion, the Manassas Museum Lawn or on the streets during larger events. In the spring, a few of our signature events are the Leaseweb Manassas Airshow, First Fridays, Battle Street Live, the Annual Heritage Railway Festival and Celebrate America on the Fourth of July.

This year, a few more events have been added to the list, like the Viking Festival and One Love Manassas. These events are wonderful for bringing tourism dollars to City businesses and for showing those who don't live in the City of Manassas, the truly warm and welcoming community that we have here.

One Love Manassas was formerly known as Much Ado About Art. This three-day event features more than 50 performing artists, a juried art show, workshops and panel discussions geared toward exploring artistic endeavors like Quilling and Cake Decorating and a Marketplace where folks can purchase a variety of art pieces.

Headlining Friday evening is City of Manassas business owner and lead guitarist for the Bret Michaels Band, Pete Evick. Saturday evening's headliner is Jamaican native Sahmuel playing Reggae music.

To find out more about this event, visit www.onelovemanassas.com. To learn about other events in the City

of Manassas, visit the City's official calendar of events at www.visitmanassas.org. This publication, the City of Manassas Connection, can be found on the City's website at www.manassascity.org at any time, not just when it arrives in your mailbox. We hope to see you at one of the events in the Historic Downtown!



A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
W. Patrick Pate

Did you know that in May there are over 100 designated celebrations in addition to Mother's Day and Memorial Day? The list includes a "Paper Clip Day," a "Lost Sock Memorial Day" which follows "No Socks Day," a "Lucky Penny Day," and even a "National Clean Up Your Room Day." That last one is on May 10th if any of you parents want to give it a try!

In Manassas, one of our May celebrations is Business Appreciation Month. City businesses owners work hard every day to bring us products and services desired by our Community along with providing many jobs for our residents. In fact there are over 1,500 known businesses just in the City of Manassas and many more in the greater Manassas area.

This year, Shining Sol was selected as the Manassas "Business of the Year." Shining Sol Candle Company opened its first bricks-and-mortar store in Historic Downtown Manassas a year and a half ago. Owner Pete Evick is a life-long resident of Manassas and is committed

to building a strong sense of community, which has already become evident with the huge amount of success he has had. Since opening Shining Sol, he has experienced a 70% increase in year-over-year revenues. Shining Sol is one of our outstanding Historic Downtown businesses and strives to promote the Downtown with extending hours of evening operation and cross-merchant advertising.

Eight other City businesses were also recognized for being outstanding in their fields recently at a Prince William Chamber of Commerce event. The recognitions were for:

- Tech Company of the Year: Micron Technology
- Excellence in F/I/RE: Weber Rector
- Community Outreach Award: Jirani Coffeehouse
- Excellence in Hospitality and Tourism: Mariachi's Tequileria & Restaurant
- Business Excellence Award (11+ Employees): Hepburn and Sons LLC
- Innovative Practice or Partnership of the Year: CoWork LLC
- Agnes L. Colgan Community Service Award, Health and Human Services: ACTS (Action in Community Through Services)
- Agnes L. Colgan Community Service Award, Arts and Education: IMPACTO Youth

Business appreciation also includes tourism. It is an extremely important factor in our local economy and for our local businesses. Event season is a great phenomenon for the City of Manassas where we celebrate with the arts, music, crafts, spirits and so much more. But why are these events important to City

residents? Not only are they community defining, but they also bring in tourism dollars to support our businesses and community.

In 2017, more than 369,000 people attended one of the City's fun, family-friendly events. According to the Virginia Tourism Commission (VTC), tourists spent more than \$68 million in Manassas last year and generated \$1.8 million in local tax revenues. Tourism dollars help our businesses not only survive but thrive.

The City of Manassas offers a unique tourism experiences that is rich in history with many hints of modern culture and amenities. Our walkable downtown, with its historic architecture and charming shops, is something that many communities strive to recreate for their residents. Our modern vibe, or beat, is definitely an attraction with Battle Street Live during the warmer months and First Fridays all year long. This is reflected in the City's logo: Historic Heart. Modern Beat.

So as you celebrate your favorite events in May, I hope you will also celebrate business appreciation month by patronizing our local shops and restaurants, continuing to help visitors experience a warm, welcoming and friendly city, and participating in the many events and celebrations that define our community.

I look forward to hearing about the ways that you are experiencing and enjoying our community and supporting our local businesses.

Plogging Keeps Manassas Beautiful

Finally! Spring is here and everyone can enjoy a nice walk again. This year, why not add a bit of "plogging" to your day?

Plogging is the latest fitness craze that benefits you and your community. It's an activity that combines litter collection and jogging that started in Sweden but is

rapidly becoming an international fitness sensation. A good 30 minute "plog" burns around 288 calories, compared to 235 calories burned just from jogging. Add a few squats and lunges, and you have a really good work-out!

The additional benefit of "plogging" is that you will be helping to Keep Manassas

Beautiful. Just visit Keep Manassas Beautiful at www.manassascity.org/kmb. You can also adopt-a-street, park or trail and then get plogging. Your City and your environment will thank you.

EMS Week is May 20-26

In honor of National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, the City of Manassas Department of Fire and Rescue wants to share some knowledge about strokes. Do you know the warning signs? If you or someone you know is experiencing any of the following, seek immediate medical attention - call 9-1-1.

- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding someone's speech
- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg - especially if it is on one side of the body only
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or loss of coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Remember FAST - Face drooping - Arm or leg weakness - Speech difficulty - Time to call 9-1-1.

If you are experiencing a stroke, getting medical attention fast means minimizing the long-term effects and can even prevent death. Over the last ten years or so, stroke treatment has improved by leaps and bounds. But the key is quick treatment.

So, please remember FAST when you think someone is having a stroke. The life you save could be your own.



Two New Exhibits at the Museum

Expanding Boundaries

The Expanding Boundaries exhibit at the Manassas Museum looks at the impact the Manassas Boys and Girls Club has on our community and the children it serves. Through its focus on academic success, good character and citizenship, and promoting healthy lifestyles, the Club fulfills its mission to help boys and girls of all backgrounds, especially those who need them most, acquire the skills needed to become productive, civic-minded, responsible adults.

Living the American Dream

The Living the American Dream exhibit at the Manassas Museum tells the story of German immigrant Robert Portner, the Washington, D.C. beer baron. He was an entrepreneur, a philanthropist and a Manassas resident.

It was while visiting the Mathis family in Manassas that Robert Portner, founder of Alexandria brewery Tivoli, decided to purchase property and build Annaburg, a legendary summer retreat

named for his wife Anna, that still stands on Maple Street in the City of Manassas. He considered the 1892 house—with its 35 rooms and electricity his escape from the city. Robert Portner was also the inventor of the first mechanical air conditioning system.

Both of these exhibits are free to the public. The Manassas Museum is open Tuesday - Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and seven days a week beginning Memorial Day weekend.

Adopt-A-Street is about You

The next time you look at an Adopt-A-Street sign, take a moment to think about the story behind the sign. Is it in memory of a loved one? Or maybe a business team keeps the street clean in their off hours. Or, it is named for one of the many fantastic City residents who want to help keep the City clean.

No matter what the sign says, the City is thankful for all of our Adopt-A folks. We have had streets adopted, parks adopted, fire hydrants adopted, fields, streams and historic sites adopted. And all because you, our residents care. Want to learn more? Visit www.manassascity.org/trash



The City of Manassas Happenings

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

Through Sept. 16 - Two New Exhibits at the Manassas Museum - *Expanding Boundaries - the Manassas Boys & Girls Club*; and *Living the American Dream: Robert Portner, Immigrant, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist*

www.visitmanassas.org

Now - October - Free **Historic Downtown Walking Tours**, Saturdays at 3 p.m.

www.visitmanassas.org

May 4 - 19 - *The Addams Family* musical comedy at Center for the Arts

www.visitmanassas.org

May 4, 6:30 p.m. - *Picnic with the Arts and the Manassas Ballet Theatre* on the Museum Lawn - free

www.visitmanassas.org

May 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Leaseweb Manassas Airshow**

www.manassasairshow.com

May 5, 8 a.m. - noon - **Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day**

www.manassascity.org/trash

May 5, noon to 10 p.m. - **Cinco de Mayo** party at the Pavilion

www.visitmanassas.org

May 9, 3 p.m. - Stories of Preservation and Progress Speaker Series: **Art and its Many Forms** at the Manassas Museum

www.visitmanassas.org

May 9, 2 p.m. - **Mormon Washington Tabernacle Choir**

www.visitmanassas.org

May 11, 8 p.m. - Manassas Museum **Cemetery Tour**

www.visitmanassas.org

May 12, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - **Manassas Viking Festival** www.visitmanassas.org

May 18-20 - **One Love Manassas** - A Celebration of Art and Artists in the City of Manassas

www.onelovemanassas.com

May 18, 6 p.m. - **Movie Night** on the Museum Lawn.

www.visitmanassas.org

May 18 - 20 - Friends of the Library Book Sale at Central Library

May 20, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk, *I Held Lincoln, A Union Soldier's Story Home*

www.visitmanassas.org

May 25, 1:30 p.m. - Stonewall Park Pool Splashpad Ribbon Cutting

www.manassascity.org/leisure

May 26, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **EAA 186 Fly In** - a showplace for pilots and fun for the community <http://eaa186.org>

June - August - **Take Out Tuesday Lunch Concerts** at the Harris Pavilion

www.visitmanassas.org

June - August - **Wednesday Lunch Concerts** at the Harris Pavilion

www.visitmanassas.org

June - August, 3 p.m. - **Sunday Concert and Ice Cream Socials**

www.visitmanassas.org

June 1, 7:30 p.m. - Manassas Chorale performs "**The Awesome Eighties**" at the Hylton Performing Arts

www.visitmanassas.org

June 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **24th Annual Manassas Heritage Railway Festival**

www.visitmanassas.org

June 2, 9 a.m. to noon - **Clean the Bay Day at Liberia** www.manassascity.org/leisure

June 2, 8 a.m. to noon - **Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day**

www.manassascity.org/trash

June 3, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk, *Capital Beer, A Heady History of Brewing in Washington, D.C.*

www.visitmanassas.org

June 5 - Second half of FY 2018 real estate taxes due www.manassascity.org/tax

June 8, 6 to 8 p.m. - R.C. Haydon Elementary School **Annual Spring Carnival**

www.haydonpta.org

June 8, 8:30 p.m. - Family Movie Night - *Lion King* - at the Harris Pavilion

www.visitmanassas.org

June 12 - **Dual Primary Election**

www.manassascity.org/vote

June 13, 3 p.m. - Stories of Preservation and Progress Speaker Series: STEM

www.manassasmuseum.org

June 16, noon - 7 p.m. - **14th Annual Manassas Jazz Festival** (formerly Wine & Jazz Festival)

www.visitmanassas.org

June 17, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk - *The Nation's Capital Brewmaster: Christian Heurich and His Brewery*

www.visitmanassas.org

June 21, 7 p.m. - **U.S Navy Sea Chanters Concert** www.visitmanassas.org

June 22, 8:30 p.m. - Family Movie Night - *Peter Rabbit* www.visitmanassas.org

July 4, 3 to 10 p.m. - **Celebrate America**, the largest fireworks display in Northern Virginia www.visitmanassas.org

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