

CITY CONNECTION



Spend Some Time in the Parks this Summer

Stonewall Park Pool

This summer at Stonewall Park Pool you'll find bright new upgrades in the restrooms and showers, expanded offerings at the snack bar, free Wi-Fi, and the chance to use credit cards.

The blue-toned colors of the new tile work, flooring, handicap accessible showers, and family restrooms were designed with a water theme in mind. The improvements make the pool more accessible and easier for families to use. The upgrades also made space for a first aid room where patrons can stay out of the heat while receiving basic first aid.

The pool's concession stand has expanded its offerings: "We're bringing more options to the concession stand and offering more cooked food so that it will be more than just a snack shack," Pool Manager Alex Hamilton says.

Among the new offerings are hotdogs, nachos, snowcones, pretzels and an expanded drink menu. Patrons can now enjoy using credit cards. "The majority of people are excited about not having to have cash at the pool," Hamilton says. "And in Community Conversation meetings and surveys we heard many requests for Wi-Fi at the pool, so we're happy to offer that service free to our customers."

Besides the full-sized pool, younger patrons can enjoy a sprayground and lots of shady spots to relax. Swim lessons for a variety of abilities are being offered through the end of July and Movie Nights at the Pool are scheduled



for July 20, Aug. 3 and Aug. 17. The pool at 8351 Stonewall Road is open every day from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except during inclement weather). Visit www.manassascity.org/pool to find out more.

Kinsley Mill Park

Visitors to Kinsley Mill Park will find new playground equipment, new hard surface courts, picnic tables, benches and more this summer. It was residents who participated in Community Conversation meetings last year that helped determine upgrades for the park, which is tucked into a shady neighborhood at 8844 Hastings Drive.

"The residents told us what they wanted, and we just made it happen," says Christen Fox, Operations Supervisor for Parks, Culture and Recreation.

In addition to the new playground equipment and climbing wall, the park now includes two half basketball courts, hopscotch and foursquare games, a roller hockey/multiuse court and improved walking paths. The former T-ball field is now a green space for free play, and residents of the adjoining neighborhoods can now follow a paved path to the park.

Dog waste stations, a bike rack, recycling containers and additional landscaping will complete the upgrades. Visit www.manassascity.org/parks to learn more about the City's 16 parks and the status of park improvements.



A Message from the City Manager



**Deputy City Manager
Bryan Foster**

We're now in the midst of summer with longer days to spend outside, whether it's enjoying recreational activities, gardening or just relaxing on the porch. For some of us, summer is also the time to work on outdoor projects and honey-do list items. At my house, it's been a lot of yardwork including power washing, planting flowers and mulching landscape beds. The City has also been hard at work with capital improvement projects of our own.

Stonewall Pool has reopened for the season after a complete renovation of the restrooms and shower facilities. We've also added Wi-Fi at the pool. You can read about these and other park and recreation improvements in this month's newsletter.

The Department of Public Works has been hard at work implementing our Pavement Management Plan. We've recently repaved a section of Portner Avenue, as well as the northbound lanes of Sudley Road. Our own City crews and our contractors have been replacing sidewalk and curb sections as well as corner ramps to make them ADA compliant and more accessible to our residents with mobility needs. We are also redoing more brick crosswalks downtown with stamped asphalt. These new stamped crosswalks look great and are much easier and more cost-efficient to maintain.

The City is also in high gear with festivals and other community

events. We've already had successful downtown events with the One Love Festival, the Jazz Festival, and the 25th Annual Railroad Festival. Our Celebrate America events on July 4th are always a highlight of the year. Be sure to check the calendar of events in this newsletter as well as online at www.visitmanassas.org to keep up with all the latest happenings around town. Whether it's the upcoming African American Heritage Festival at Metz Middle School on August 3, educational activities at the Manassas Museum, First Fridays with our downtown businesses or the plethora of music events at the Harris Pavilion, there is something for everyone.

July marks the beginning of a new fiscal year for the City of Manassas. City Council adopted the FY2020 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program which begins July 1. In addition to funding the normal operating activities and annual allocation to the school system, the City will begin construction of a new fire station on Dumfries Road and substantially complete design on a new public safety building on Grant Avenue. We will also complete the

acquisition of the Annaburg Manor property which will add additional open space to the City's park system, and we will finish a major update to the City's Comprehensive Plan. There are a lot of great things happening in Manassas and we will continue to stay busy implementing City Council's priorities.

Finally, a big thank you to Vice Mayor Ken Elston for his service on the Manassas City Council and his many community activities. Ken and his family are moving to North Carolina as he begins a new position with High Point University, and he has resigned his seat on City Council effective July 31. I've appreciated working with him as a Council Member and Vice Mayor during my time in Manassas and we wish him and his family well as they begin an exciting new chapter.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and enjoyable summer. Additional information for the items listed above and all other City services can be found on the City's website www.manassascity.org.

**Please trim
your branches!**

**Let's make
Manassas a safe
place to walk!
Make sure your
tree or bush
branches don't
overhang the
sidewalk in front
of your home.**



A Message from Your Police Department

The Manassas City Police Department is hosting the 7th annual National Night Out on Aug. 6, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at the Manassas Museum. National Night Out is a nation-wide effort to bring the community and law enforcement together to take a stand against crime.

Join the MCPD and the City on Aug. 6 to send a message that Manassas residents will continue to take pride in their community and work with law enforcement to discourage crime in their neighborhoods.

This year's event is free and open to the public. MCPD'S National Night Out is a fun, family-friendly event where residents can meet local police officers and experience and interact with law enforcement. The event will also feature food, vendors, a K9 demonstration, a moon bounce and fun for the whole family.

Manassas City Police Department

National Night Out

August 6, 2019

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Manassas Museum
9101 Prince William St.

FREE Admission
Police Demos, Kids Activities, Food, and Vendors



Notes about Recycling & Refuse

What is Bulk Waste?

Mattresses, sofas, shelves and exercise equipment, the things that don't fit in the trash container, is what we call "bulk waste." But why can't you just set it all out with the trash on trash day? While everything seems the same at first glance, several factors need to be taken into consideration when scheduling collection of bulk waste including size, weight and type of material that needs disposal.

The first thing to take into consideration is that all trash trucks have a standard width and height off the ground. Items placed in the truck need to fit into the "hopper" so they can be compacted. All items must be light enough to lift approximately four feet straight up to make it over the lip of the truck and into the hopper.

- All standard furniture including sofas, dressers, etc. are collected as standard bulk waste and usually go into the trash truck for disposal at the landfill.
- The City is charged \$35 for every single mattress that is collected for

disposal. Note that many retailers offer a mattress collection service.

- Refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers and humidifiers all contain Freon, which is a household hazardous waste. These items are collected with a separate truck and sent to another location for recycling.
- All types of electronic waste present a challenge for recyclers, but televisions and monitors are particularly difficult to deal with. Older models contain a cathode ray tube (CRT), which is the large triangular glass contraption that makes up the bulk of the monitor. The glass in a CRT can contain up to 8 pounds of lead, layers of other dangerous heavy metals. Safe collection and disposal are required by law.
- Certain outdoor items made of metal like standard grills are light and small enough to fit into the hopper and can be easily compacted. Heavier metal items like cast iron stoves, swing sets, basketball hoops, awnings and flag poles that cannot be lifted four feet up to make it over

the lip of the truck and cannot be compacted or taken to the landfill by our contractor.

- Items with hazardous residue including paint, weed killer, propane and gasoline can be dangerous to collect at curbside. Once the item is deposited on the trash truck the heat and pressure of compacting can cause an explosion
- Large quantities of construction debris including decking, tiles, lumber, insulation, shingles and wood panels are not collectable at curbside.

Residents can schedule collection of up to 3 items of bulk waste every week, but it must be scheduled. Call (703) 257-8252 to schedule a bulk waste collection at least 24-hours before collection day. Scheduling ensures that what is set out can be collected by the City and that bulk waste is collected quickly – keeping our streets clean and safe. For more information visit: www.manassascity.org/trash.

The City of Manassas Happenings

Find these events and more at www.visitmanassas.org. Here's what's happening in the City of Manassas:

Through September 15 - New exhibit at the Manassas Museum - **Expanding Boundaries: Celebrating Traditions, Shaping the Future**

Now - Fall - **Saturday Farmer's Market** runs through the fall at the VRE parking lot across from Baldwin Elementary/Intermediate

Now - September - **Liberia House Tours** the 4th Saturday of the month - manassasechoes.com for tickets

Through October - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - **Museum at the Market** hands-on activities for the whole family.

Through November - First Saturday of the month - **Downtown Walking Tours** by the Manassas Museum



July 4, 3 - 10 p.m. - **Celebrate America** in style in Historic Downtown Manassas

July 5, 6-9 p.m. - **First Friday - Crossword Puzzle Experience** - with over 30 businesses participating and a professional puzzle master who created the puzzle

July 6, 6:30 p.m. - **Summer Sounds Concert** with **Linwood Taylor** at the Harris Pavilion

July 9, 7 p.m. - **Acoustic Tuesday** at the Harris Pavilion with **Scott Kurt**

July 10, 3 p.m. - **Stories of Preservation and Progress** at the Manassas Museum

July 10 - Aug. 31 - New Exhibit **Resilience and Rebirth** by Martin Cervantez at the Center for the Arts

July 13, 8 a.m. - noon - **Household Hazardous Waste & eWaste Drop Off** at the Manassas Transfer Station

July 13, 8 p.m. - Saturday Night Adult Dance with the **Classic Spotlight Band** at the Harris Pavilion

July 16, 7 p.m. - **Acoustic Tuesday** at the Harris Pavilion with **Timmie Metz**

July 20, 6:30 p.m. - **Summer Sounds Concert** with **Shenandoah Run** at the Harris Pavilion

July 21, 3 p.m. - **Summer Sundaes Concert** & ice cream with **St. Thom Cats Swing Band** at the Harris Pavilion

July 23, 7 p.m. - **Acoustic Tuesday** at the Harris Pavilion with **Shane Gamble**

July 25 at noon - **Lunch & Learn** at CenterFuse - **George Round**

July 26, at dusk - **Movie Night** on the Manassas Museum Lawn - **How to Train your Dragon**

July 28, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk at the Manassas Museum - **Lee After Gettysburg**

July 28, 3 p.m. - **Summer Sundaes** - concert and ice cream to **Mars Rodeo** under the Harris Pavilion

July 30, 7 p.m. - **Acoustic Tuesday** at the Harris Pavilion with **Shawn Owen**

Aug. 2, 6 - 9 p.m. - First Friday - **Dog Days of Summer** - bring your pup for some First Friday fun.

Aug. 3, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. - **29th Annual Manassas African American Heritage Festival** at Metz Middle School

Aug. 3, 6:30 p.m. - **Summer Sounds Concert** with **Sol Roots** at the Harris Pavilion

Aug. 3, 8 a.m. to noon - **Household Hazardous Waste, eWaste Drop Off & Big Summer Shred** at the Manassas Transfer Station

Aug. 4, 3 p.m. - **Summer Sundaes** - concert and ice cream with the **257th Army Band** at the Harris Pavilion

Aug. 6, 6 - 8 p.m. - **National Night Out** on the lawn of the Manassas Museum - meet officers and enjoy food, vendors, K9s, a moon bounce and more

Aug. 6, 7 p.m. - **Acoustic Tuesday** at the Harris Pavilion with **Gary Smallwood**

Aug. 8, 7 p.m. - **U.S. Navy Sea Chanters** at the Harris Pavilion

Aug. 10, 12 - 5 p.m. - **Steins, Wines & Spirits Festival** on the Manassas Museum lawn

Aug. 10, 8 p.m. - Adult Dance and Concert with the **Silver Tones Swing Band**

Aug. 11, 3 p.m. - **Summer Sundaes** - concert and ice cream with the **Washington Balalaika Society Orchestra** at the Harris Pavilion

Aug. 13, 7 p.m. - **Acoustic Tuesday** at the Harris Pavilion with **Jason Teach**

Aug. 14, 3 p.m. - **Stories of Preservation and Progress** at the Manassas Museum

Aug. 17, 6:30 p.m. - **Summer Sounds Concert** with **Lil' Maceo** at the Harris Pavilion

Aug. 18, 3 p.m. - **Summer Sundaes** - concert and ice cream with the **Manassas Symphony** at the Harris Pavilion

Aug. 20, 7 p.m. - **Acoustic Tuesday** at the Harris Pavilion with **Shane Gamble**

August 25, 3 p.m. - **Summer Sundaes Concert** with the **Prince William Community Band**

Aug. 27, 7 p.m. - **Acoustic Tuesday** at the Harris Pavilion with **Sharif**

Aug. 29, 7 p.m. - **U.S. Navy Country Current** concert at the Harris Pavilion

August 30, at dusk - **Movie Night** on the Manassas Museum Lawn - **Coco**

Aug. 31, 6:30 p.m. - **Summer Sounds Concert** with **Sweet Yonder** at the Harris Pavilion

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