



The City of Manassas Connection

March 2014

Two City Fire and Rescue Personnel Named Chief Fire Officers

Two City of Manassas Fire and Rescue employees have earned the Chief Fire Officer designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). Battalion Chief Todd Lupton and Fire Marshal and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Frank Teevan were unanimously awarded this designation by the Commission on Professional Credentialing (CPC) because of their demonstrated leadership and management skills, education and requisite knowledge, skills and abilities in emergency services. Chief Fire Officers renew their credentialing every three years.

“I applaud the commitment and dedication that these men give to the community every day,” said Fire and Rescue Chief Brett Bowman. “Battalion Chief Lupton and Fire Marshal Teevan join only 952 other fire and rescue

professionals around the world with this designation, which is the highest career achievement for a Fire and Rescue member.”

CPC developed their designations using a model that looks at the “whole” officer. Achieving the designation

requires a strong educational background; diverse participation in emergency services at the local, state and national level; and demonstrated involvement in the broader community, all validated by emergency services peers.



Lupton



Teevan

Spring into March Events at the Manassas Museum

Celebrate the coming spring with some great events and exhibits at the Manassas Museum.

March 8, April 12 and May 10 - **Bicycle Tour**, 9-11 a.m.; \$5/ person

This series of bike tours will alternate between the eastern and western ends of the City and features stops at Civil War forts, cemeteries, markers, natural features and other areas of local interest.



March 17 - April 21

Reflections, a new exhibit by Osbourn High School Art Students. Free admission for Osbourn students and their families. Come see the incredible talent and creativity of City students expressed in art.

March 9 at 2 p.m.

Free Book Talk - *The Amazing Legacy of James E. Hanger*

Bob O'Connor tells the story of a soldier whose invention revolutionized medical science in this book of historical fiction.

March 23 at 2 p.m.

Free Book Talk - *Robert E. Lee in War and Peace*

Even many who don't consider themselves students of history would

recognize a photograph of Robert E. Lee, with his iconic white hair, beard, and intense stare. Author Donald Hopkins, however, is interested in the less familiar images of Lee. Many of the images in this book are being published for the first time.

Second Tuesday of the Month, 10 a.m. Bring your toddler to **Pre-K Tuesday** at the Manassas Museum. Enjoy storytelling, crafts, songs, and outdoor exploration.

The Manassas Museum is also offering Walking Tours and Architectural Tours during the spring. Find out about more fun events at www.manassasmuseum.org.

A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
William Patrick Pate

Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter in the mail, winter will be in the rearview mirror and we will be moving quickly into springtime. I am looking forward to enjoying the outside, eating at some of our fine Manassas restaurants, taking an evening stroll in one of our friendly neighborhoods and walking into one of our local retail stores. I suspect many of you are also ready for some more warmth in the air and the blossoms that remind us of a new creation and new birth.

This is also the time of year that the City staff will be working closely with the Mayor and City Council on crafting the priorities for the upcoming year and matching resources with the efforts that are necessary to provide the services and programs needed and desired by the community. This is always a difficult task - as it is when developing your own family priorities.

As a community we must continue to maintain our infrastructure and provide for the basic services that make the City of Manassas a desirable place to live and do business. Just as your family has to make sure that you are maintaining your house or car in working condition, we have to make sure that our infrastructure is in working order to provide clean water and electricity along with community amenities like parks and cultural resources that make people want to visit and live in the City. Just as you work to provide a safe living environment for your family, we need to provide a safe community through both public safety efforts and environmental services such as trash collection, storm water and sanitary sewer systems. Just as you want to provide a good economic future and quality of life for your children, we need to invest in education for our next generation of leaders and workers, along with housing and economic opportunities for all residents of our City.

City staff is committed to doing our best to provide the community with the services and programs desired by the community at a reasonable cost and always with excellent customer service. Please let us know how you think the city can work with the community to continue to make Manassas the best place for you to call home.

*Contact the City Manager at
citymanager@ci.manassas.va.us*

Volunteer!

Neighborhood Services is looking for volunteers from the community who can assist with disaster relief - non-profit agencies, individuals, and private resources. Volunteers will accept, manage and coordinate donations in the event of a community disaster.

If you are interested in being a part of our team, complete an online volunteer application at www.manassascity.org/volunteer. Remember to check the box "Neighborhood Services" on the third step of your application. Once we receive your completed application, we will be in contact with you to set up an orientation date and assign volunteer roles.

Looking for Voter Registration?

The office has moved to:

9324 West Street, Suite 204
Manassas, VA 20110

while the Old Town Hall building is being renovated. The phone number is still the same 703-257-8230, just the location is different. You can find voting information at www.manassascity.org/vote

Neighborhood Services News

The City is hiring Concessionaires, Lifeguards, Head Lifeguards, Aquatics Class Instructors for the 2014 summer season. If you would like to apply, visit www.manassascity.org/hr/jobs.

Neighborhood Services is now accepting field use applications and park reservation requests for the 2014 season. Visit www.manassascity.org/parks for more information.



Some Highlights from the Snows

February 2014 brought a lot of snow to the City of Manassas and the entire area. In just one snowfall on Feb. 13, the City had more than 14 inches covering the area.

The Manassas Regional Airport stayed open on Feb. 13, plowing and clearing constantly. The first plane to land on the plowed runways came into the airport at 12:45 p.m.

As of publication date, the City has had nine snow events this season using 1175 tons of salt, 215 tons of sand, and 3600 gallons of Ice Band Liquid to clear the streets. Public Works used 49 employees to operate 20 pieces of equipment and hired 18 more on a contractual basis.

City crews not only plow City of Manassas streets, but also plow City school parking lots. The combined total cost for all nine events totalled \$398,808. The Public Works Department has an annual budget of \$250,000 for snow events during a “normal” snow year. This has been an unusual year for snow and the City looks forward to a less snowy season in 2014/15.



Clearing the runways at the Manassas Regional Airport

Residents should note that by City ordinance, removal of snow on sidewalks by occupant must be within 12 hours after snow has ceased falling or by 5 p.m. if snowfall occurs at night.

This year, it was necessary for the City to declare a snow emergency on two different occasions. A snow emergency means that cars parked along designated snow emergency routes are subject to towing and fines. Declaring a snow emergency ensures that there is a clear

path to plow on major thoroughfares and that the City can plow more efficiently and timely. This means that residents will be able to get to work safely when the weather clears.

The City of Manassas would like to thank all of the wonderful residents who dug out their fire hydrants, shovelled their sidewalks and/or their neighbors and everyone who went out of their way to make sure elderly neighbors were taken care of during these snow events.

Docents Wanted

Do you have a few extra hours to volunteer? The Manassas Museum is looking for people to volunteer, particularly on weekends, for as little or as much time as you can commit. Docents greet visitors, give a short introduction about exhibits, answer questions about the museum and area attractions, and assist with special projects for the museum store and programs.

Shifts run from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 5 p.m. It's a great way to meet people from across the country and around the world, and to be an ambassador for the City. Training is provided.

Visit www.manassascity.org/docent to volunteer.



Manassas Women's Club (Robin Armentrout, right middle, and Dale Fisher, right) presenting a check for the Liberia Plantation restoration project to Liz Via-Gossman (left middle) and Lisa Sievel-Otten (left). To find out more about this project, or to donate, visit www.manassascity.org/helpliberia.

The City of Manassas Happenings

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

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

www.manassasmuseum.org

March 7, 5 - 9 p.m. - **First Friday** in the City of Manassas. Enjoy local bands, fine dining and great shops during March Madness.

www.visitmanassas.org

March 8, 9 - 11 a.m. - **Bicycle Tour** of historic sites by the Manassas Museum.

www.manassasmuseum.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, 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 11 at 9:45 a.m. - **Statewide Tornado Drill**

www.readyvirginia.gov

March 15 at 11 a.m. - **The Greater Manassas St. Patrick's Day Parade**

<http://stpatparade.net>

March 15 & 16 - **Leahy** - Celtic style dance

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 22 at 7:30 p.m. - Manassas Chorale **Voices United Concert**

www.HyltonCenter.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

April 3, 10, 17 & 24 at noon - **Old Town Walking Tours**

www.manassasmuseum.org

April 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Health & Fitness Expo** at Freedom Aquatics & Fitness Center

www.freedom-center.com

April 4, 8 p.m. - Moscow Festival Ballet: **Swan Lake**

www.HyltonCenter.org

April 5 at 2 p.m. - **Architectural Tour of Old Town Manassas**

www.manassasmuseum.org

April 6 at 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk with Daniel Carroll Toomey - **The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad During the Civil War**

www.manassasmuseum.org

April 8 at 10 a.m. - **Pre-K Tuesday** at the Manassas Museum

www.manassasmuseum.org

April 10 & 11 - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **Tupperware and Books Are Fun** at Novant Health Prince William Medical Center - 8700 Sudley Road, Medical Office Building 1, 4th Floor

April 12, 9 - 11 a.m. - **Bicycle Tour** of historic sites by the Manassas Museum.

www.manassasmuseum.org

April 12 & 13 - Tao: **Phoenix Rising**

www.HyltonCenter.org

April 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Free VIN Etching Event** at Parkhurst Plaza (Liberia Ave)

www.manassascity.org/police

April 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Live Green Festival: Spring Cleaning Day**

www.visitmanassas.org

April 26, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - DEA Drug Take Back Event at Novant Health Prince William Medical Center

www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback

April 27 at 2 p.m. - **Free Book Talk** with Robert Plumb - **Your Brother in Arms: Union Soldier's Odyssey**

www.manassasmuseum.org

May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at noon - **Old Town Walking Tours**

www.manassasmuseum.org

May 2, 6 - 9:30 p.m. - Spring Gallery Walk

www.visitmanassas.org

May 3, 2 p.m. - **Architectural Tour of Old Town Homes**

www.manassasmuseum.org

May 3, 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. - **Arts Alive**

www.HyltonCenter.org

May 10, 9 - 11 a.m. - **Bicycle Tour** of historic sites by the Manassas Museum.

www.manassasmuseum.org

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