



The City of Manassas Connection

September 2014

Photo ID Required for In-Person Voting

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014. Voters will now be required to present one of the following forms of photo identification when voting in-person:

- Valid Virginia Driver's License
- DMV-issued photo identification card
- Valid United States passport
- Valid employee photo identification card
- Other government-issued photo identification card
- Valid college or university Student Photo Identification card (issuer must be an institution of higher education located in Virginia)

If any voter does not have one of these forms of Photo ID, please visit the Voter Registration office to obtain a free Voter Photo ID card. This ID will be valid for voting purposes only.

Please note: with limited exceptions, Photo ID is not required for Absentee Voting by mail.

Important Election Dates to Remember:

- Sept. 19: Absentee Voting begins
- Oct. 14: Last Day to Register to Vote
- Oct. 28: Last Day to Request a mailed Absentee Ballot
- Nov. 1: Last Day to Vote Absentee In-Person
- Nov. 4: Election Day

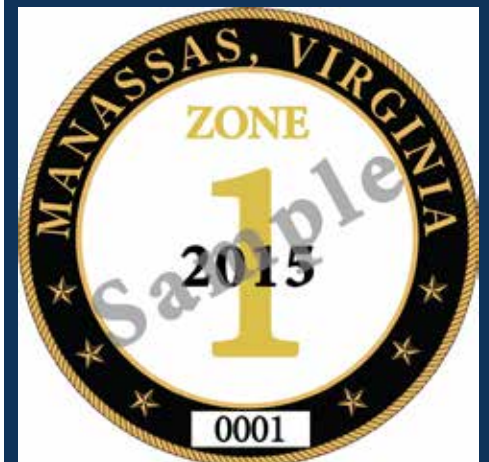
For more information, visit www.manassascity.org/vote, call the Voter Registration office at (703) 257-8230, or visit the Voter Registration office at 9025 Center Street.



Parking Decal Changes

Georgetown South parking decals will have a new look this year and become Zone 1 parking. Until Dec. 31, 2014, the 2015 parking decal will be sold for \$3. On Jan. 1, 2015, the decal cost will be \$10 in accordance with the City parking district policy.

For more information or to read the policy on parking districts, visit www.manassascity.org/parking.



There's a New Way to Pay Utilities - Online

Did you know that you can now pay your utility bill online? The City of Manassas Utilities Department has online bill pay where customers can now receive, view and pay utility bills online. It's simple and saves you time and money. Visit our site at -

www.manassascity.org/paymybill and click on the utility bill link. Set up your account and you are ready!

The process is easy, safe and secure. Online billing saves you a stamp and time. If you pay with an echeck, there's no charge. You can also avoid any late payments by enrolling in the auto pay feature.

Pay online today by either visiting www.manassascity.org/paymybill or by calling 844-278-9120. If you have a QR code reader on your cell phone, use the code below to sign up today. For more information visit www.manassascity.org/utilities or call 703-257-8245.



A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
William Patrick Pate

The fall just may be my favorite time of the year. The days start to get a little cooler. Harvests are coming in and everyone is celebrating with festivals and fairs. Football teams are preparing for a new season and everyone is undefeated. Oysters are coming back into season (as we only ate raw or lightly steamed oysters in months with an "r"). Spots, blues, drum and other coastal fish started to run. Growing up near the coast of North Carolina meant my father was going to take us fishing without the bother of the summer crowd. I even enjoyed going

back to school and the excitement of getting back together with friends and the opportunity to explore new subjects. This September the City of Manassas is going to take the opportunity to learn by launching a community-wide research and economic development marketing initiative. This will involve extensive research of residents and consumers; determining perceptions of visitors, residents, business owners and other stakeholders; and a review of our competition. This effort is aimed to discover, define and design the area's competitive differentiator to help us understand what makes us stand out in the marketplace and ultimately to help us attract more residents, businesses and visitors to the City.

I have already learned that Manassas is the home of outstanding festivals and events. I hope you were able to enjoy the Civil War Weekend in August and the many other events that took place in Historic Downtown Manassas this summer. Even if you took vacation and missed some events, make sure that you are keeping up with the events that are

occurring this fall - like the Manassas Fall Jubilee on October 4th and a wide variety of weekend festivals and evening events. I really believe there is something for everyone.

This is a good time to also remember that school is starting so we may need to be patient with the buses and young folks that are walking to and from school. It is also important for all of us to be supportive of our schools by volunteering in the schools, helping a teacher make the classroom experience a little better, attending school events or just being supportive of the students that will be the future of our community.

Also be on the lookout for some new school construction. Thanks to our elected officials (City and School Board) the planning and financing work is progressing on schedule to start construction of a new Baldwin Elementary/Intermediate School in early 2015.

So I hope you will support your favorite football team, our local festivals, and the young people that will be our future. Enjoy the start of the fall season.

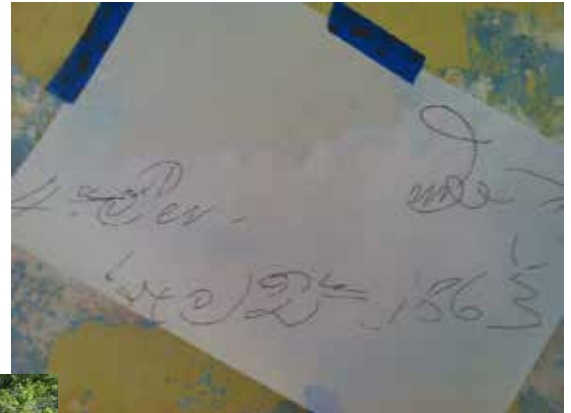
Writing on the Wall

Have you seen the writing on the wall at Liberia Plantation? As part of the restoration process, wallpaper and paint have been meticulously stripped from the walls of the house. As the dust settled from taking these layers off, Civil War graffiti was discovered in an upstairs bedroom.

Over the years this upstairs room had seen some water damage due to a leaky roof. This actually helped with uncovering the graffiti dating back to 1863. In August, the graffiti at Liberia

Plantation caught the attention of an NBC reporter and he interviewed staff about the restoration efforts taking place there.

For more information about Liberia Plantation or the restoration efforts, visit www.manassasmuseum.org.



Get Social!

Visit the City at www.manassascity.org.

 www.facebook.com/cityofmanassas

 www.twitter.com/cityofmanassas

 www.flickr.com/photos/cityofmanassas

Put your own photos up at
[www.flickr.com/groups/
mycityofmanassas](http://www.flickr.com/groups/mycityofmanassas).

To contact the City of Manassas Connection newsletter, email pprince@ci.manassas.va.us.

Fire Prevention Week - Oct. 5-11

Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11, 2014. The City of Manassas Fire & Rescue Department would like you to help out by testing your smoke alarms every month and by changing your batteries every six months.

Did you know that in 2011, U.S. fire departments responded to more than 370,000 home structure fires? These fires caused 13,910 civilian injuries, 2,520 civilian deaths, and \$6.9 billion in direct damages.

On average, seven people died in U.S. home fires per day from 2007 to 2011. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, followed by heating equipment. Smoking is also a leading cause of civilian home fires.

Help your local fire department keep you safe by taking steps to prevent fires before they start. Here are some easy ideas to keep you fire safe:

- Have a smoke detector placed outside each sleeping area
- Designate two escape routes out of each bedroom and practice using them
- Let children know that it is never good to play with matches or lit candles

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Save Lives**

Test Yours Every Month!

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- Keep home heating devices away from flammable materials
- Never smoke in bed. Smoke outside if possible.

Thank you for working every day to keep you, your family and your home fire safe!

New Sidewalks in the City

If you have driven down Sudley Road or Godwin Drive lately, you may have noticed new sidewalks along the roads. This is in an effort to provide safe travel for pedestrians in the City of Manassas. 2,131 feet of sidewalk have been added to these streets. As funds become available, the Public Works Department will add sidewalks to more streets around the City of Manassas. Take a walk while the weather is nice and check out the new sidewalks.



Trash Carts Rolling Right Along

Following a successful pilot study, approval of the new Public Works budget on May 12, 2014, and approval of the new Solid Waste Code on May 19, 2014, over 9,000 trash carts stamped with serial numbers for tracking were rolled out to residents in the City of Manassas. The City has received positive feedback from residents who have already seen a reduction in the number of plastic trash bags curbside on collection day. New trash carts and stronger enforcement of the new Solid Waste Code are helping our City become cleaner and greener. For more information, visit www.manassascity.or/trash or call the trash line at 703-257-8252.

Free Household Hazardous Waste and eWaste Disposal Days

The City of Manassas is offering a free drop off service to residents for household hazardous waste and electronic waste. The Manassas Transfer Station, located at 8305 Quarry Road, will be open from 8 a.m. – noon on Sept. 6, Oct. 4 and Dec. 6. For more information visit www.manassascity.or/trash or call the trash line on 703-257-8252.



The City of Manassas Happenings

Here's what's happening in the City of Manassas during September and October.

Through October, on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Museum at the Farmer's Market**

www.manassasmuseum.org

Historic Manassas Walking Tours, noon on Thursdays in September and October; included with museum admission - Enjoy a narrated tour of Historic Downtown's historic sites.

www.manassasmuseum.org

Sept. 5, 5 - 9 p.m. - **First Friday** in Historic Downtown Manassas - Enjoy fun, food and great music!

www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 6 at 2 p.m. - **Architectural Tour** hosted by the Manassas Museum

www.manassasmuseum.org

Sept. 6, 8 a.m. - noon - **Household Hazardous Waste and eWaste** - 8305 Quarry Road

www.manassascity.org/trash

Sept. 6, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Refuse To Be A Victim**® free public seminar

www.manassascity.org/rtbav

Sept. 7, noon - 4 p.m. - **Dogapalooza** Animal Shelter Fundraiser - 703-257-8009

Sept. 9, 10 a.m. - **Pre-K Tuesday for ages 3-5**

www.manassasmuseum.org

Sept. 13, 9 a.m. - **Color Vibe 5K Race** at Osbourn High School - sign up now at

www.thecolorvibe.com

Sept. 13, 9 a.m. - **Bicycle Tour** of the City

www.manassasmuseum.org

Sept. 13, 10 a.m. - noon - **Manassas City Police Bike Rodeo** at the Museum

www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **Free VIN Etching** at Manassas Mall

Sept. 13, 12 - 6 p.m. - **Bands, Brews & BBQ** in Historic Downtown Manassas

www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 13, 7 - 11 p.m. - **CASA Evening Under the Stars**

www.harris pavilion.com

Sept. 19 - **Absentee Voting** begins

www.manassascity.org/vote

Sept. 19, 5 - 10 p.m. - **Greek Taverna Night**

www.harris pavilion.com

Sept. 20, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. - **Tastes of Greece and the East** at the Harris Pavilion

www.harris pavilion.com

Sept. 21, 12 - 5 p.m. - **13th Annual Manassas Latino Festival**

www.harris pavilion.com

Sept. 26 - 27 - Experience History as the B-17 flies into Manassas Regional Airport.

B17.org/Manassas

Sept. 27, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Annual Chili Cookoff & Kids Fest** at the Harris Pavilion

www.harris pavilion.com

Sept. 27 all day - **Smithsonian Museum Day Live** - visit <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/tickets/> for free admission tickets to the Manassas Museum

Sept. 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **DEA National Drug Take Back** event at Novant Prince William Medical Center

Sept. 28 at 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **A History Lover's Guide to Washington, D.C.** with author Alison Fortier

www.manassasmuseum.org

Sept. 28 at noon - **Out of the Darkness Walk**

www.harris pavilion.com

Oct. 3, 5 - 9 p.m. - **First Friday** in Historic Downtown Manassas - Enjoy fun, food and great music.

www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 4, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - **32nd Annual Fall Jubilee** - More than 100 crafters and community booths, live music and entertainment, wine tastings in our very own Wine Garden (located on the Manassas Museum lawn), farmer's market, children's rides and activities and a pumpkin patch

www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 4, 8 a.m. - noon - **Household Hazardous Waste and eWaste** - 8305 Quarry Road

www.manassascity.org/trash

Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk - **Fort Harrison and the Battle of Chaffin's Farm; To Surprise and Capture Richmond** with Author Douglas Crenshaw

www.manassasmuseum.org

Oct. 6 - **Personal Property Taxes Due**

www.manassascity.org/taxes

Oct. 11, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **Public Works & Utilities Open House** - Fun, food and learning

www.manassascity.org/utilities

Oct. 11, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Manassas Reads** - Enjoy a good book at the free book give away, bring your kids to hear stories, listen to some great music and enjoy the day!

www.harris pavilion.com

Oct. 11 at 9 a.m. - **Bicycle Tour** of the City

www.manassasmuseum.org

Oct. 11, 6:30 - 11:30 p.m. - **Freedom Museum Hangar Dance**

www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 14, 10 a.m. - **Pre-K Tuesday for ages 3-5**

www.manassasmuseum.org

Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. - **Manassas Cemetery Tour** - Hear stories of Civil War soldiers and prominent citizens buried in the historic cemetery

www.manassasmuseum.org

Oct. 18 at 9 a.m. - **Walk to End Alzheimer's**

www.visitmanassas.org

Oct. 24 - New Exhibit at the Manassas Museum Opens - **What's Under Your Feet?** View archaeological finds from local historic sites. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

www.manassasmuseum.org

Oct. 25, 6 - 8 p.m. - **Spirits of Manassas** - Hear surprising and frightening stories while strolling through the streets of Old Town.

www.manassasmuseum.org

Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - **Haunted Happenings** in Historic Downtown Manassas - Grab the family and the dog and join in a wickedly good time.

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