The City of Manassas Connection

The City of Manassas - World Record Holder!

It’s official! The City of Manassas has been designated the World Record Holder from Guinness World Records for the largest game of Red Light/Green Light. On May 4, 2013 the City of Manassas Neighborhood Services attempted the world record for this game during the Big Day of Serving 2013. 775 people were recorded as participating in the world record. On July 16 Guinness sent official word that the City of Manassas holds the title for the largest game of Red Light/Green Light and is “Officially Amazing.”

The City wants to thank all of our many wonderful volunteers and participants, the Boys & Girls Club, and the officials, Dan Heldman and Enica Russell who made this record possible.

Summer Camp in the City

In July, the City government and Manassas City Public Schools worked together to provide summer career camps for rising Osbourn High School freshmen. A Fire & Rescue Camp, Police Camp and Culinary Camp were held in the City.

At Police Camp, Manassas City Police gave teens the opportunity to operate a radar device, participate in mock traffic stops, and even take a ride around the track at the Police Academy. They also saw a K9 exercise and motorcycle demo. Camp participants were rewarded with a tactical airsoft game on their final day.

At Fire & Rescue Camp, teens learned what it takes to be a firefighter by donning the uniform in under 50 seconds, communicating on the radio, riding in a fire truck properly, and using the fire hose to put out fires (pointing the hose at cones in the parking lot). They also learned CPR, basic first aid and other EMS related information. Fox 5’s Holly Morris broadcast live from Fire & Rescue Camp on July 15 with Chief Brett Bowman, Master Tech. Kevin Shafer, Lt. David Halman, and Mike Dufrene from Manassas City Public Schools.

The Old Towne Sports Pub presented Culinary Arts Camp for Osbourn teens. Camp participants learned all aspects of restaurant management, from server to manager. At the end of the camp students served their families a gourmet lunch.

This was the first year for these camps and both the students and those running the camps are richer for the experience. Hats off to both the students and the counselors!

To view more photos of these summer camps, visit www.flickr.com/photos/cityofmanassas.
A Message from the City Manager

The City of Manassas has so many great partnerships to be proud of and appreciate. This month I am especially proud of the partnership between City staff and School staff and the staff at the Old Towne Sports Pub. They put a tremendous effort into summer career camps for our teens.

This was the first year for these camps and they were hugely successful. Some of the letters from the teens who participated are true testaments to the effect an adult can have on a student’s life. One teen wrote, “I love this camp. The way the instructors teach us new things and the way they support and help us is unbelievable.” The adults hosting the camps have touched the lives of these teens.

Fire & Rescue Camp was a two-week course and Police Camp and Culinary Arts Camp were both two one-week sessions. All three were well attended and well received. Both the teens and the counselors seemed to benefit from the experience.

The summer career camp program exposes teens to a multitude of career opportunities and opens their eyes to the possibilities that await them. By hosting these summer camps the community is letting our students know that we care and are invested in their future.

I would like to thank all involved in the summer camp program - City staff, School staff and the Old Towne Sports Pub. Thank you for giving back to your community.

A Guide to Yard Waste in the City

Below are some helpful guidelines for disposing of yard waste in the City of Manassas:

- Use a trash can or biodegradable paper bags (not plastic bags) for grass, leaves, small plant and tree clippings.
- Don’t combine trash and yard waste.
- The City’s Recycle Cart is not an option for yard waste. Grass gets too heavy to lift and may break the cart.
- Tie and bundle branches to be no longer than 4 feet and to weigh no more than 50 lbs in a bundle. Tie securely using garden twine.
- American Disposal does not accept the following items: mulch, dirt, rock, shrubs, trees, tree stumps, sod and plastic bags within the paper biodegradable bag.

Recycle Container Moved

The City has moved the recycling dumpster for cardboard located at the back of the Old Post Office at Church Street to the parking lot across from the Old Journal Messenger Building near Quarry Street. Please only drop off cardboard at the dumpster’s new location.

Don’t Miss Civil War Weekend Aug. 23-25

On the weekend of Aug. 23-25, the City will host the Manassas Civil War Weekend. Step back in time with Civil War reenactors, living history, lectures by renowned Civil War historians like Dr. James Robertson, tours of the City’s historic sites, a parade through Old Town, live music, activities for children and so much more. Don’t miss a minute of it. For more information, visit www.manassascivilwar.org.
Mauiva Lands at Manassas Regional Airport

On Tuesday, July 16, Mauiva AirCruise landed at Manassas Regional Airport on their inaugural flight into the area. Mauiva is bringing international visitors to the City of Manassas on their journey around the East Coast. Mauiva selected Manassas Regional Airport as a regular stopping point for the airport’s personal attention to patrons; for the inviting terminal building; for the 6,200 foot runway which gives aircraft a longer area for takeoff and touchdown; for the proximity of the airport to tourist attractions; and because of the de-icing equipment available to airport clients. Manassas Regional Airport is the busiest General Aviation airport in the Commonwealth with more than 400 based aircraft. It has an annual Economic Impact to the community of $235 million.

“This new venture at the Airport is a great step in Economic Development for the City of Manassas,” said Mayor Harry J. Parrish II. “We welcome the AirCruise to the Manassas Regional Airport and look forward to a lasting relationship with Mauiva and its subsidiary, Charter Air Transport.”

Mauiva, which will be working with APP Jet Center located at the Manassas Regional Airport, is the innovator of a concept called the AirCruise that allows guests to experience regions of the United States in a week’s time. Through the use of private planes for transportation from destination to destination, passengers experience a hassle-free vacation. In addition to the private flights, Mauiva AirCruise offers clients all-inclusive pricing. This includes stays at some of the area’s well-known hotels, attractions and sightseeing during the trip, most meals, private transportation, luggage service, and all gratuities. Mauiva AirCruise was most recently recognized as being in the top 10 percent of companies worldwide with favorable reviews by TripAdvisor guests. Visit www.MauivaAirCruise.com for more information.

In addition to the AirCruise, Charter Air Transport, a subsidiary of Mauiva, provides private and corporate charters, casino trips, university sports teams, and air transportation. Charter Air Transport has become one of the largest private charter companies in the United States. Visit www.CharterAirTransport.com for more information.

100 Years of Utilities Makes City Customers Winners!

The City of Manassas Department of Public Works and Utilities is gearing up for their grand 100-year anniversary celebration on Sat., Oct. 12 with a special 100-day countdown. The City is saluting customers with 100 variations of month-long giveaways. A random set of Manassas utility customers could receive flashlights, water bottles, hats, coffee mugs or beach totes in July, August and September, while a few, fortunate customers will win grand-prize giveaways in October, leading up to the Oct. 12 celebration. Prizes include restaurant gift cards from Carmellos, City Square Café and Monza, valued at $50 each; and one 17-inch freshwater pearl necklace and 7-inch bracelet with sterling silver clasps from Ashby Jewelers.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for the 100-Year Anniversary Celebration. The event is free and you won’t want to miss the fun, food and ice cream!
Manassas Happenings

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

New - Tuesday evening Farmer's Market now open from 4 to 7 p.m. at the corner of Prince William and Main Streets.
www.visitmanassas.org

Now thru Sept. 1 - Morning Historic Old Town Walking Tours (11 a.m.) Afternoon Historic Site Tours (1 p.m.) - included in the price of admission to the museum.
www.manassasmuseum.org

August - Visit the Harris Pavilion for great summer events, including Take-Out Tuesdays, evening concerts at the Harris Pavilion, Wednesday Lunch Concerts at the Harris Pavilion, Friday Night Family Movies and Sunday afternoon Ice Cream Socials.
www.harrispavilion.com

Now thru Aug. 31 - Strong Men, Strong Women - Free exhibit in City Hall lobby featuring Jennie Dean
www.manassasmuseum.org

Aug. 3, 6:30 - 8 p.m. - Andrew McKnight & Beyond Borders - beyond Appalachian, beyond blues & beyond folk presented by the Center for the Arts' SummerSounds Concert Series at the Harris Pavilion
www.harrispavilion.com

Aug. 6 - National Night Out (NNO) - Step outside the evening of Aug. 6 and say NO to crime in your neighborhood. If your neighborhood is not holding a NNO event or after it is over, drop by the Harris Pavilion, the Museum Lawn or Battle Street for the City's NNO event. For more information about a celebration happening in or near your neighborhood, visit www.manassascity.org/police.

Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. - Manassas Towne Ball on the Museum Lawn - an evening of music, food and fun as local youth demonstrate the 1800s game of townie ball.
www.manassasmuseum.org

Aug. 7 - Sept. 19 - REemerging Technologies Exhibit featuring Don Hurlbert, GC Schow & Kathy Strauss at the Center for the Arts.
www.center-for-the-arts.org

Aug. 17, 6:30 - 8 p.m. - Dixie Power Trio, East Coast's premiere “Louisiana variety band” presented by the Center for the Arts’ SummerSounds Concert Series at the Harris Pavilion.
www.harrispavilion.com

Aug. 18, 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk - Matthew Brady, Portraits of a Nation by Robert Wilson
www.manassasmuseum.org

Aug. 22, 7 p.m. - U.S. Navy Sea Chanters
www.harrispavilion.com

Aug. 23 - 25, Manassas Civil War Weekend. The weekend features living history events, world renowned speakers, historic site tours, music, activities for children and so much more. A parade of reenactors will travel through Old Town on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. and there will be a commemoration of Jackson’s Raid at 5:30 at the Museum with Dr. James Robertson, renowned Civil War historian, as the keynote. For a full list of events, visit www.manassascivilwar.org

Aug. 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Annual Chess Tournament at the Harris Pavilion.
Register at www.harrispavilion.com

Aug. 29, 7 p.m. - U.S. Navy Commodores
www.harrispavilion.com

Aug. 31, 6:30 - 8 p.m. - Prince William Community Band performs patriotic American Music, presented by the Center for the Arts’ SummerSounds Concert Series at the Harris Pavilion
www.harrispavilion.com

Sept. 7, 8 a.m. to noon - Household Hazardous Waste and eWaste drop off at the Manassas Transfer Station, 8305 Quarry Road
www.manassascity.org

Sept. 8, 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk at the Manassas Museum - Junius and Albert’s Adventures in the Confederacy by Peter Carlson.
www.manassasmuseum.org

Sept. 15, 2 - 6 p.m. - Community Band Festival at the Harris Pavilion
www.harrispavilion.com

Sept. 21, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - 38th Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet at the Manassas Museum
www.manassasmuseum.org

Sept. 26, 6 - 9 p.m. - Haute Cuisine at the Hylton – A Fall for the Book Event featuring cookbook authors and food writers
www.fallforthebook.org

Sept. 28, 12 - 7 p.m. - 3rd Annual Bands, Brews, and Barbecue Festival
www.visitmanassas.org

Sept. 28, 2 p.m. - Free Book Talk at the Manassas Museum - Here is Where by Andrew Carroll
www.manassasmuseum.org

Save the Date - Nov. 16 for the 7th Annual Neighborhood Conference at Northern Virginia Community College-Manassas Campus.

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Show us Your Produce
It pays to shop at the Thursday Farmer's Market!
Present your produce at the shops in Old Town for a discount or gift with purchase. Look for the carrot in the show window to indicate a participating store.
www.visitmanassas.org