



The City of Manassas Connection

August 2014



Career Camps - Fun with a Purpose

This summer, the City of Manassas Fire & Rescue and Police Departments and the Old Towne Sports Pub held camps for rising Freshmen at Osbourn High School. This is the second summer that City of Manassas Departments and Manassas City Public Schools have worked together on this endeavor.

The Manassas City Police Camp was two one-week camps held at the Manassas City Police Department. During Police Camp, teens learned how to conduct a traffic stop; saw demonstrations from the K-9 Unit, Bike Team and Motor Unit; learned about evidence collection; took a tour of the animal shelter; visited with the Manassas City SWAT Team; and learned about physical defense tactics. The week culminated with a laser tag exercise and pizza party.

The Manassas City Police Charitable Foundation, run by the Manassas City Police Association, made a monetary



donation to the camps to help with expenses in an effort to provide outreach to youth in our community. The association is run with funds donated by the community, and they feel this is a great way to give back to that community.

The City of Manassas Fire & Rescue Department held one two-week freshman camp and one one-week rising sophomore camp. The freshman camp offered hands-on experience learning what it takes to be a firefighter. Campers suited up in fire gear in under a minute, communicated on the radio, rode in a fire truck, used fire hoses to put out mock fires, and other basic firefighting skills. On the emergency services side, students learned CPR and basic first aid, and explored a medevac helicopter.

The Freshman Fire & Rescue camp was featured on Fox 5's morning show with Annie Yu doing live coverage and working with the teens one morning.

During the Fire & Rescue sophomore

camp, students took their skills to the next level, carrying hoses through a burn house, experiencing an airplane crash simulation and using firefighting tools to take apart a car, as firefighters do to extricate victims of car accidents.



These camps were an opportunity for high school students to explore possible career choices as they begin their high school journey. At Osbourn High School, if a student attends both the freshman and sophomore Fire & Rescue camps, they then become eligible for the new EMS/Firefighting courses being offered in their junior and senior years.



Fire & Rescue photos provided courtesy of Jhenny Michalek, owner of Simply Creative



A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
William Patrick Pate

Being ready for an emergency is an important matter. Hurricanes, tornados, floods, and other natural and man-made disasters happen. The City of Manassas wants to be prepared to contact you should the unforeseen happen.

In August, the City of Manassas, along with the entire National Capital Region (NCR) contracted with a new company to have this ability. We can now contact every residence in the City that

has a landline. However, if you would like to be contacted on a cellphone by text or by voicemail, by email or on another device, you now have that option.

This new alert system is called *ALERT City of Manassas*. It's easy to register your devices. Visit www.manassascity.org/alert and register to receive important emergency messages from the City of Manassas.

ALERT City of Manassas will only be used when there is an imminent threat to life, health, safety, or property. However, you can register to receive weather notifications from Smart Weather. Want to know if a thunderstorm or snow is headed your way? Sign up to be notified.

This new state-of-the-art system is provided by Everbridge and is being used by the National Capital Region through a grant at no cost to the City of Manassas. I hope you will join me in signing up your preferred devices so that you, too, will be alerted in case of an emergency.

Recognizing Leadership



This summer three Master Technicians from the City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department graduated from fire officer

academies in Virginia. Master Technicians Kevin Shafer and Steve Schmid graduated from the Virginia Fire Officers Academy (VFOA), sponsored by the Virginia Fire Chiefs Association, at the University of Richmond. Master Tech. Matthew Fox graduated from the Northern Virginia Fire &



Rescue Leadership Development Institute held at George Mason University.

Both programs aim to develop leadership skills for future officers in fire service. The VFOA program received more than 140 applications and only 80 students were selected, including our two from Manassas. In addition to teaching leadership skills, both programs offered a rigorous physical workout segment to each day's activities.

Several members of the City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department have previously graduated from these programs.



Sign up for *ALERT City of Manassas* today! Don't wait for the emergency to happen. Get signed up so the City can notify you!

Register all your devices at
www.manassascity.org/alert
Today!

You can register to be notified by:

- text
- email
- cell phone
- home phone
- or all of the above

www.manassascity.org/alert

Mark Your Calendar!

Do you have old televisions, computers or other electronics? Don't know where to drop off that extra paint or those chemicals? The City of Manassas has free drop off dates for your Household Hazardous and eWaste at the Manassas Transfer Station, 8305 Quarry Road from 8 a.m. to noon on the following days:

Sept. 6, 2014

Oct. 4, 2014

Dec. 6, 2014

For more information visit
www.manassascity.org/trash

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Put your own photos up at
www.flickr.com/groups/mycityofmanassas.

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

Liberia's Master Plan Wins Prestigious Award

A Master Plan for the restoration of Liberia Plantation was named the Outstanding Preservation Plan during the American Planning Association Virginia Chapter Annual Awards held in July. Liberia, built in 1825, was occupied by both Confederate and Union forces. The plantation was visited by President Lincoln during the Civil War, and was a successful dairy farm and family home.

The Master Plan was produced by the planning firm of Rhodeside & Harwell with significant input from staff and a

Citizens Advisory Committee. The plan will help the site meet its potential as an attraction, a park amenity, and source of revenue for the residents of the City of Manassas, while still respecting its historic value.

The plan includes detailed design and management guidelines for phasing improvements incrementally over time so that citizens and visitors can enjoy the beautiful 18-acre site for events, walks, historic interpretation, and private

rentals.

The plan provides for parking, gardens, and event space, and includes a blueprint for restrooms and office space. Liberia house restoration efforts have revealed significant Civil War graffiti throughout the house that was left by occupying soldiers. Fundraising efforts are underway to complete Liberia's restoration.

Visit www.manassasmuseum.org to find out more.



Community Partners

The City of Manassas Department of Family Services works with great community partners that help those in need in the City. Below is a list of some of the resources that are available to the community:

Evergreen Community Health Center
9705 Liberia Ave., Manassas
703-680-7950

Evergreen is a part of the Greater Prince William Health Center and provides the following services:

- General Medical Care
- Prenatal Care
- Dental Care
- Behavioral Health Care

These services are for insured and uninsured patients. They accept both Medicaid and Medicare patients and use a sliding scale for uninsured patients.

SERVE
571-748-2600

SERVE helps those in Manassas City, Manassas Park & the west end of Prince William County with the following:

- Shelter: 571-748-2698
- Financial help: 571-748-2611
- Emergency Services: 571-748-2624
- Health Access: 571-748-2622
- Food Distribution: 571-748-2622
- Housing Locator: 571-748-2627

Catholic Charities
703-549-1390

Serves all of Northern VA with the following:

- Rent, subsidized housing for rent, prescriptions, utilities, clothing and food.
- Free counseling for birth mothers, adoptions, post adoptions, family

- counseling, pregnancy, etc.
- Spanish-speaking assistance

ACTS

ACTS serves eastern Prince William County with the following:

- Crisis Line: 703-221-4951
- Domestic Violence Shelters: 703-367-0476
- Court Advocacy Office: 703-792-4782
- Adult Advocacy Program: 703-221-4460 ext. 220 & 223
- Children's Programs: 703-221-4460 ext. 224
- Hispanic Services: 703-221-4460 ext. 226
- Cut off assistance: 703-221-3186

The City of Manassas Happenings

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

Find out more about **Summer Walking Tours** hosted by the Manassas Museum at www.manassasmuseum.org

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

Through Aug. 31 - **Civil War Journey: The Maps and Sketches of Private Robert Sneden** a new exhibit at the Manassas Museum on loan from the Virginia Historical Society www.manassasmuseum.org

August - Check out the Harris Pavilion's **Take Out Tuesday** Concerts from 6-8 p.m. and Wednesday **Lunch Concert** series, 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. On Sundays, take in a **Concert and Ice Cream Social** all at the Harris Pavilion. www.harris pavilion.com

Sundays in August - Enjoy a **tour of Liberia Plantation** with the cost of admission to the Manassas Museum www.manassasmuseum.org

Aug. 8, 8:30-10 p.m. - Family Movie Night - **Escape from Planet Earth** www.harris pavilion.com

Aug. 9, 8 p.m. - Saturday night adult dance featuring **The Fabulous Bel Airs** www.harris pavilion.com

Aug. 9, 9 a.m. - **Bicycle Tour** with the Manassas Museum. www.manassasmuseum.org

Aug. 12, 10 a.m. **Pre-K Tuesday** at the Manassas Museum. www.manassasmuseum.org

Aug. 16, 6:30 p.m. - **Dixie Power Trio** www.harris pavilion.com

Aug. 18, 12 p.m. - **15th Annual O.H.S. Scholarship Golf Tournament** to be held at the Piedmont club. CPatullo57@gmail.com

Aug. 21, 7 p.m. - **U.S. Navy Sea Chanters** www.harris pavilion.com

Aug. 22-24 - **Civil War Weekend** - a weekend of FREE Civil War festivities in the City of Manassas. www.manassasmuseum.org

Aug. 22, 8 p.m. - Friday night adult dance featuring **Southern Persuasion** www.harris pavilion.com

Aug. 24, 3-4:30 p.m. - **Manassas Symphony Orchestra & Ice Cream Social** www.harris pavilion.com

Aug. 28, 7 p.m. - **U.S. Army Blues Band** www.harris pavilion.com

Aug. 29, 8:30-10 p.m. - Family Movie Night - **Zookeeper** www.harris pavilion.com

Aug. 30, 6:30 p.m. - **Prince William Community Band** www.harris pavilion.com

Aug. 31, 3 - 4:30 p.m. - **Night Hawks Swing Band and Ice Cream Social** www.harris pavilion.com

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. 9, 10 a.m. - **Pre-K Tuesday** 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. to noon - **Manassas City Police Bike Rodeo** at the Museum www.visitmanassas.org

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. to 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. 27, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Annual Chili Cookoff & Kids Fest** at the Harris Pavilion www.harris pavilion.com

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

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Manassas Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is now accepting applications for the Fall training session. Learn what it takes to be a CERT member!
www.manassascert.org

