The season is about to begin for Harris Pavilion events. The City will kick off the season with the One Love Manassas Celebration of Life with the Arts. This weekend-long event, April 26-28, includes music, dancing, a juried art competition, Manassas Reads, workshops and Chasing Light - the 3D art and music event happening on the Manassas Museum Lawn.

Summer Sundaes afternoon concerts are sure to be a family favorite. Beginning in May, hear jazz, swing, military bands, and Russian folk music while making your own sundae at an ice cream bar under the Harris Pavilion. May marks the start of Acoustic Tuesdays, a new Tuesday evening concert series with a quieter, more relaxed vibe.

If you’ve ever danced under the stars at the Pavilion, you know how much fun Adult Dances can be. Beatlemania Again—one of the most popular bands to appear at the Pavilion—will be back on June 15. Dance along with the contemporary sounds of the Special Occasions band on June 22 and the rock, blues and soul sounds of the Classic Spotlight band on July 13.

Saturday evening Summer Sounds concerts, sponsored by The Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory and the Micron Technology Foundation, offer a taste of blues/funk, soul/rock, folk, and bluegrass music in July and August. Enjoy the pageantry of military band performances with the U.S. Navy Commodores jazz ensemble on May 30; the 257th Army Band, The Band of the Nation’s Capital on August 4; the Sea Chanters, the U.S. Navy’s official chorus, on August 8; and Country Current, the U.S. Navy’s premier country-bluegrass ensemble on August 29.

Participants are welcome to bring chairs, blankets and picnics—or grab a great takeout meal at a nearby eatery—and enjoy the music under the Pavilion rain or shine.

April 11 marks the start of the Thursday Farmer’s Market at the Pavilion from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. (the Saturday Farmer’s Market at the Prince William Commuter Lot across from Baldwin Elementary School begins on April 13). The City will also host First Fridays and happenings like the Railroad Heritage Festival, and a variety of fundraising events at the Harris Pavilion this season. Make sure to check the online calendar at www.visitmanassas.org for more event information with dates and times. To rent the Harris Pavilion, fill out the online application at www.harrispavilion.com or call 703-257-8450.

Who was Loy E. Harris?
The Harris Pavilion bears the name of Loy E. Harris, a man whose devotion to the revitalization of Historic Downtown Manassas made the Pavilion possible. Harris grew up in southwest Virginia and established his own insurance agency after moving to Manassas. When he became president of Historic Manassas, Inc. in the 1990s, he quickly set to work turning vacant storefronts into vibrant businesses.

He had the vision to imagine Historic Downtown as an anchor for the community that would welcome the arts, fine dining, recreation and retail, and he donated his time and money to the cause. One of his passionate projects was the construction of the ice rink/pavilion.

Harris passed away in 1999, just a year before the Pavilion opened.

Text to Find Out
The City of Manassas has a new way to keep you up-to-date on some of our events. Depending on the information you wish to receive, text one of the following keywords to 888-777 and we will text event updates to keep you in the know: “FirstFriday” for First Friday info., “OneLove” for the One Love Manassas event, “GoManassas” for other Downtown event or “CityHistory” for Museum events. You can opt out at any time. Check it out today!
A Message from the City Manager

City Manager
W. Patrick Pate

April is a particularly busy time for City Council as they are working to adopt a budget for the fiscal year which begins July 1, 2019. This annual process determines what services and programs the community will receive based on the highest priority needs identified by the City Council. The proposed budget, which the City Manager is required by statute to prepare and present to Council, continues an emphasis on the priorities and services that are currently ongoing in the City.

In the Economic Development priority area, focus will continue on the strategies that have brought to the City the $3 billion Micron expansion announcement (the largest in the history of the Commonwealth), the Aurora/Boeing expansion in autonomous flight development, and the mixed use development at the Landing at Cannon Branch. We are working to create commercial revitalization efforts in all parts of the City as we bring businesses and jobs to the community. This year we have seen over $50 million in new construction growth in the community which is the highest amount in the last five years.

Education is another priority area for Council. A three percent increase in funding to $58,789,000 in local funds is included in the proposed budget for school operating and capital costs. The Superintendent’s proposed budget includes $54.3 million in state funding and $6.7 million in federal funding in FY 2020. The City is also continuing to work with the school system on plans to replace Jennie Dean Elementary School and further develop Dean Park.

Work towards the construction of Fire Station #21 and then a Public Safety Center highlight efforts in the priority area of Public Safety. An emphasis is also being placed on the recruitment and retention of highly qualified employees along with maintaining safe, reliable equipment and vehicles.

Efforts in the Housing and Redevelopment priority area are focused on revitalization in the Mathis, South Grant and Prince William Street corridors with projects planned in each area. There are opportunities for citizen input through the Comprehensive Planning Update process that will continue to highlight a vision for the long-term development of our community.

Community Investments can be seen in capital projects focused on the Jennie Dean Memorial, E.G. Smith Complex and the soon to be acquired Annaburg Manor Park. Street maintenance efforts and traffic congestion improvements along the Route 28 corridor remain transportation priorities along with investments in maintaining the quality of our utility infrastructure.

The final priority focus area is Sustainable Government. The citizen satisfaction survey provided input from the community on areas you would like to see prioritized as we develop strategic plans for the future. We are maintaining the financial strategies that have been put in place allowing us to earn and maintain a AAA bond rating. This ensures that we will pay the lowest possible costs on bonds issued this spring.

If you would like to take some time to become more informed on the City budget, you can review the budget documents, presentations and materials that have been placed on the City website at www.manassascity.org/budget. Then let us know your thoughts on the services and programs that you would like to see provided to the community during the public hearing on the budget set for April 29, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in City Council chambers.

Happening at One Love
Manassas, April 26-28

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ONE LOVE
CELEBRATION OF LIFE WITH THE ARTS
When in doubt, leave it out!

Recycling has been in the news a lot lately. Municipalities throughout Virginia and across the United States are having a very difficult time disposing of and processing recycling. For years, the City of Manassas has had an award-winning recycling program. Recycling in the City of Manassas is alive and well thanks to excellent participation by residents, good stewardship by the recycling program and a good relationship with the American Recycling Center located here in the community. In 2018, the total volume of recycling collected increased by 1,980 tons over 2017. But we need to keep working to keep our recycling clean and useful.

The current issue with recycling is the amount of material that people place in the recycling cart that does not belong there. “Recycling contamination” or “dirty recycling” happens when the following items are placed in the recycling cart: used diapers, used paper towels, plates, tissues, yard waste, Styrofoam, clothing, electronics, batteries, hoses, rope, wire, clothes hangers, jars and cans full of food, plastic bags and wrapping paper.

A majority of the recycling in the United States goes for sale to foreign markets. These markets are setting stricter standards on how much contaminated or “dirty” material they are willing to accept. City of Manassas residents have been doing a great job at recycling. However, there are still recycling carts filled with household trash and other unacceptable items found in the City. When these “dirty” materials are found in recycling materials, they must be pulled from the rest of recycling and sent to the landfill. When this happens, it costs more to dispose of recyclable materials. If you are in doubt about what should go into the recycling cart, remember this mantra - When in doubt … leave it out.

To help make the recycling transition easier, the City is asking residents to stick to recycling just five items in the curbside container:

- Paper (including junk mail, envelopes, magazines and newspapers)
- Plastic water bottles, jugs and containers (#1 #2 and #5)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminum and metal cans
- Cardboard

The way people recycle matters. The following are helpful recycling tips:

- Make sure that all items are clean, dry and empty before placing in container.
- Keep recycling loose in the container. DO NOT put recycling in plastic trash bags or plastic grocery store bags.
- If you are not sure about the item - leave it out.

One of the most common items found in recycling carts that is not recyclable are thin-film plastic bags and wraps, such as ones wrapping packs of bottled water, or the bag that your newspaper comes in. These items become tangled in the equipment sorting recyclable materials causing equipment malfunctions. These items can be recycled at the grocery store. These plastic bags go to a company in Winchester called Trex. They take the clean plastic bags and wrappings, and use them to make decking, benches and playground equipment.

The City receives many calls from residents asking about recycling clothing, textiles, furniture, paint and books. These items can be donated to local charities. A number of charities will collect donations at the door and are tax deductible.

Residents can recycle electronics and household hazardous waste at any one of the nine community drop-off events at the Manassas Transfer Station. RecycleFest, held twice a year which also offers shredding, has raised the amount of recyclables collected from 60 tons per year in 2014 to 158 tons in 2018!

For more information on recycling in the City, visit www.manassascity.org/recycling or call (703) 257-8252.
The City of Manassas Happenings

Here’s what’s happening in the City of Manassas:

April 5, 7 - 9 p.m. - Dance Night at the Candy Factory to celebrate Hispanic and Latino contributions to our community. www.visitmanassas.org

April 5, 6-9 p.m. - First Friday - A Game of Thrones inspired Costumed Event. www.visitmanassas.org

April 5 - 20 - Godspell by Rooftop Productions @Center for the Arts. www.visitmanassas.org

April 5, 6 p.m. - Comprehensive Plan meeting on Transportation in Council Chambers. www.manassascity.org/planmanassas

April 6 - American Battlefield Trust Park Day opens at the Harris Pavilion - Yum. www.manassascity.org/leisure

April 10 - First Friday - A Game of Thrones inspired Costumed Event. www.visitmanassas.org

April 22 - Earth Day Park Cleanup. www.manassascity.org/leisure

April 25 - 28 - Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Art Mobile @Center for the Arts. www.visitmanassas.org

April 25 at noon - Lunch & Learn at CenterFuse - Chinn Family History. www.visitmanassas.org

April 26 - 28 - One Love Manassas - a three-day art event that celebrates life with the arts. www.visitmanassas.org

April 26, 10 a.m. - Arbor Day at Round Elementary School. www.visitmanassas.org

April 27, 7-10 p.m. - Chasing Light - 3D projected visual and musical installation that is an interactive experience with an original musical score on the Manassas Museum lawn. www.visitmanassas.org

April 28, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk - Last Seasons in Havana: The Castro Revolution and the End of Professional Baseball in Cuba at the Hylton Performing Arts Center. www.visitmanassas.org

April 28, 8 - 10:30 - 2019 Manassas Runway 5k/10k & 1-Miler http://bishopsevents.com/event/2019manassasrunway/

April 27 at noon - RecycleFest. Household hazardous waste, ewaste, and shredding drop off at the Manassas Transfer Station for free disposal. www.manassascity.org/trash

May 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Manassas Airshow www.manassasairshow.com

May 4, 9 a.m. - noon - MS Walk at the Harris Pavilion www.visitmanassas.org

May 8, 3 p.m. - Stories of Preservation and Progress www.visitmanassas.org

May 11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Manassas Viking Festival www.visitmanassas.org

May 11 & 12 - Pied Piper Theatre’s production of Annie at Hylton Performing Arts Center www.visitmanassas.org

May 17, 8 p.m. - Cemetery Tour www.visitmanassas.org

May 19, 1:30 p.m. - Free Book Talk: The Million-Dollar Man Who Helped Kill a President: George Washington Gayle and the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln www.visitmanassas.org

May 17 - 19 - Manassas Ballet Theatre presents Sleeping Beauty at the Hylton Performing Arts Center www.visitmanassas.org

May 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Liberia House Tours www.visitmanassas.org

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May 19, 3-4:30 p.m. - Summer Sundae - Prince William Community Band and free ice cream at the Harris Pavilion www.visitmanassas.org

May 19, 3:30 - 6 p.m. - Sunday Ballroom Dance with Swing Lessons www.visitmanassas.org

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May 23, noon at the Manassas Museum - Lunch & Learn Series: The Portner Family History www.visitmanassas.org

May 11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Manassas Viking Festival www.visitmanassas.org

May 25, 2 p.m. - Liberia House Tours www.visitmanassas.org

May 25, 10 a.m. - MS Walk at the Harris Pavilion www.visitmanassas.org

May 26, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Liberia House Tours www.visitmanassas.org

May 30, 7 p.m. - U.S. Navy Commodores at the Harris Pavilion www.visitmanassas.org

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