



A Lifetime of Service



In 1993, Harry J. Parrish II was selected to serve out the term of office for a council member who was unable to complete his term due to illness. Little did he know then that he would serve his community for almost 30 years. A native son of the City of Manassas, Harry J. Parrish II had grown up watching his father in public service, first as a Council Member, then as Mayor and then as a state representative.

Throughout his tenure, Mayor Parrish II has seen some of the most remarkable changes in the City of Manassas. In 1993, the Prince William Parkway did not exist and the Wellington community was in its infancy. Lockheed Martin acquired the former IBM site in 1995; just 2 years after then Councilman Parrish took office. Wellington Station Shopping Center was built that same year. Those on Council in 1995 acquired the Historic Railway Depot and renovated it in 1997 to become the City's downtown Visitor's Center. A new Airport Terminal was finished in 1996 bringing the Manassas Regional Airport into prominence.

And the list goes on. In 1997, IBM transitioned to Dominion Semiconductor which was then

purchased by Micron in 2002. This led, in later years, to the largest capital investment in the history of the Commonwealth when, in 2018, Micron Technologies invested \$3 billion into expansion and growth.

In speaking with Mayor Parrish, he does not claim any of these as accomplishments that he, himself was responsible for, but that these incredible opportunities for growth were made because of decisions made by Town Councils and then City Councils who had the foresight to look to the future and see that things needed to be done for the betterment of the community.

When asked about his greatest accomplishment as Mayor, he tells a story of a car wreck on Ashton Avenue. After the accident he went to visit the family whose home had been hit by the car and learned of their fear that more cars may hit their home. He worked with Council and staff to get a guard rail put up in that location and says that this guard rail is tangible proof of what a community can do to protect its people.

There is so much more than we can

mention here about an almost 30-year career working for our community. We wish to thank Mayor Harry J. Parrish II for his tireless dedication, unlimited time, commitment and energy he gave at all of the events, ribbon cuttings, meetings representing the community, all of the wonderful words of wisdom spoken during public speaking engagements and the years of a lifetime of community service that he has given to this community.



Ice Bucket Challenge, 2014



Tru by Hilton ribbon cutting, October 2020

A Message from the City Manager



City Manager
W. Patrick Pate

After almost seven decades, 2021 will start without a Parrish having been elected to serve and represent the residents of Manassas. I did not get a chance to know Delegate Harry Parrish but I do know early in my tenure with the City of Manassas his wife, Mrs. Mattie Parrish, attempted to throw me out of her son's (Mayor Hal Parrish's) office saying he was busy and I had been there too long! I suspect when you had been the wife/mother of a public servant for over 60 years you learn to be protective of the limited time that they have to dedicate to the many issues and people who are vying for their time.

This incident is probably indicative of the way Mayor Parrish gave of his time serving as a Council Member, Vice Mayor and Mayor. It is a foregone conclusion when I attend a regional meeting or see individuals from other jurisdictions that I would be asked, "How is Mayor Parrish?" In town I am often told, "I just saw the Mayor" whether it was from his walking or eating in the downtown area or having spoken at a recent meeting, celebration or even a funeral. The Parrish legacy has been deeply ingrained in the life of Manassas and it seems to me that everybody knows "Mayor Parrish."

Before meeting Hal Parrish, he was described to me as the epitome of a "Southern or Virginia Gentleman." That was very apparent in my first months with the City of Manassas. One example of this was as we went to events he never failed to publicly recognize my wife (almost always before introducing me). He always had a story to tell about the City of Manassas and never failed to speak about how much he loved the City and how he wanted what was best for the community. Even now, as he has decided to leave public service as Mayor, doing what is best for Manassas remains the story that I hear him tell most.

Ian Lovejoy was one of the youngest Council Members elected at 30 years old. He has served eight years on City Council. In my first meeting with Ian he stressed the importance of having good data to make decisions and he would support any efforts to make sure that we had all of the information that was needed to support the needs of the City. Ian is a teacher, historian and a student of understanding what makes the world tick. He would often come to my office and start off with the question, "What if . . .?" This meant that he had been carefully thinking about some issue or concern that had been brought to his attention and had thought of a new angle that might address the situation or problem.

Ian cares just as much about accomplishing the little things, fixing the clock in front of the Harris Pavilion or getting a sign that would denote the City of Manassas vs. surrounding jurisdictions, as some of our larger accomplishments like the Micron expansion. Ian has also been dedicated to attending community events and could often be found

helping at a downtown festival or supporting a local business. What I have heard Ian say lately is "there are many ways to serve our community and that's where you will find me."

Since we are still in the middle of a pandemic, with rising positive cases and limits on any social gatherings, there will not be any community events to thank Hal or Ian for the time and energy they have given to serve our community. Never the less, I have heard many people express their thanks to each of them for their service and for the positive changes in our community that they have been a part of during their tenures. I hope that you will take the time to thank them when you get a chance if you see either of them in person, as I am sure you will when we get past this pandemic. Serving as an elected official has been described as a labor of love by those who undertake this kind of service. The sacrifice and effort that it takes to meet the demands of elected leadership is difficult to really appreciate and I applaud each person who takes on this challenge of servant leadership.

I hope that each of you will have a joyful holiday season even as many of us celebrate in ways that may be different from our traditions of the past.

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Hometown Heroes

Every once in a great while the City of Manassas will bestow upon a community member a small token of appreciation called the Hometown Hero Award. In November, Council gave this award to several neighbors who put themselves in harm's way to help out another neighbor, truly becoming Hometown Heroes.

In the early hours of a summer morning, neighbors heard screaming coming from the street. A man was running after a woman stabbing her as she and her two adult daughters attempted to flee. Mr. Russ, a neighbor, went into quick action and grabbed a nearby shovel hitting the man in the arm as he attempted to harm the

woman further. Meanwhile, Richard and Sherry Troutman called 911 and assisted the victim into their house to shield her from the angry attacker.

Separating the victim from her attacker was not an easy task as the man was in a rage and was not particular about who he hurt. Mr. Russ went back into his home and retrieved additional resources to delay the attacker from hurting the victim.

Mrs. Troutman, who had previous EMT training and worked in the hospital, began to administer first aid to the victim in her home. It was at this point that Master Police Officer Agule arrived on scene and rendered aid to everyone involved.

MPO Agule used his own first aid kit to apply pressure to the most severe wounds on the victim until help could arrive. He, along with the Troutman's, kept the woman talking so that they could monitor her reactions.

Shortly after medical help arrived, she was flown to Fairfax Hospital Trauma Center. Without the actions of these neighbors and MPO Agule, one of our community members may not be with us today. They truly are our Hometown Heroes.

Trash & Recycling Note

Holiday Trash and Recycling Collection Schedule

Thanksgiving

Trash and recycling collection will be suspended on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26. The make-up day for collections will be on Saturday, Nov. 28. All cart delivery/exchange and television/computer monitor collection is suspended for the week of Nov. 23.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Trash and recycling collection will be suspended on Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Jan. 1. The make-up day for collections will be on Saturday, Dec. 26 and Saturday, Jan. 2. No bulk waste collection will be scheduled for Dec. 26 or Jan. 2.

Have a Keep Manassas Beautiful Holiday!

Keep Manassas Beautiful has gathered up a host of simple ways to be a little bit "greener" without losing your sanity.

- If every American family wrapped just 3 presents in re-used materials, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.
- The 2.65 billion Christmas cards sold each year in the U.S. could fill a

football field 10 stories high.

- If we each sent one card less, we'd save 50,000 cubic yards of paper.
- Between Turkey Day and New Year's Day, we Americans throw away an extra 6 to 10 million tons of waste.
- Americans throw away 25% more trash during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holidays. The extra waste amounts to 25 million tons of garbage, or about 1 million extra tons per week!

Hot tips on keeping it green for the holidays

Entertaining:

- Save money and time by trimming down your menu to a few solid favorites.
- Replace your bottled water with a glass beverage dispenser or pitcher. Add a bit of cucumber, lemon or berries for color.
- Pick up some decorative reusable containers for leftovers and give them to your guests as they go.

Giving:

- Ditch the rolls of expensive wrapping paper and avoid glossy or metallic gift wrap. Get crafty instead! Make your gift wrap personal with magazines,

newspaper, comics, fabrics and recipes.

- Use colorful yarn, ribbon and string with added natural touches like cinnamon sticks, candy canes, sprigs of holly and pine.
- Put your gift inside a reusable shopping bag! There are some really nice ones around and you can even customize them!

Decorating:

- Use natural decorations around your home. Branches, leaves and pine cones can be recycled as yard waste.
- Your old Christmas ornaments can become new classics in a glass vase or ceramic bowl.
- Have some fun and make your own ornaments with candy canes, cookies, popcorn, cranberries and salt dough.

Why not start the new year by adopting a street, park, stream, field or historic site? You can even participate in a clean-up day and make keeping Manassas beautiful the resolution that you will stick with all year long. Visit: www.manassascity.org/kmb

Happy Holidays!

The City of Manassas Happenings

Find these events and more in the City of Manassas, Virginia. For more information go to www.visitmanassas.org.

Now - Dec.11 - **"Un Poco de Todo Amoroso"** Art Exhibit at the ARTfactory featuring the work of David Amoroso

Now through Dec. 18 - **Merry Old Town Gingerbread House Contest** at Historic Downtown shops and restaurants

Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. - **Story Telling with Mrs. Claus** at the ARTfactory

Wednesdays at Noon - **Spotlight on History Virtual Talks** - Tune into www.facebook.com/cityofmanassasleisure for an interesting look at local history.

Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. - **Santa Lights the Tree** - a live-streamed event to start the holiday season - more details to come

Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. - **Santa Spreads Cheer** - Santa and his friends will spread cheer throughout the City by visiting neighborhoods. You will be able to track Santa through a live tracker map. Visit <https://gmchristmasparade.org/> for more information.

Dec. 5 at 12:30 p.m. - **Empowering Descendant** - Voices Virtual Conversation - Joe McGill, Founder of the Slave Dwelling Project, hosts a Zoom conversation with Linneall Naylor.

Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. - Liberia Front Porch Talk with Joe McGill - This program will also be streamed live on facebook.com/cityofmanassasleisure. Sign up for at manassasechoes.com

Dec. 4 through May 23, 2021 -- **New Exhibit: The Power of Play**
The toys in this exhibit may be familiar or foreign, but the joy of time spent playing is something we can all remember fondly. The vintage toys on display are from the Museum's collection and from private collectors. The exhibit is open free during the Museum's open hours.

Dec. 6 from 1-4 p.m. - **Free Carriage Rides** though Historic Downtown to enjoy the feeling of the season

Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - **Holiday Market**, Prince William Street
Commuter Lot- Holiday Market brings the European Holiday Market to you with over 100 vendors each year that continues to grow. Vendors with unique items for last minute Christmas gifts, wine, cider, and food to include bread bowl soups. Dress warm and come out to shop vendors you never knew existed, for those gifts you need.

Dec. 13 from 1-4 p.m. - **Free Carriage Rides** though Historic Downtown to enjoy the feeling of the season

Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. - **At Home with Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy: A Celtic Family Christmas** at the Hylton Performing Arts Center - Virtual Event

Dec. 16 - Jan. 21 - **Off the Wall #17** High School Art Exhibit & Competition at the ARTfactory

Dec. 19 - March 27, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Winter Market** - City of Manassas Winter Market, will have your favorite food & craft vendors that you loved from the Prime Market. You don't have to go without your tea, bakery goods, empanadas, sausages, eggs etc. just because winter has set in. You can still use your SNAP benefits at the Winter Market too, there will be herbs and no produce but you can still get your favorites.

Dec. 20 from 1-4 p.m. - **Free Carriage Rides** though Historic Downtown to enjoy the feeling of the season

Dec. 24 - Jan. 23 - **The Nutcracker** by the Manassas Ballet live streaming on demand <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/mbtnutcracker>

Dec. 30 at 3 p.m. - **Stories of Preservation and Progress** @ the Manassas Museum
Reservations and masks are required, tickets are limited, and social distancing guidelines will be followed; reserve at manassasechoes.com or call 703-257-8453. Also watch on facebook.com/cityofmanassasleisure

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