



## City Partners with Osbourn on Intern Program

Osbourn High School senior, Joey Frazier, wrench in hand, reaches in to loosen the shock on a Harley Davidson Police patrol motorcycle. On part of this school day, his classroom is the Public Works Garage.

Frazier is the City's first Intern from the Manassas City Schools Career and Technical Education (CTE) program, which aims to provide students with hands-on skills and experiences to succeed in future careers.

The CTE program enables students to earn certifications in fields such as automotive technology, cosmetology, refrigeration, computer skills, photography, and as an emergency medical technician. Students pair career and technical courses in the classroom with experience on the job to prepare for the certifications.

Internships vary every year depending on which businesses participate in the program.

"Work Based Learning (WBL) is an integral part of the success of our CTE programs," explains Christine Taylor, Supervisor of K-12 Career and Technical Education for the Manassas City Public Schools (MCPS). "We have begun to expand our WBL efforts across the district to incorporate more formal opportunities for our students in the form of internships, mentoring, job shadowing, service learning, clinical and school-based enterprises."

Depending on his schedule of regular classes at Osbourn Frazier works either three and a half hours or two and a half hours a day at the Garage. "I'd much rather be doing this than sitting at a desk," Frazier admits.

While working on the Police motorcycle's maintenance under the watchful eye of Fleet Manager Mike Morgan, Frazier says "These guys know

a lot. I learn a lot from watching them." Morgan and two of the longest-serving automotive technicians have almost 100 years of City fleet experience between them and service everything from school buses to patrol cars to dump trucks. This year they even modified a pontoon boat that helps maintain the City's reservoir at Lake Manassas.

Frazier has already started to think beyond high school and about career paths, although he is not sure it will be in the automotive field.

"I'm still learning, but I like to do this. It's a great opportunity" he says of his work in the Garage. "And I might stay here if they would have me."

"It has a dual benefit," Morgan says of the internship. "When we have a young person in the shop they think



in a different way and offer a different perspective. And we have a young strong man to help us lift things," Morgan says with a smile. "It's a joy to have Joey in the Garage."

Besides giving him real work experience, the internship might have an added benefit for Frazier. He is hoping that now he just might learn how to fix the electrical problems on his 1988 Honda and get it on the road.





# A Moment with the Mayor



**Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger**

WOW! I can't believe it's already the last month of 2022! We have accomplished so much in the City this year. We have been fortunate to welcome many new residents and see new businesses open and call our city HOME! I am looking forward to seeing what is in store for us in 2023. It will only get better from here.

This month, we are looking forward to our tree lighting on December

2nd and of course our 76th annual Christmas Parade on Dec. 3rd when we will start to highlight our 150th anniversary celebration coming up on April 1, 2023. I can't wait to wave to all of you from my convertible! We have carriage rides, various concerts, ice skating, craft shows, and so much more for you to create some magical memories with your friends and family members. In addition, our ARTfactory has some amazing performances coming up. One of my favorites is "A Christmas Carol" from Nov. 26 through Dec. 4. There is also the Winter Wonderland Train Show from Dec. 14 - 18. You will NOT want to miss this.

My first year as Mayor, I was so happy to take my dear mom to see her very first ballet performance by the Manassas Ballet Theatre, *the Nutcracker*, at the Hylton Performing Arts Center and you can do the same thing this year from Dec. 16 - 23. It is an amazing performance and I absolutely recommend it as a family holiday outing!

We also have our wonderful Osbourn High School students available at the Manassas Mall from Dec. 15 - 24 to wrap those fabulous gifts that you purchase from our shops in historic downtown. Let's make sure to get out and support this band booster program.

Once again this year, I held the "If I were Mayor" essay contest and selected the winners who will be announced in next month's newsletter, let me tell you, our City is in great hands, as these 5th graders are VERY interested in the City and ensuring that we take care of one another. I can't wait to announce them soon and recognize them at a future council meeting.

As you can see, we have so much going on in the City over the next month. I want to see you out enjoying yourselves and spending quality time together. Make those memories, share joy and cheer with your loved ones. I look forward to seeing all of you and I wish you the happiest of holidays and a prosperous new year!

## E3 Parent Series

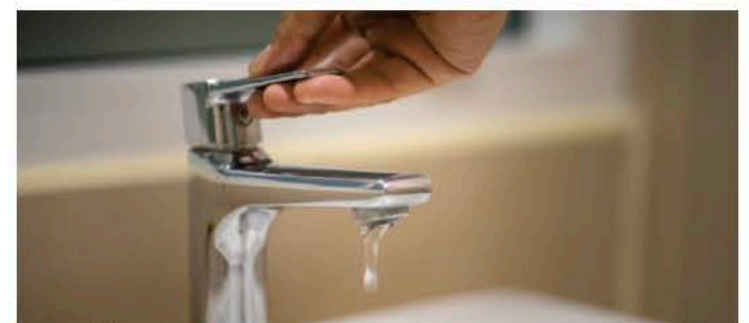
The Manassas City Police Department partners with Manassas City Public Schools on the Parent E3 Series. This program, hosted by MCPD in partnership with regional law enforcement partners and subject matter experts, is designed to Engage, Educate, and Empower parents and guardians to address at-risk behaviors seen in their children.

During the remainder of 2022 and a portion of 2023, there will be six more Parent E3 sessions. Each session will be dedicated to one of the following topics: Internet Safety and Bullying, Substance Abuse Awareness and Prevention, Gang Awareness and Prevention, Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention, Mental Health, and the Importance of Education and School Attendance.

MCPD hosted its first session, *Hidden in Plain Sight*, in September. The turnout was terrific and MCPD hopes even more community members

will attend the next session, *Every Student, Every Day, the Importance in Attendance*, on Dec. 14 at 5:30 p.m. Please visit [www.manassasva.gov/cs](http://www.manassasva.gov/cs) for more information.

This program owes its origins to the Community Vitality Officer program through Community Policing Initiatives. We invite all parents and guardians to join us in this program, even if you are not currently concerned about your child with these issues. There is no downside to being overprepared.



### Need Help Paying Your Water Bill?

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) helps Virginia residents pay their water and wastewater bills. LIHWAP is a temporary federally funded program created to assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills and will be available until funds are depleted. Find out more: [www.manassasva.gov/water](http://www.manassasva.gov/water)



# A Message from the City Manager



**City Manager**  
**W. Patrick Pate**

Are you ready to make those 2023 New Year's Resolutions? Do you remember your 2022 resolutions? Maybe you are like me and just wondering how did we get back into the holiday season so quickly?

It seems like we have barely had time to show our Thanksgiving appreciation and off we go into another new year. 2023 is a major year for the City of Manassas as it will mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of Manassas following the end of the Civil War. We are a community tied to the railroad and the history of transportation, but generally with an eye focused on expansion into the future. Our logo, "Historic Heart. Modern Beat." ties into this spirit of authentic historical traditions as the heart of the region, and the entrepreneurial spirit of marching to our own beat and preparing for the future.

This can be vividly seen in the architecture and design of the new public safety facility on Grant Ave. When you get a chance to tour this new facility you will see the tributes to our past and the modern design elements that will make this building a city icon for generations. This is a building that the community can be proud to showcase and will serve the needs of our public safety workforce for many decades.

You will also see this theme, "Historic Heart. Modern Beat." in many of the events that are planned for the coming year. The Christmas Parade started our celebration with the theme "*Hometown*

*Christmas – Past, Present and Future."*

Our 150th Anniversary plans include a birthday celebration party at Dean Park on April 1, 2023. This party will feature music, games, exhibits and another Manassas tradition – fireworks.

Each of our major events in 2023 will play a part in the 150th celebration and during the year you will hear stories of Manassas history and families, see the creation of new public spaces and art, make connections with neighborhood traditions, experience the sights and sounds of Manassas businesses, and the warmth and Manassas charm.

Starting in the new year we will welcome Sonia Vasquez Luna as a new council member along with the reelection of Theresa Coates Ellis and Ralph Smith. Sonia will be making history as the first elected female Latina member of the Manassas City Council. She was born and raised in El Salvador which I also suspect constitutes many firsts for a Manassas City Council Member.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Lynn Forkell Greene for her service as a Council member. Even before she was elected to the Council, Lynn has been a strong proponent for resident engagement and making sure that everyone had an opportunity to understand how city government works and what issues are being addressed. I am sure that will continue as she looks for new ways to serve the community.

So, if you are setting New Year's resolutions, make sure to include participating in as many 150th celebratory events as you can and I will look forward to seeing you at each one.

And finally, as is my holiday tradition, I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Thinking about building a fence, deck, garage, carport or shed? Or would you like to expand a driveway or keep bees? Do you live in the Historic District and wonder what you can build?

Get started with a step-by-step homeowners guide for all your projects. Learn when you need a building permit or a zoning permit, where to place your structure, or what materials to use. Guides are also available in Spanish. Find them here:

[www.manassasva.gov/zoning](http://www.manassasva.gov/zoning)



Do you know which roads and streets are paved first? Or what streets are snow emergency routes in the City of Manassas? Find out at [www.manassasva.gov/snowmap](http://www.manassasva.gov/snowmap)



# The City of Manassas Happenings

Find these events and more in the City of Manassas, Virginia. For more information go to [www.visitmanassas.org](http://www.visitmanassas.org).



**Ice Skating** - enjoy ice skating at the Harris Pavilion this winter. Bring the kids - [www.harrispavilion.com](http://www.harrispavilion.com)



Have some fun this Holiday season. Santa's elves flew the coop and 25 of them are hiding around Historic Downtown. See if you can find them all.



Dec. 9 - 18 - Prince William Little Theatre presents **The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge** at the Hylton Performing Arts Center



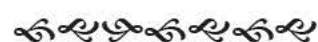
Dec. 10, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. - **VRE Santa Train Rides** at the Manassas Railroad Depot



Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - get all that last minute Christmas shopping done at the **Holiday Market** in the Depot parking lot and nearby.



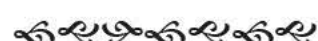
Dec. 10 at 3:30 p.m. - Manassas Symphony Orchestra - **Family Concert: Explorations**



Dec. 11 from 1 - 4 p.m. - Free **Carriage Rides** around Historic Downtown



Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. - **Museum Talk** about Architect Albert Speiden at Bull Run Unitarian Universalist Church



Dec. 14 - 18 - **Winter Wonderland Train Show** at the ARTfactory (Dec 14 - 16 - 5-8 p.m.; Dec 17 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Dec 18 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)



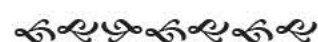
Dec. 16 - 23 - Manassas Ballet Theatre presents **The Nutcracker** at the Hylton Performing Arts Center



Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Winter Wonderland Holiday Market** at the ARTfactory



Dec. 17 - March 25 (Saturdays) 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **Winter Farmers Market** at the Prince William Commuter Lot



Dec. 18 from 1 - 4 p.m. - Free **Carriage Rides** around Historic Downtown



Dec. 19 - 22 - Check out the Winter Break events for students at the ARTfactory



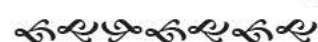
Dec. 21 - Jan. 30 - **Off the Wall** art show at the ARTfactory



Dec. 23-26 - City offices closed for the Holidays



Jan. 16 - **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



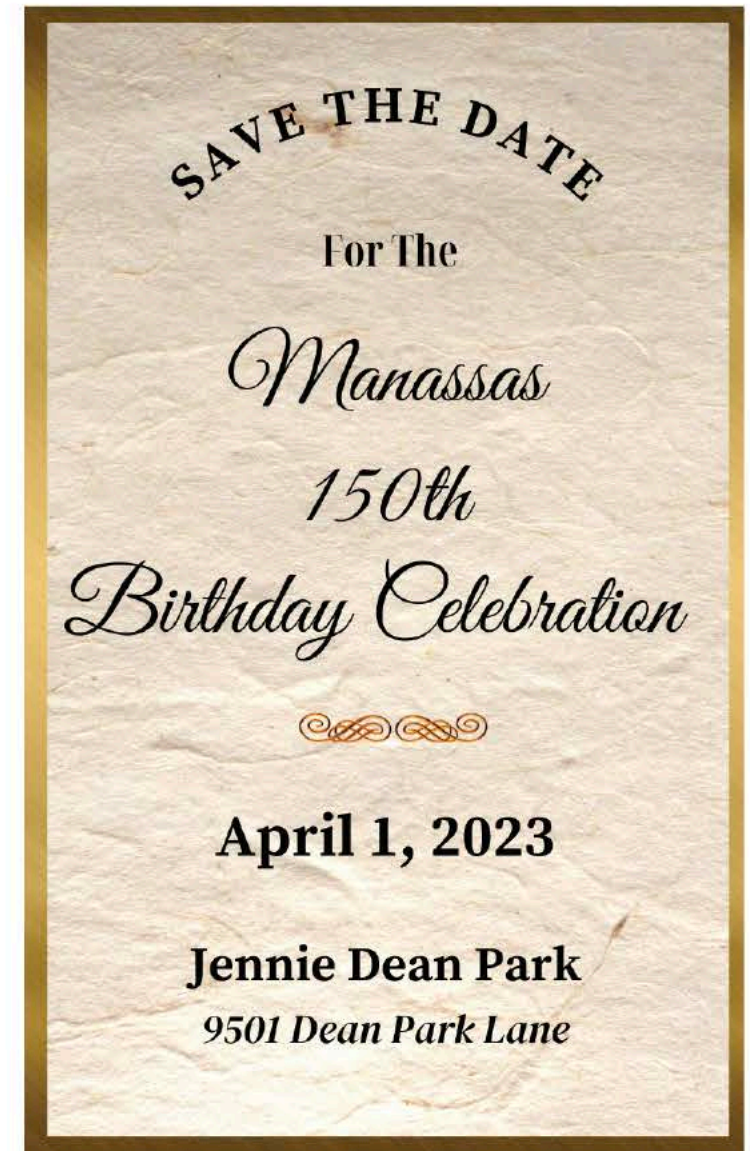
Jan. 20 and 21 at 6:30 p.m. - Rooftop Productions presents **The Curse of Huxley Manor** Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre at the Evergreen Country Club



Jan. 28 and 29 - Pied Piper Theatre presents **Big Fish: The Musical** at the Hylton Performing Arts Center



Feb. 20 - **President's Day**



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