

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 - November from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. - **Manassas Farmer's Market** on Thursdays @ Harris Pavilion and Saturdays on Prince William Street.

Now - Labor Day - **Stonewall Park Pool** is open for the season www.manassasva.gov/pool

Now - July 23 - **"The Many Rooms"** Solo Mixed Media Exhibit by DC Artist Zsudayka Nzinga at ARTfactory

July 4 from 3 - 10 p.m. **Bands Before the BOOM!!** Downtown Manassas will turn into a concert arena. Walk around Downtown and enjoy the music and a bite to eat or drink.

July 4 at dusk - **Celebrate America** in the City of Manassas with rides for the kids starting at 3 p.m. Face painter, caricature artist, food concessions and novelty vendors will begin at 4 p.m. The **Roof Top Party** begins at 5 p.m.

July 5 at 7 p.m. - Acoustic Tuesday free concert featuring **Gary Smallwood** at the Harris Pavilion

July 9 at 6:30 p.m. - Summersounds Concert with **La Unica** at the Harris Pavilion

July 9 at 2 p.m. - Liberia House **Basement to Attic Tours**

July 12 at 7 p.m. - Acoustic Tuesday free concert featuring **Lucas John** at the Harris Pavilion

July 16 at 7 p.m. - Saturday Night Concert with **Nitehawks Swing** at the Harris Pavilion

July 17 at 3 p.m. - Sunday Funday free concert at the Harris Pavilion featuring **The Kings Park Band**

July 17 at 2 p.m. - **Stories of Preservation and Progress** with Curator Mary Helen Dellinger

July 19 at 7 p.m. - Acoustic Tuesday free concert featuring **Timmie Metz** at the Harris Pavilion

July 23 at 6:30 p.m. - SummerSounds free concert with the **Sol Roots** band at the Harris Pavilion

July 24 at 3 p.m. - Sunday Funday free concert featuring the **U.S. Navy Sea Chanters** at the Harris Pavilion

July 26 at 7 p.m. - Acoustic Tuesday free concert featuring **Sharif** at the Harris Pavilion

July 30 at 7 p.m. - **Silver Tones Swing Band** at the Harris Pavilion

July 31 at 4 p.m. - **Manassas Museum History Hikes** - join Virginia Master Naturalist Valerie Huelsman at Cannon Branch Fort

Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. - Acoustic Tuesday free concert featuring **Mackenzie Ryan** at the Harris Pavilion

Aug. 5 from 6 - 9 p.m. - **Dog Days of Summer** First Friday - agility course at the Harris Pavilion, Unique Dog product Vendors, and Dog pools for the pups to keep cool.

Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. to Noon - **Household Hazardous Waste**, Electronics Waste and SHREDDING drop off at the Manassas Transfer Station

Aug. 7 at 3 p.m. - Sunday Funday free concert featuring the **257th U.S. Army Band** at the Harris Pavilion

Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. - Acoustic Tuesday free concert featuring **Shane Gamble** at the Harris Pavilion

Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. - Liberia House **Basement to Attic Tour**

Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. - Acoustic Tuesday free concert featuring **Jason Morton** at the Harris Pavilion

Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m. - Summersounds Concert with **Shanandoah Run** at the Harris Pavilion

Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. - **Family Workshop: Gardening** at Liberia House

Aug. 21 at 3 p.m. - Sunday Funday free concert featuring the **Washington Balalaika Society** at the Harris Pavilion

Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. - **Stories of Preservation and Progress** with Jinnae Monroe

Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. - Acoustic Tuesday free concert featuring **Brian Harris** at the Harris Pavilion

Aug. 27 at 10 a.m. - Front Porch Talk: **The Slave Dwelling Project** at Liberia House

Aug. 28 at 3 p.m. - Sunday Funday free concert featuring the **Prince William Community Band** at the Harris Pavilion

Aug. 28 at 4 p.m. - History Hikes with **Rick Reda**, photographer

Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. - Acoustic Tuesday free concert featuring **Garrett Mabe** at the Harris Pavilion

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Help the City Make Improvements

Do you want to help shape our City? Help shape upcoming transportation Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) before they are added to future City budgets.

Many projects start with an idea or a comment submitted by residents who are concerned about being able to walk or bike safely, or better navigate through busy intersections. Those ideas and comments are adopted in the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan that guides future growth and development. City planners and engineers then work to develop conceptual plans that turn these ideas into projects that will make it safer and easier to get around.

The public involvement phase has begun and that's where you come in. You can vote for your favorite plan or weigh in on what you would like to see included with several current projects:

- The Sudley Rd. Sidewalk Project will build a new 0.7-mile sidewalk on the east side of Sudley Rd. between Mathis Ave. and Grant Ave. Right now, the existing sidewalk on the west side of Sudley Road is four feet wide without a buffer for pedestrians on this busy road. The new sidewalk will be five feet wide from Grant Ave. to Portner Ave. and six feet wide from Portner Ave. to Mathis Ave. with a three-to-six-foot buffer. State funds are being sought to fund this \$3 - \$3.1 million project. Visit www.manassasva.gov/sudleysidewalk to vote on two alternatives.

- The Godwin Trail (North) Project is a new 10-foot wide, 0.9 mile shared-use path on the east side of Godwin Dr. between Wellington

Rd. and Sudley Rd., and will include pedestrian improvements at Ashton Ave. and Godwin Dr. State and federal funds are being sought to fund the \$8.3 million project. Visit www.manassasva.gov/godwin to find out more and comment on the plans.

- The Dumfries Road Bike Facilities Project is a 0.5-mile bike connection between Wellington Road and Hastings Dr. You can vote on your favorite among three alternative plans. Depending on which plan is chosen, the project cost will be between \$260,000 and \$560,000. Visit www.manassasva.gov/dumfries to find out more and vote.

Being able to vote on detailed alternatives or share comments on conceptual plans before adding projects to the Capital Improvement Program is something new.

"We recognize that public outreach is a critical part of each

project," says Matt Arcieri, Director of Planning and Community Development. "It is important that property owners know about these projects, and that the people who use these roads, sidewalks and pathways share their voice about what they think is important."

Other transportation projects underway include the Redoubt Road Trail and the Liberia Third Lane eastbound, which are in the planning stages; and Mathis Ave., Sudley Road/Centreville Road Roundabout, Sudley Rd. Third Lane, and the Wellington Trail are all in the design phase. Visit www.manassasva.gov/transportationprojects to find out about all of the projects and see detailed plans.

You can also visit www.manassasva.gov/parkprojects to share your thoughts on park improvement projects--like the plans to add more recreational options at Dean Park--to find out about meetings, and to see the parks maintenance schedule.



Community feedback is crucial to help turn more ideas, like this recently completed Dumfries Rd. trail, from planning to reality.

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A Moment with the Mayor



Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger

We are in full summer mode with the arrival of July. It is such a special month and I am looking forward to celebrating Independence Day with fireworks and backyard BBQs. It is also a very special month for me as I celebrate my birthday and I will NOT share how young I am; let's just say I am a tad bit over 21! I am looking forward to many family celebrations and of course fireworks! My son, Joseph, celebrates his 23rd birthday on July 4th.

I have been busy representing you in and around the community and surrounding jurisdictions. The mentoring program I started when elected as Mayor was recently featured on WUSA 9. Some of my "rising stars" were interviewed and what a great time to share this program, and once again, highlight our Manassas!

I was invited and attended Japan-Virginia Night at the home of the Ambassador of Japan last month; what an honor to be invited and to participate in an evening of networking with some pretty impressive folks. I am looking forward to many more connections being made from attending this lovely event.

Last month, I was honored to host a breakfast for three Manassas former Mayors. I had such a great time learning and hearing about the old days and how they all paved the way for me being where I am. Mayor Weber, Mayor Browne and Mayor Parrish are truly great men. After spending time with them, I could see

that they obviously still have love for our beloved Manassas. Truly an honor and time well spent. I was able to get some great hints on being a successful mayor. I learned a LOT!

Congratulations again to all of our Osbourn High School graduates and thank you to Dr. Newman and Mr. Pflugrath for the opportunity to share my personal congratulatory remarks at the commencement ceremony; it was an amazing night.

Make sure to attend as many of the City events this summer as we have something for everyone. Of course, be sure to visit our farmer's market which is bursting at the seams with local vendors who are ready to serve you.

Thank you to all who supported the "Mayor on the Move" walks I hosted each Saturday. I met some new folks and really enjoyed our time. Stay tuned for the next "Mayorish" type event coming soon. Remember to thank a veteran, be kind and always put Manassas first.

A Message from the City Manager



**City Manager
W. Patrick Pate**

I have always considered July a special time of year. Maybe it is because we have completed school years and graduations. Maybe it is the great memories of many summer vacations during my youth which were usually at a North Carolina beach allowing us to swim and fish every day. Maybe it is because every other July also meant visiting my grandparents and other relatives in the St. Louis area. Summer evenings with my maternal grandfather meant sitting out under the shade tree, working in the garden and listening to Cardinals baseball games. Maybe it was because they always had fresh fruits and vegetables (along with a basement full of recently canned goods) and plenty of homemade oatmeal cookies.

Speaking of fresh food, make sure that you are attending our fabulous Farmer's markets on Thursday at the Harris Pavilion at 9201 Center Street and on Saturday at the Commuter Car Park at 9024 Prince William Street. We have wonderful vendors, often there is entertainment, and afterwards you can check out the unique shopping and eating opportunities in the area. In addition, be on the lookout for the many special events going on in our downtown from First Friday events to live music every weekend and often during the week.

Maybe I enjoy July because it brings our "Celebrate America" event on July 4th along with a variety of other ways that

we celebrate the birth of our country. Manassas residents do a great job of showing their patriotism particularly around the 4th of July. I frequently get comments on the number of American flags and bunting that are on display by individuals in our neighborhoods. Maybe it is because Downtown Manassas is known for the patriotic displays and our fireworks show is the best in the area. Maybe it is because I love to see, that despite differences of opinion, culture, background or beliefs, as a community we can come together to celebrate in July what is special and unique about this place we call home.

Maybe July is special because during my career July 1st has always been the start of our local government fiscal year so it is a month of starting anew. Maybe it is because as a City we are planning for the year ahead, starting with a new budget and often beginning new programs or capital projects. A couple of big projects in Manassas where you will start to see progress this summer include the expansion of the Manassas Museum and renovation of City Hall. Maybe it is because I am excited that we can start working on new improvements to Dean Park and Stonewall Park, as well as additional work on the establishment of Historic Annaburg Park.

However, since July is also my birth month, I am sure that has been a significant reason why I have looked forward to and have enjoyed so many memories of July since my childhood. So, I encourage you to get out and make memories as we enjoy all of the wonderful things that our community has to offer this month including the long days of summer!

W. Patrick Pate

www.pwcgov.org/housing

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAM

Are you a first-time homebuyer? The First-Time Homebuyer (FTHB) Program provides financial assistance for down payments and closing costs for income eligible first-time homebuyers who are currently living or working in the Prince William Area (Prince William County, the City of Manassas and the City of Manassas Park). Find out more at www.pwcgov.org/housing



150th Online House & Business Tour Celebrates Neighborhoods

Tell the unique story of your historic home or business in a new 150th Birthday online tour. Your building must be at least 50 years old, and you can purchase a sign for \$40. Find out more:

www.manassasva.gov/150

Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection

Have you been experiencing missed or no trash collection? The City's trash and recycling contractor is dealing with a number of issues that are causing problems with the collection of residential trash, recycling and yard waste. Some of these challenges are driver job shortages and supply chain issues. This is affecting maintenance of trash/recycling trucks, as well as arrival dates for new trucks. This problem is not just happening here in the City of Manassas, but throughout the Northern Virginia area, the state and the nation.

Collection crews service about 10,500 residential stops in the City of Manassas. This is an average of three carts per household which equates to more than 31,500 carts set out weekly just in the City. In addition there are bulk items set out for pickup and the paper yard bags.

Over the past few weeks, the City has seen a rising number of collection routes not being completed until the next day. As the summer progresses, the delayed collections may continue due to the hot weather days, storms and equipment failures.

How can you help? If you did not receive your regular weekly service, report it online www.manassasva.gov/trash.

If carts are not emptied in your area, your route has probably been delayed. Please leave your carts at the curb so the collection crew can empty them the next day. Trash and recycling crews will catch up the following morning.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we face these challenges.

Stonewall Park Pool 8351 Stonewall Road
www.manassasva.gov/pool

OPEN EVERY DAY
WEATHER-PERMITTING
11 AM -6 PM