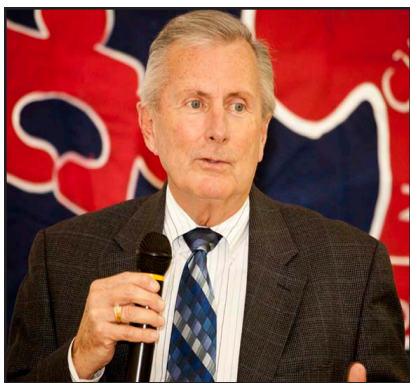




Happy Holidays from the City of Manassas



While members of the Manassas City Council continue to meet offsite in closed sessions to interview City Manager applicants this month, festivities honoring outgoing City Manager Lawrence D. Hughes include Grand Marshal duties in the 66th Annual Greater Manassas Christmas Parade on Dec. 3, and a reception at the Hylton Performing Arts Center on Dec. 14.

Hughes will remain actively engaged in City government until February 1, 2012 to facilitate a smooth transition.

Citizens are encouraged to get involved in making our community better. Upcoming Council meetings, budget work sessions, and Town Hall meetings scheduled at public elementary schools around the City are listed at www.manassascity.org.

Town Hall Meeting

Weems Community #2 • Dec. 5 @ 7 pm
Weems Elementary School • 8750 Weems Road, Manassas

City Conference Connects People for Healthier Neighborhoods



The City of Manassas 5th Annual Neighborhood Conference at the Manassas Boys & Girls Club was the ideal place for the community to connect for healthy neighborhoods on Nov. 19, and 268 participants did just that. Bruce Moore of Speak Up Manassas Toastmasters Club, Juliet Franklin of GFWC Woman's Club of Manassas and Shelley Tibbs of Volunteer Prince William represented 50 clubs, non-profits and businesses who exhibited. Cathy Tarr, Community Leader for five area Walgreens stores, brought pharmacists to issue free flu shots to those without insurance. City Council Member Sheryl Bass led by example. U.S. Food Service Manassas gave away 42 turkeys. But it was the active youth presence that energized the assembly, as well as presentation of the Neighborhood of the Year Awards to Cannon Ridge HOA and Sumner Lake HOA ("Best Neighborhood Communication"), Point of Woods 1 & 2 ("Best Neighborhood Participation") and Don Bosco Center ("Best Youth Involvement").

Freshman Academy Raises Expectations

Osbourn High School Freshman Rising S.T.A.R.S. Academy (summer enrichment program) participants Christian Murray, Khadija Benkamsal and Mayra Bustamante were among freshmen recently commended by Freshman Academy Coordinator Mike Dufrene for achieving all As and Bs on their first quarter report card. OHS Freshman Academy empowers ALL students to achieve personal excellence "The Eagle Way." Freshman Academy activities include an October Freshman Family Night, November Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences (over 80 successful interventions made) and an extended learning environment after school Monday through Thursday throughout the school year.



For more information, contact Mike Dufrene at mdufrene@manassas.k12.va.us or 571-377-7067 or visit www.manassas.k12.va.us/osbourn.

Freshmen Academy Pledge

"I pledge to give my best, so I can be my best through hard work and a positive attitude...I will graduate from Osbourn High School in 2015!"

Meet the City's

New Crime Prevention Specialist



The Manassas City Police Department has hired a new crime prevention specialist, Adrienne Helms, of Alexandria. Crime prevention specialists work with law enforcement and citizens to develop crime prevention strategies that will make the community a safer place. Some are sworn officers and some are not; the City's crime prevention specialist is a civilian position.

Adrienne earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Studies from College of Charleston, in South Carolina and a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Tech. Previously, she was an Urban Planner for the City of Portsmouth and Reston, Virginia. She comes to the City with extensive training in crime prevention.

Adrienne can be reached at 703-257-8064 or ahelms@ci.manassas.va.us.

Manassas Regional Airport Generates Over \$234M in Economic Impact

A Virginia Department of Aviation Economic Impact Study reported that Manassas Regional Airport contributes \$234.6 million to the local economy. The independent report reveals that in 2010 the Manassas Regional Airport contributed to the economies of Prince William County, Manassas Park, Fairfax and the City of Manassas by producing \$234.6 million in overall economic activity, generating \$69,873,000 in payroll and creating 1,056 jobs.

The Airport Commission and management team, led by Airport Director Juan Rivera, are currently developing a 10-year strategic plan. The Airport Commission meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Terminal Building, second floor conference room, Manassas Regional Airport. Meetings are open to the public.



3rd Annual Greater Manassas Veterans Day Parade

Veterans Day Parade announcer Jim Conroy introduces Grand Marshal Rear Admiral Norman Saunders, USCG (Ret), one of five Grand Marshals from each of the services, to the parade spectators. RADM Saunders commanded Coast Guard cutters including Point Orient on combat patrols in Vietnam (DaNang). His full bio is on the www.vetpar.org website.



2012 Dog Licenses

Available at Treasurer's Office, City Hall

All dogs over 4 months old must be licensed.

New residents must license pets within 30 days of moving to the City.

Cost is \$5 with proof of spay/neuter or \$10 intact.

Valid rabies vaccination certificate required.

Failure to purchase a dog license is a Class IV Misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$250 fine.

Sign Up for Manassas Alerts

The City of Manassas uses Roam Secure Alert Network technology to immediately contact you during a major crisis or all-hazards emergency. Manassas Alert will deliver emergency alerts, notifications and updates to you on all your devices at once: E-mail account (work, home, other), cell phone, text pager, BlackBerry and wireless PDA.

The service is free, yet only 400+ subscribers, out of the City's 37,000 residents, have signed up! Visit the City website at www.manassascity.org and click on Emergency Preparedness under any of the drop down categories to sign up. You may also use your cell phone number for "Rapid Enrollment" instructions.

From the Community Calendar @ VisitManassas.org

Dec. 2
Manassas Museum Open House 5 pm,
9101 Prince William St.

Merry Old Town's Christmas Tree Lighting
5:30-8 pm

Dec. 3
66th Annual Greater Manassas Christmas Parade,
10 am - noon, Old Town Manassas

Sweet Honey in the Rock, 8 pm,
Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10900 University Blvd.

First Baptist Community Christmas Dinner,
5:30-8 pm, Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad,
9322 Center St.

Dec. 4
Old Town Merchants Open House, noon-5 pm,
Old Town Manassas

Free Carriage Rides,
1:30-4 pm,
Train Depot in Old Town Manassas



Let There Be Peace:
The National Jubilees of Peace Exhibit opens at The Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St. Reception 2-4 pm.

Dec. 8
Manassas Ballet Theatre Salute to the Military,
7:30-8:30 pm, Hylton Performing Arts Center,
10900 University Blvd.

Dec. 9
Manassas Ballet Theatre – The Nutcracker, 7:30 pm, Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10900 University Blvd.

Dec. 10
Santa Train 2011, Ticket information at <http://www.vre.org/seasonal/santa-trains.html>. Tickets sold out.

Manassas Ballet Theatre – The Nutcracker,
3-5 pm, Hylton Performing Arts Center,
10900 University Blvd.

Dec. 11
Free Carriage Rides, 1:30-4 pm,
Manassas Train Depot in Old Town Manassas



Manassas Ballet Theatre – The Nutcracker, 3-5 pm, Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10900 University Blvd.

Dec. 13-14
Volunteer Prince William Un-Trim-A-Tree Donation Drop-Off, 9 am-7 pm, National Guard Armory, 10628 Dumfries Rd. 703-369-5292 ext. 203 to donate or volunteer.

Dec. 13-17
Winter Wonderland Train Show, Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory, 9419 Battle St. Daily Dec. 13-16, 5-8 pm; Sat. Dec. 17, 10 am - 4 pm.



Dec. 15
Vienna Boys Choir-Christmas in Vienna, 8 pm, Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10900 University Blvd.

Dec. 18
Music @ Arts Christmas Celebration, 8-10 am, First Baptist Church, 9258 Center St.

Dec. 31
New Year's Eve Celebration! 5:30 pm until January 1, 2012 at City Square Café, 9428 Battle St.