

Saturday, Dec. 6th

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# Elfin' Around Old Town

79<sup>TH</sup> GREATER MANASSAS CHRISTMAS PARADE



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## GREATER MANASSAS CHRISTMAS PARADE

1	Burke Community Management	33	Spotlight Dance	67	Bishop Flaherty Assembly
2	Stanley Martin Homes – Martin K. Alloy Boys & Girls Club	34	Ashton Family Restaurant	68	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington
3	City of Manassas Joint Honor Guard	35	FIN Friends of Colgan HS	69	Capital VW Club
4	City of Manassas Police Department	36	Strittmatter Companies	70	Virginia Dance Center
5	Prince William County Public Safety Honor Guard	37	Patriot HS Pioneers Marching Band	71	American Drengkr Krav Maga
6	Prince William County Sheriff's Office	38	Scouting America Troop 1372, Pack 1372, Crew 1372	72	Griffin Owens Insurance Group
7	City of Manassas Park Police Department	39	The Merit Schools of Virginia	73	International Bible Baptist Church
8	Sara Knight – Grand Marshal	40	Prince William Dance Academy	74	Gainesville HS Cardinal Marching Band
9	Maria Guzman – TD Bank Woman of the Year	41	Manassas Rotary	75	The Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club
10	Miquel Pires – Man of the Year	42	Mayfield Intermediate School	76	Suburban Gypsies Belly Dance
11	Dunkin' locally owned and operated by Vigario Management	43	Peace of Mind K9	77	Dream in NOVA
12	Manassas Park HS Cougars Marching Band	44	K&M Roofing and Contracting LLC	78	Alpha-Bet Cooperative Preschool
13	Dignitaries	45	Northern Virginia Food Rescue	79	Cub Scout Pack 1195
14	Bull Run Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America	46	Prince William County Fair Queen and Court	80	All American Steakhouse
15	Historic Manassas, Inc.	47	Rice Ace Hardware	81	Ben Lomond Swim Team
16	The Washington Redskins Marching Band Alumni	48	Bull Run Unitarian Universalists	82	Soroptimist Int'l of Manassas
17	City of Manassas Fire & Rescue Department	49	Osborn Park HS NJROTC	83	Freedom HS Marching Band
18	Manassas Volunteer Fire Company	50	Osborn Park HS Cheer	84	Patrick Henry Loyal Orange Lodge #1105
19	Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad	51	Ourisman Ford of Manassas – Osborn Park HS Yellow Jackets Marching Band	85	Fire & Smoke Jeep Club
20	American Legion Post 10	52	Sign Graphx	86	Advantage Septic Service
21	Jacqueline Smith, Clerk of the Circuit Court	53	Zeta Sigma Psi Military Sorority, Inc.	87	Caporales San Simon Virginia USA
22	UVA Health	54	Kena Shriners	88	BrightPath Manassas
23	Prince William Little Theatre	55	17th Black Bears - OSG	89	Manassas Youth Ballet
24	Metz MS Cheer Team	56	Showcase Dance Studio	90	Prescott Avenue VFD
25	First Baptist Church – Manassas	57	Brooks Heating and Air	91	The Learning Experience
26	Drunk Monkey Jeepers	58	Manassas Park Latino Fest Committee	92	Charros of the Plains
27	DASH to the Rescue	59	We Graze Goatscaping	93	Closets By Design
28	Consejo Salvadoreno Americano	60	Manassas Moose Lodge 1380	94	Aaron's Towing, LLC
29	Cub Pack 1355 – Bennett ES	61	Prince William-Manassas Regional Detention Center	95	Manassas Cattlemen's Club
30	Mr. Handyman of Northern Virginia – Arlington to Haymarket	62	Birmingham Green	96	Osborn HS Interact Club
31	Motomember of Manassas	63	Unity Reed HS AFJROTC	97	Osborn HS Cheerleaders
32	Coles Little League	64	The Pride of Unity Reed HS Marching Band	98	Wine Energy – Osborn HS Screaming Eagles Marching Band
		65	NOVA Specialty Contracting	99	Miller Toyota – Santa Float
		66	Greater Manassas Baseball & Softball League		



# GRAND MARSHAL Sara Knight

**Meet Sara Knight,** Sweet Julia Grace Foundation founder and Julia Grace's mom.

Sara founded the Sweet Julia Grace Foundation (SJGF) after dedicating twelve years to caring for her medically fragile daughter, Julia Grace.

Julia, who inspired her family with the quote, *"Life isn't about waiting for the storms to pass; it's learning to dance in the rain,"* truly lived out this spirit.

Since founding SJGF in 2014, Sara has been determined to say "yes" to families who hear "no" way too often. She has created a non-profit that has become the go-to resource for families and healthcare providers alike who are seeking support for their patients.

Through SJGF, Sara and her team of volunteers enter a Raindancer child's family "inner circle." From there, she is able to discern needs and wishes for their Raindancer, connect them with various resources, and guide, mentor, and assist the parents as they navigate the many systems and trials of having a child with medical and/or special needs.

Gifts and special support are given to both siblings and parents, and programs have been developed so families can be supported for the long haul. Sara often tells a family when she meets them for the first time:



*"I hope you know you are stuck with us now,"* and she has kept true to that statement in more ways than one.

SJGF brings the community together and inspires volunteerism in all ages. Since its founding, more than a thousand volunteers have stepped up to help SJGF help Raindancers "Dance in the Rain."

Sara and SJGF have been honored with numerous awards, including the 2023 Good Neighbor Award by NVAR Cares, the "Local Hero Award," "Community Angel Award," "Senator Colgan Advocacy Award," and the "Agnes L. Colgan Community Service Award."





## TD BANK WOMAN OF THE YEAR **Maria** GUZMAN



Maria is a vibrant civic leader, small business entrepreneur, and cultural advocate whose work reflects the heart and diversity of the City of Manassas. A longtime vendor at the Historic Manassas Farmers Market, she has built a strong following for her creativity, hospitality, and commitment to community connection.

Maria founded LAREXPO (Latin-American Artisans and Entrepreneurs Expo), a platform dedicated to empowering artisans across Latin America. This initiative fosters community development through mentorship, collaboration, and the celebration of Latin American cultural treasures, bridging ancient traditions with a global marketplace. She is a staunch advocate for ensuring young entrepreneurs have access to opportunities to showcase the products that represent their native countries.

Maria also serves on the Board of Directors for Historic Manassas Inc. and organized the first-ever “Mosaic at the Manassas Museo” event, highlighting the rich Latin American heritage of the region.

Maria’s leadership has been instrumental in elevating the cultural and civic vibrancy of Manassas and creating a sense of belonging that keeps residents and visitors returning.

## MAN OF THE YEAR **Miguel** PIRES



Miguel is the Founder and CEO of Great Eats Hospitality, a restaurant group that includes Zandra’s Taqueria in Old Town Manassas, Haymarket, and Fairfax. He began his career in commercial real estate before launching his first restaurant in 2014, a bold step that helped energize the downtown Manassas business district.

Today, he stands as a cornerstone of the local business community and one of the region’s most recognized civic leaders. His leadership includes service as Co-Chair of the Manassas Business Council, a former member of Historic Manassas Inc., and a graduate of the Leadership Prince William program.

Miguel is a natural connector who believes small businesses are the backbone of community life. He continues to serve as a bridge between the business community and city leadership, promoting inclusive and sustainable growth.



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## PARADE

Stanley Martin Homes

## EVENTS

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## SANTA FLOAT

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## CENTER STAGE HOLIDAY SPOTLIGHT



## JUDGE'S VIEWING STAND & RECEPTION

Dunkin' Locally Owned & Operated  
by Vigario Management

## BAND

Wine Energy : Osbourn High  
School

Ourisman Ford of Manassas :  
Osbourn Park High School

## BALLOON

Rotary Club of Manassas

## CAP

East to West Embroidery

## STAGING AREA BREAKFAST

Griffin Owens Insurance Group

## VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

Manassas Moose  
Lodge 1380

## VOLUNTEER SUPPLIES

The Merit School's of Virginia

## PARADE BANNER

Sign Graphx

## GOLF CARTS

Motomember of Manassas

## SANTA VIDEO

BrightPath Manassas

## SANTA VIDEO LOCATION

Flower Gallery of Manassas

## SANTA'S KEEPSAKES

NOVEC

## TREE DECORATIONS

NOVA Specialty Contracting

## SANTA'S RIDE FROM THE NORTH POLE

Aaron's Towing

## SANTA & MRS. CLAUS ACCOMMODATIONS

Advantage Septic Service

## HOLIDAY CHEER

Burke Community Management

## PARADE ANNOUNCERS

Amy Adsit  
Archie Mercado

## PARADE COMMITTEE

Chrissi Blasius, Osbourn High School

Wayne Haight, SW Rodgers

Gary Hale, Iron Horse Antiques

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