



## BUSINESS BEAT

Economic Development News



September 20, 2018

### Featured Business: **Prince William String Academy**



We are thrilled to celebrate the expansion of Prince William Strings Academy, one of the City's thriving small businesses. Prince William Strings Academy opened in 2016 specializing in the teaching of violin, viola, cello, bass and piano. It offers private and group lessons as well as chamber music coaching by professional musicians and teachers. In just under two years it has cultivated a reputation for providing high-quality instruction drawing students from across the region.

To accommodate the demand for additional lessons and programs, owner Katherine Colburn has moved to a much

### Featured Partner: **Car Free Day**

JOIN US FOR  
**MANASSAS**  
**CAR FREE DAY**  
SEPTEMBER 22 | 8:30AM-NOON  
SATURDAY FARMER'S MARKET  
Prince William Commuter Lot across from Baldwin Elementary

- Relax in our Pop-Up Park
- 10 AM Walking Tour Car Free Manassas in the 1900s
- 9 AM Bike Tour with Planners. Share your voice about improvements for bikers
- Join the Transportation Community Conversation
- Learn about car-free alternatives from our partners
- Take the pledge at [www.carfreemetrodcc.org](http://www.carfreemetrodcc.org) & win great prizes like Manassasopoly

**DROP IT FOR A DAY!**

**CAR FREE DAYS**  
METRO DC  
9.21.18 AND/OR 9.22.18

TAKE THE PLEDGE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR GREAT PRIZES

Car Free Day is an international event celebrated every September 22 in which people are encouraged to get around without driving alone in cars and instead ride a train, bus, bicycle, carpool, vanpool, subway or walk.

Car Free Day is organized in various cities throughout the world in different ways with the common goal of reducing

larger space in Historic Downtown. A long-time resident of Manassas, Katherine began the business almost a decade ago in her home offering only cello lessons. Over time, the desire to offer a central location where students can receive the highest quality music education in all string instruments and piano led her to open the doors to the Prince William String Academy. All teachers have three things in common: degrees in music education and performance in their specific instrument, performing musicians in DC's finest ensembles and a fun-loving attitude when it comes to teaching kids.

For additional information, please visit  
[pwstringacademy.com](http://pwstringacademy.com)

### **Featured Property:** **9009 Church Street**



#### **MESSENGER PLACE**

Come, be a part of the City's newest mixed-use development in Historic Downtown Manassas. This 95-unit residential community includes 8,000 square feet of ground floor retail divided into three spaces adjacent to the complex's gym facility. This is fantastic opportunity for apartment-compatible uses like a deli, convenience store, drink bar or dry-cleaner.

the number of cars on the streets. The benefit to greater society is a day with less traffic congestion, a greener environment and reduced gasoline demand.

During Community Conversations, we've heard from businesses about the importance of transportation alternatives, like VRE and bike infrastructure for their employees. Car Free Day is a great opportunity for businesses and employees to learn about what the City is doing to promote active transportation.

The Manassas event is September 22nd, but area employees may also register to go Car Free or Car Light to work on September 21st and be entered to win prizes.

Register online at:  
[carfreemetrodc.org](http://carfreemetrodc.org)



Messenger Place is in a highly trafficked and desirable location within walking distance to many other shops, restaurants and the Virginia Railway Express.

Lease Rates: \$35 NNN SF/YR

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## In The News

[Chantilly Air expanding in Manassas with new fixed base operation](#)

[Spotlight on Education: Manassas students getting fresh start with new superintendent](#)

[City of Manassas wins Governor's Technology Award](#)

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## Calendar of Events

9/26 9 a.m., 1 Million Cups, CenterFuse

9/27 11:30 a.m. [ED Series Luncheon](#): The Economic Impacts of Transportation in our Region, PW Chamber of Commerce

10/5 6 - 9 p.m. [First Friday](#), Historic Downtown Manassas

10/25 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. [Get Serious, Get Start Up](#), CenterFuse



SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 29TH  
MANASSAS MUSEUM LAWN  
12PM—6PM

INNOVATE

INSPIRE

GROW

SUCCEED

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