1) What would you say makes your jurisdiction great?
Our city provides superior public safety, public works, and responsiveness to citizens. Further, we host dozens of events each year like the railroad festival, July 4th fireworks, wine festival, Christmas parade, civil war re-enactments, movies on the museum lawn, concerts at the pavilion, courses at nearby universities...the list goes on; nobody need be bored in Manassas. With the VRE railroad and crossroads auto connections, we provide easy access to all regional work centers and activities while still maintaining a small town flavor. We are heavy on citizen involvement, with more city volunteers than city employees.

2) In 20 words or less, what message would you like to share with the George Mason University community?
Manassas is a thoroughly enjoyable community to live in, to work in, or to visit.

3) What is your favorite local restaurant?
We have a wide variety of excellent boutique restaurants specializing in everything from Cajun, Portuguese, and Continental, to Tex-Mex, steaks, barbeque or Thai. It’s hard to choose but, because I particularly love dolmades and moussaka, I would have to pick Katerina’s Greek Restaurant on Center St.

4) What is the number one thing on your bucket list?
After 37 years in the international oil business and 13 years in Manassas government, my bucket has been pretty well emptied.

5) What is the biggest challenge facing your jurisdiction today?
Managing the changing needs and costs of our school system in a sensitive and yet affordable manner.