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STI-SPFA's Century Club honors Manassas VA water tank

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The Steel Tank Institute-Steel Plate Fabricators Association (STI-SPFA) announces that the City of Manassas, Virginia, Utilities has received the association's Century Club award. The honor acknowledges the owners of steel water storage tanks at least 100 years old and still in active service.

The "Fire House" water tank holds 80,000 gallons, is made of riveted steel, and was built by R.D. Code Manufacturing of Newnan, Georgia, in 1914. It's 175 feet tall, has a hemispherical bottom and conical top, and is supported by four legs, three levels of cross beams, and diagonal tie rods.

"Water tanks are some of the most identifiable structures across the United States, and we feel it is important to honor these tanks not only for their extraordinary service life, but also for the role they play in ensuring the safety of our water supplies," said Wayne Geyer, STI-SPFA's executive vice president. Arrangements are underway to present a Century Club plaque to the City of Manassas Utilities agency.

Manassas is the site of several key Civil War battles and therefore has a strong sense of history. The property for the water tank sits within the Manassas historical district and is already identified as a landmark in the City of Manassas Old Town Sector Plan. It has also been submitted to the Virginia Landmarks Registry and the National Registry of Historic Places.

Two major rail lines intersected in Manassas when it incorporated in 1873. By 1884, the town had several water wells for the town's water supply and fire protection. Phone service and street lamps were added in the 1890's. By 1910, Manassas' population had grown to 1,200. The utility formed in 1913, and the Fire House water tank was installed in 1914.

All honorees in STI-SPFA's Century Club program can be viewed at www.steeltank.com.



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