



CURTAIN GOING UP ON HYLTON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The hottest tickets in town are those for the Hylton Performing Arts Center's Grand Opening Weekend on May 21-23, on the Prince William campus of George Mason University in Manassas.

Opening Night is Friday, May 21 at 8:00 p.m., featuring one of Canada's best-selling music groups, an engaging octet of brothers and sisters called Leahy. Tickets are \$50 and under, and include the opening night post-performance reception.

The Grand Opening Gala is Saturday, May 22 at 8:00 p.m. with the American Festival Pops Orchestra. Anthony Maiello is conductor; performers include pianist Thomas Pandolfi (Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue) and soprano Lisa Vroman (The Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables). Tickets are \$75 and \$125 and include the post-performance gala reception.

Sunday, May 23 turns the spotlight on Resident Arts Groups with BBQ on the Lawn at noon and performances from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Merchant Hall and the Gregory Family Theater by Manassas Ballet, Youth Orchestra of Prince William, NOVA Manassas Symphony Orchestra, Prince William Little Theatre, VpStart Crow Theatre, Creative and Performing Arts Center, Woodbridge Flute Choir, Parrish Handbell Choir and Manassas Chorale. Enjoy the Youth Orchestra's interactive instrument petting zoo in the rehearsal studio. Tickets are \$10 for adults and free to youth and children, 17 years of age and under.

"The Hylton Performing Arts Center brings a positive economic impact for the City, the County and the Commonwealth in addition to great performances for and by our community," says Jean Kellogg, Executive Director of the center, who was recently named one of the 2010 "Influential Women of Virginia" by Virginia Lawyers Weekly. "We really are the center of the new Northern Virginia."

Tickets go on sale in April through Tickets.com and at the Hylton Center Box Office. For more information, visit www.hyltonperformingartscenter.com or contact Community Relations Coordinator Kristin Day at 703-993-9344.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN OLD TOWN MANASSAS

HP = Harris Pavilion MM = Manassas Museum OT = Old Town

MAY

- 2 - Book Talk – *Best Little Stories from the Civil War, 2010*, by *Military History* magazine columnist C. Brian Kelly, 2 p.m.; included with admission, **MM**
- 7 - Spring Gallery Walk 2010, 6-9:30 pm, **OT**
- 8 - Kids Festival, noon-4 pm, **HP**
- 11 - Toddler Tuesday: Bugs – Insect stories, songs, crafts & take-home surprise, 10-11 am, \$10 per child (ages 2-5 with caregiver), **MM**
- 16 - Manassas Lioness Lions Vendor Fair, 1-5 pm, **HP**
- 27 - U.S. Army Band, "Pershing's Own," 7-8 pm, **HP**
- 29 - Alzheimer's Memory Walk, 8:30 am-noon, **HP**

JUNE

- 2 - Wednesday Lunch Concerts begin, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, **HP**
- 4 - *Balancing Truth: Civil War Espionage* exhibit opens, **MM**
- 5 - Manassas Heritage Railway Festival & Civil War Weekend, 10am-4pm, **HP, MM & OT**
- 6 - Sunday Ice Cream Socials & Concerts begin, 3-4:30 pm, **HP**
- 12 - Saturday Night Dance, Key West Band, 8-11 pm, **HP**
- 17 - U.S. Navy Band – Commodores Concert, 7-8 pm, **HP**
- 20 - Manassas Wine & Jazz Festival, 11 am-6 pm, **HP**
- 24 - U.S. Navy Band – Country Current Concert, 7-8 pm, **HP**

JULY

- 4 - Celebrate America! July 4th Festival & Fireworks, 4-10 pm, **HP, MM, OT**
- 10 - Annual ADA Fair, 9 am-3 pm, **HP**
- 17 - Christmas in July – VAC, 2-11 pm, **HP**

MANASSAS FARMERS MARKET OPENS!!

Thursdays (starting April 29)
7am – 1:30pm
Harris Pavilion

Saturdays (starting May 1)
7:30am – 2:30pm
City Parking Lot B
Across from the Train Depot

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For more information
visit our Web site at
www.manassascity.org

1 By Youth PROJECT

TO TRANSFORM GEORGETOWN SOUTH ON APRIL 24

The list is enormous: 9,000 square feet of landscaping fabric from Virginia Contractor Supply, enough Lowe's lumber to build 22 pathways ... 500 gallons of Sherwin-Williams paint ... 100 gallons of diesel fuel from E.E. Wine ... 2,000 sandwiches from Manassas Assembly of God ... two fully stocked first aid tents from Walgreens, \$500 worth of bottled water from Wegmans, a generous check from Chadwick & Washington. It's all part of the groundswell of community support that is sweeping the 1 By Youth project in Georgetown South on Saturday, April 24: a massive one-day, one-community, one-impact revitalization effort.

Organizers are the same Denver, Colorado foundation that has, over the past three summers, sent 2,000 volunteers into Manassas for the City's award-winning Week of Hope program. Now they've chosen the city as a national pilot site for sending thousands of volunteers to the Georgetown South neighborhood in ONE DAY.

"You don't tackle a project of this size without the community support we've built up over the past three years," said Kisha Wilson-Sogunro, Neighborhood Services Manager. "Georgetown South is having community meetings and getting pumped up. The business, school and faith communities are coming at me with 'what can we do to help' and 'we don't want to be left out of this.' My response, come on down. We've got Mike Garcia Construction and Habitat for Humanity

behind us, and more sponsors joining us every day. If you are part of the Manassas community, be there, rain or shine, with your sleeves rolled up at 7 a.m. at the Boys & Girls Club on April 24 and let's knock this out of the ballpark."

Following the Kickoff Rally at the Boys & Girls Club, 9501 Dean Park Lane, volunteers will move to more than 15 work sites throughout the 12-street Georgetown South neighborhood. Projects include painting fences and electrical boxes, mulching playgrounds, planting trees, filling nine rolloff dumpsters with trash and litter and building more than two dozen loose-fill walkways. The day wraps up with a Block Party Celebration from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Grant Avenue Shopping Center.

Donations of materials and sponsorships are still welcome. Contact Kisha Wilson-Sogunro at 703-257-8240 or kishavolunteers@gmail.com. More than 250 local volunteers are needed to stage the event. Sign up today! Register at www.manassasvolunteers.com.



Make Your Voice Heard

The City of Manassas is looking for citizens to serve on boards, committees and commissions:

Architectural Review Board
(Alternate Position)

Cities of Manassas/Manassas Park
Disability Services Board
(1 Position)

Citizens Advisory Committee
for Cemeteries
(1 Position)

Citizens Advisory Committee
on Solid Waste
(2 Positions)

If you are a resident of the City of Manassas and would like to be considered for an appointment to any of these vacancies, please call the City Clerk's office at 703-257-8211 to request an application or send a brief resume to:

City Clerk, City of Manassas,
P.O. Box 560,
Manassas, VA 20108



MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Harry J. "Hal" Parrish II
Vice Mayor & Council Member Andrew L. Harrover
Council Member Marc T. Aveni
Council Member Sheryl L. Bass
Council Member J. Steven Randolph
Council Member Jonathan L. "Jon" Way
Council Member Mark Wolfe

VOTE ON ELECTION DAY - May 4

The City of Manassas will hold a General Election on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 to elect three City Council members and three City School Board members. A Special Election will be held along with the General Election to elect one City School Board member to the seat vacated by Sheryl Bass, who resigned when she was appointed to the City Council.

Candidates who have qualified for the General Election are:

City Council Member (select only three):

Marc T. Aveni
Andrew L. Harrover
J. Steven Randolph

City School Board (select only three):

Tim J. Demeria
Patrick D. Linehan
Regina P. "Reggie" Moore
Pam J. Sebesky
Sanford S. Williams

Special Election:

City School Board (select only one):

R. J. "Jack" Magee, Jr.

The hours for Absentee Voting in person at the Voter Registration and Election Office, 9025 Center Street, Manassas, are Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays, April 24 and May 1, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The last day a paper Ballot can be mailed for this Election is April 27. The last day to vote absentee in person is Saturday, May 1.

On Election Day, May 4, the Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.



MAYFIELD THANKS THE MANASSAS COMMUNITY

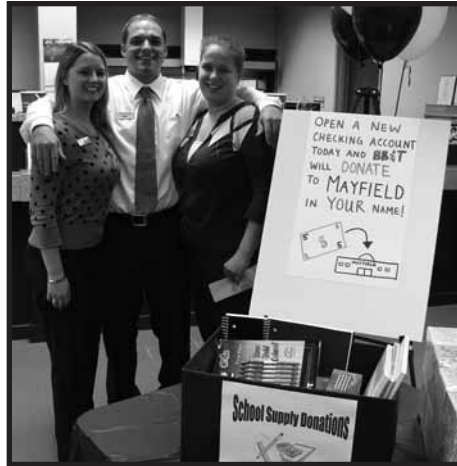
After heavy snowfalls in February compromised the roof of Mayfield Intermediate School, resulting in the relocation of 1,000 students and 150 staff into different locations, the Manassas community quickly rallied behind the school.

An outpouring of support came and continues to come in every form—moral, physical, supply donations and financial contributions, according to Principal Jeff Abt. Donated school



GMU's Ruth Potter (left) helped Mayfield instructor Michelle Green load supplies that students and faculty collected at the university's Prince William campus.

supplies were in the hands of students and teachers immediately upon their return to classes, after missing only five days of instruction. Donations have ranged in size from the contents



From left: Angela Gansor, Mike Lang and Liz Vaklyes welcomed Mayfield supply donations from BB&T customers at the Old Town Manassas branch on March 12.

of a child's penny bank to checks for thousands of dollars from large multinational corporations, local non-profit organizations and professional associations.

Mountains of loose leaf notebook paper, pencils, pens and other school supplies were collected at the Manassas Boys and Girls Club, Carteret Branch, which generously donated storage space. Two weeks later, most of those supplies are in use by the

schools and more arrive each day.

Local colleges and universities, other school systems, restaurants, banks, business associations/chambers, neighborhoods, churches, small businesses, police and fire departments, and parents and friends of students and teachers—all have contributed in a significant way.

"We are overwhelmed on a daily basis by the generosity of our community, both within our 10 square



Best Buy employees help move supplies to Mayfield's temporary sites.

miles and well beyond," says Abt. The result, he says, is that "amazing learning is taking place! The positive, supportive attitude of our community is mirrored in our students and staff."

COUNCIL INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE FY 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET

The public is encouraged to comment on the FY 2011 Proposed Budget at a public hearing on Monday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall, 9027 Center Street, Manassas.

Budget and Capital Improvement Program documents are available for viewing on the City's Web site at www.manassascity.org.

Citizens are also encouraged to speak at any regular City Council meeting. The City Council meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month, excluding holidays. The meetings start at 5:30 p.m. with citizen comments at 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are also televised live on Comcast Cable Channel 23 and Verizon Channel 39.

Agendas for the City Council meetings are available for download from the document center at www.manassascity.org.

Save the Date

OPEN HOUSE

Greater Manassas Volunteer Rescue Squad

Saturday, May 22
10 am – 3 pm

*Bring the Family
and Enjoy a Day of Fun*

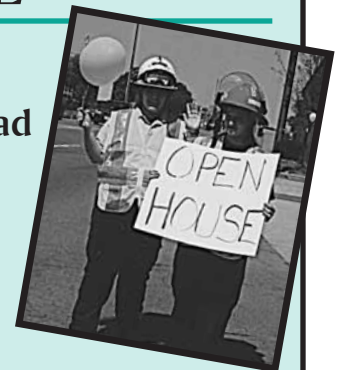
* Children's Activities *

© Refreshments ©

* Facility Tour *

See what the Rescue Squad has to offer

SIGN UP AS A VOLUNTEER SQUAD MEMBER





POLICE CHIEF JOHN J. SKINNER to Retire May 1



When Police Chief John J. Skinner retires effective May 1, he will do so as the second longest serving Chief of Police in the Manassas City Police Department's history. He has held the position since April 1, 1998.

"John Skinner is the consummate law enforcement professional," said City Manager Lawrence D. Hughes, in making the announcement of his retirement earlier this year. "He led the Department through the demanding process of National Accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies – CALEA. He has always seen to it that his staff is the best trained and equipped force possible. I have enjoyed working with him, and with crime in Manassas at a 10-year low, I know he can take great pride in his service to our City."

With 37 years of law enforcement experience in all facets and levels of police work, the Chief brought strong leadership, innovation and diversity to the Department. He has always encouraged growth from within and overseen a strong career and professional development program. His many significant accomplishments include implementing Citywide community policing; achieving national accreditation status; construction of

the new Animal Shelter and Adoption Center; restructured and expanded career development program opportunities; implementing crime analysis and crime mapping technology; established a Civil Disturbance Unit; established the Sergeant John D. Conner Memorial Scholarship Foundation; expanded the Department's Police K-9 Program; implemented new immigration enforcement initiatives with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE); and initiated the replacement and conversion of a new Records Management System and Computer Aided Dispatch Center.

"Chief Skinner's service over the past 12 years has helped make our City a safer and more enjoyable place to live and work," added Mayor Harry J. "Hal" Parrish. "He has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the Police Department's reputation and professional standing. He is committed to protecting our community and has implemented successful community policing, emergency operations and other enhancements to continually improve the public safety services provided to our community."

Chief Skinner began his career as a U.S. Secret Service uniformed police officer. He next worked in the City of Fairfax as a Patrol Officer and rose through the ranks to become Chief of Police before retiring in 1998, after 24 years of service, to accept the

Manassas Chief's position. Regionally, he has served as Chairman of the Northern Virginia Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, Chairman of the Prince William County 31st Judicial District Community Criminal Justice Board, and is currently Chairman of the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission, which has oversight of Virginia's law enforcement accreditation programs. In 2002, Chief Skinner received the distinguished U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administrator Executive of the Year Award. He is an active member of the FBI National Academy Associates, Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

"I have been privileged to work with such an exceptional and highly qualified professional law enforcement agency and staff," responded Chief Skinner. "I've enjoyed the people I've worked with and enjoyed the support of our City Manager, Mayor and City Council during my 12 years of service with the Department."

Prior to Chief Skinner's May 1 retirement, the City Manager plans to appoint an Acting Chief of Police to serve in that capacity until a permanent replacement is appointed.

'READY ✓ VIRGINIA'

The City of Manassas Fire and Rescue Department would like to remind you that flooding is the most common natural disaster in Virginia, and it is costly. Just one inch of water in a home or office leads to about \$8,000 in cleanup, including replacing dry-wall, baseboards, floor coverings and

furniture. Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover flooding. Talk to your agent now. Coverage is relatively inexpensive. There is a usually a 30-day waiting period before coverage begins. For more information, go to www.floodsmart.gov or call 1-800-427-2419.

PUBLIC HEARING

FY 2011 PROPOSED BUDGET
MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010
7:30 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FIRST FLOOR OF CITY HALL
9027 CENTER STREET, MANASSAS