



HYLTON CENTER OPENS DOORS TO MANASSAS COMMUNITY

When the Hylton Performing Arts Center opened its doors to the community this spring, more than 2,000 people attended the Family Day festivities on May 23, the culmination of a weekend of events that drew several thousand more. Everyone enjoyed a barbecue lunch on the terrace outside and inside, an afternoon of performances by resident arts groups, from the Manassas Chorale and Manassas Ballet Theatre, to NOVA Manassas Symphony Orchestra, Prince William Little Theatre and Vpstart Crow Productions.



The Parrish Handbell Choir entertained visitors in the Hylton Performing Arts Center's Didlake Grand Foyer on Family Day. Photo by Evan Cantwell.

The Hylton Performing Arts Center is located on the campus of George Mason University's Prince William Campus, and is supported by the City of Manassas, Prince William County, the Commonwealth of Virginia and many local businesses in the City, including Novant Health, Didlake, Inc., Lockheed Martin and more, as well as private donors such as John O. Gregory and Carol Merchant Kirby. For a complete schedule of center activities, and links to the resident arts groups, visit www.hyltonperformingartscenter.org.



Artwork by Manassas artist Nancy Hersch Ingram hangs in the center's second floor art gallery. Photo by Evan Cantwell.

HERE ARE A FEW UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS...

Potomac Arts Academy: Programs for Families: Family Dances
July 28 and August 25 at 7:00 pm

Bring the whole family for a fun time of play-along, move-along and song and dance. All ages will enjoy an evening together – no pressure, just fun! \$15.00 per family per evening.

Vision Series: Lance Liotta and Emanuel Petricoin: The Dawn of the Age of Personalized Therapy

September 14 at 7:00 pm

Co-Directors, Center for Applied Proteomics and Molecular Medicine. Free/Non-ticketed.

Navy Band Concert

September 19 at 3:00 pm Free/Ticket required.

Navy Seas Chanters

September 26 at 3:00 pm Free/Ticket required.

Vision Series: Gregory Koblentz: Biosecurity in the 21st Century

October 5 at 7:00 pm

Assistant Professor, Public and International Affairs. Free/Non-ticketed.

American Voices with Crystal Gayle, Larry Gatlin and Andy Cooney

October 15 at 8:00 pm



Grammy Award-winning country music artists Crystal Gayle and Larry Gatlin join "Irish America's Favorite Son" Andy Cooney for a celebration of America's Songbook. Buy season tickets now, or single tickets (\$50, \$42, \$34) go on sale September 1.

Photo courtesy of George Mason University.

Ella Jenkins Family Concert

October 17 at 3:00 pm

The popular Ella ("Barney and Friends," and "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood") employs the ukulele, harmonica, guitar, piano and small percussion instruments to share music of children from seven continents. Tickets \$15.

Suzanne Smith: My Man's an Undertaker

November 9 at 7:00 pm

Associate Professor, History and Art History. Free/Non-ticketed.

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POLICE CHIEF KEEN UNVEILS HIS INITIATIVES

Douglas W. Keen was sworn in as the new Police Chief for the City of Manassas at the April 26 City Council meeting.

Chief Keen has 24 years of law enforcement experience with over 20 of those years with the City of Manassas. This experience includes progressive and comprehensive leadership and management positions. He was Assistant Police Chief at the time of his selection.



He is a graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School, possesses an undergraduate degree in Administration of Justice, a graduate degree in Public Administration and has completed the FBI National Academy. Chief Keen was instrumental in implementing the first Community Policing Unit for the department in 1996 and assisting in the development of the Citywide Community Policing Program. He initiated the replacement and conversion of a new Records Management System and Computer Aided Dispatch Center and has overseen the management of the National Accreditation process. As Assistant Chief, Keen has managed the department's budget since 2007.

"It is an honor to take over the leadership of the Manassas City Police Department," Chief Keen stated at his swearing in ceremony. "I want to assure our residents and elected leaders that we will maintain the same standards that you are used to."

Those standards will be guided by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Manassas City Police Department has been accredited since 2001.

Why is CALEA accreditation important for the community and the agency?

"National accreditation urges greater accountability within the agency, reduces liability against civil law suits, increases community involvement and brings recognition of professional excellence," explained Keen. "For the men and women of the Manassas City Police Department, we will focus on setting high expectations, ownership and accountability...My commitment to the police force and this community is that we will work as a team, each individual committed to providing the most professional police services possible, ensuring that we have a safe and secure community."

Chief Keen is already setting in motion his initiatives to eliminate the barriers between the community and the Police Department: officers are spending more time on bicycle and foot patrol this summer, and attending additional training on the concepts of community policing. The department is pursuing grant opportunities that hire civilian personnel to replace sworn officers in administrative positions to free up officers for patrol. The department's new Records Management System is expected to be online by the end of September, allowing residents greater access to information and possibly file on-line reports for some offenses such as vandalism and petit larceny.

"This type of technology will help us achieve our goal of patrol officers spending more time in the neighborhoods," added Chief Keen. "These are very challenging economic and social times and we must proceed with caution and well thought-out plans. Law Enforcement is being pulled in many directions, some by unfunded state and federal mandates, and we have local needs that must be met. We will achieve success through national accreditation and strong community-policing practices, partnering with our community."

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Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Company

November 10 at 8:00 pm

World-famous troupe of talented dancers perform authentic folk dances from the Philippines with colorful traditional costumes and lively music. Buy season tickets now, or single tickets (\$42, \$34, \$26) go on sale September 1.

Mid Atlantic Nature Photography Expo

November 13, 9:30 am – 9 pm, November 14, 9:30 am – 5 pm

Exhibit of more than 200 juried images of landscapes, wildlife and flowers in their nature habitat. Lectures, workshops, and networking are offered continually both days. Keynote speaker Bob Krist will make his presentation on November 13 from 7-9 pm. Cost: \$10 each day; students \$5; ages 15 and under free. Lectures: \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door.

Rockapella: A Rockapella Holiday

December 3 at 8:00 pm

America's leading male vocal group spreads energy with their jazzy vocal percussion and catchy blend of soul, rock, R&B, and jazz on seasonal favorites. Buy season tickets now, or single tickets (\$44, \$36, \$28) go on sale September 1.

Danú: Christmas in Ireland: An Nollaig in Éirinn

December 5 at 4:00 pm

Celtic Christmas celebration with a spirited Irish band. Buy season tickets now, or single tickets (\$42, \$34, \$26) go on sale September 1.



Save the Date

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13



CITY OF MANASSAS 2010 Neighborhood Conference

LET'S ALL GIVE CITY VOLUNTEERS A HAND!



By Sue Lhotka,
Refuse and Recycling Coordinator



Volunteers of the Year included, from left, Cindy Brookshire, Joe Martin, Janie Jennell and Dwayne Lynch, here with Manassas Mayor Harry "Hal" Parrish II. Harry K. Bowman and Marina Jackson are not pictured.
Photo by Robin Kruczek.

The City depends on its more than 500 volunteers on 54 committees, boards and commissions to fight fires, to guide Museum visitors, to count ballots, to pick up litter, to plan for road improvements and to beautify and improve the quality of life in our great city. Without them, many services would not exist.

All volunteers were invited to the City of Manassas 17th Annual Volunteer Reception on May 13 at the Loy E. Harris Pavilion and more than 200 turned out for the evening program catered by a Taste of Heaven. Soloist Erven R. Lhotka performed the Star-Spangled Banner, City Manager Lawrence D. Hughes welcomed everyone and Mayor Harry Parrish II spoke on what volunteerism means to the City.

Six volunteers were singled out for special acknowledgement: Harry K. Bowman (Utility Commission), Cindy Brookshire and Dwayne Lynch (Neighborhood Services), Marina Jackson and Janie Jennell (The Manassas Museum), and Joe Martin for his work on the Christmas Parade committee.

All the volunteers were recognized in the News & Messenger, the Manassas Observer and the Washington Post.

Want to volunteer?

CONTACT THE CITY OF MANASSAS CLERK'S OFFICE AT 703-257-8304 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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

**Tall grass? Trash?
Broken fences?
Graffiti?**

For these and other neighborhood complaints

Call the Property Maintenance Hotline

703-257-8273

City of Manassas
Neighborhood First
Everyone is an Essential Piece

1 By Youth is a SUCCESS!



Photos by volunteers Randy Donaldson, Lynn Grizzard and Linda Hughes.

The City of Manassas Neighborhood Services Department is grateful to all its community partners and volunteers on the successful 1 By Youth project on April 24 in the Georgetown South neighborhood, including Lowe's, Mike Garcia Construction, Habitat for Humanity's Prince William affiliate, Sherwin-Williams, E.E. Wine, 84 Lumber, Summit Construction, Virginia Contractors Supply, Vulcan Materials, Chadwick, Washington, Moriarty, Elmore & Bunn, Manassas Assembly of God, Manassas St. Thomas United Methodist Church, US Foodservice, Walgreens, Walmart, and many, many more.

The cleanup and revitalization work continues throughout all City neighborhoods with the Week of Hope program, now through July 30. To be a partner or a volunteer, call Kisha Wilson-Sogunro at 703-257-8240.

SUMMER FUN

in Historic Manassas

Whether music, dancing, art, history, festivals or eating ice cream interests you this summer, Manassas is sure to have many events to please everyone.

FREE CONCERTS

The ever-popular free SummerSounds concerts, sponsored by The Center for the Arts and held at the Harris Pavilion Saturdays at 6:30 p.m., offer bluegrass on July 24, vocals and guitar on August 7, steel drums on August 21, and the Prince William Community Band on September 4.

Mark your calendar for special free military band concerts at the Harris Pavilion. On July 22 the U.S. Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants perform, and on August 19 the U.S. Navy Band Cruisers appear. Both concerts begin at 7 p.m.

Bring your lunch and enjoy a musical break in your day during free Lunchtime Concerts at the Harris Pavilion on Wednesdays. The concerts are at 11:30 a.m. on July 28, and August 4, 11, 18, and 25, and conclude on September 1.

FREE SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES

Join your neighbors for free Saturday night dances at the Harris Pavilion. Dances begin at 8 p.m. The Groove Train plays July 31, The Bel Airs are here August 14, Swing Machine appears August 27, and the T-Birds finish the series on August 28.

FREE ICE CREAM SOCIALS

Cool off with the Harris Pavilion's free old-fashioned Sunday Ice Cream Socials on July 25 and on August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

FREE MOVIES

The Harris Pavilion's free family Friday night movie series is back this year on July 30, and on August 13 and 20, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

CHESS TOURNAMENT AND MORE

Find some tough competition or brush up on your skills during the Harris Pavilion's Annual Chess Tournament on August 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by the Pavilion for delectable treats during the Annual Latino Festival on September 19, and the Annual Chili Cookoff on September 25.

CAN YOU PRONOUNCE "SESQUICENTENNIAL?"

Manassas residents and visitors alike will be learning to pronounce Sesquicentennial, as the city begins to offer events commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. Look for Manassas Museum events including lunch with spy Rose Greenhow and tours at Liberia Plantation, walking tours of Old Town, and a lantern-led cemetery tour. Check the website www.manassasmuseum.org for dates, times and tickets.

FREE SUNDAY MUSEUM ADMISSION FOR CITY RESIDENTS

Looking for a place to cool off and appreciate some art and history? At the Center for the Arts check out the free exhibit by The Artists Undertaking cooperative, a group exhibit of six member artists in an array of media, digital photography, watercolor, pastels, printmaking and mixed media. At The Manassas Museum, where Manassas residents have free admission on Sundays, see the new exhibit, Balancing Truth: Civil War Espionage. Don't forget the free James and Marion Payne Memorial Railroad Heritage Gallery inside the Manassas Railroad Depot, and the free Candy Factory history and archaeology display inside the Center for the Arts.

ANTIQUA CAR MEET, SIDEWALK SALE AND MORE

Start your engines for the 35th Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Antique Car Meet, sponsored by the Bull Run Region AACA and the Museum on September 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Museum lawn and the streets of Old Town. The meet draws hundreds of antique cars from every era and includes a demonstration of the assembly and disassembly of a Model



TEN CITY STUDENTS TO ATTEND GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL IN FALL

The Governor's School @ Innovation Park, a collaborative venture of the Manassas City, Manassas Park City, and Prince William County Public School Divisions in cooperation with George Mason University, is slated to open in September 2010.

"As the superintendent representative to the Governing Board of the Governor's School @ Innovation Park, I am pleased to announce to City residents that plans are well underway to welcome the first 60 students to the school," said Dr. Gail Pope, Superintendent, Manassas City Public Schools. "Manassas City Schools have confirmed the appointment of eight students for the 10 slots available to City residents. We will continue to screen students for the remaining two slots."

The Governor's School @ Innovation Park will offer selected juniors and seniors from these school divisions an advanced and intensive program in STEM – science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Students selected to attend the two-year program will attend classes at George Mason University's Prince William Campus each morning. Students will return to their base high schools each afternoon to complete other requirements for graduation.

In the spring, the Joint Board of The Governor's School @ Innovation Park named Karen Dalfrey, Ph.D., as the first director of the new Academic Year Governor's School. Dr. Dalfrey most



Dr. Karen Dalfrey is
Director of the Governor's School.

recently served as coordinator of The Bio-Technology Center at Osbourn Park High School.

Dr. Dalfrey received her doctorate, master's and bachelor's degrees from George Mason University, where she served as an adjunct instructor. She has taught all levels of biology at Osbourn Park High School and has been involved with developing curricula for the biological sciences. Before becoming an educator, Dr. Dalfrey was employed in the field of cytogenetics, a specialized area of laboratory medicine involving the study of normal and abnormal chromosomes and their relationship to human development and disease.

T. Old Town merchants will join in the fun with their annual Fall Sidewalk Sale. Wander the streets of Old Town for unique wares at deep discounts. Over at The Harris Pavilion, enjoy the food and fun of the Old World Festival.

FARMERS' MARKET

From watermelon through pumpkin season visit the Old Town Farmer's Market for the freshest of produce and hand crafted goods on Thursdays at the Pavilion from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Saturdays near the Railroad Depot from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

FALL JUBILEE

Kick off the fall with the 28th Annual Fall Jubilee on October 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year the free Jubilee will feature fine artisans and crafters, music, food and fun.

Members of the "Lambda Corps" Osbourn High School Robotics Team competed against 63 teams from several states to bring home the second place prize at the first Regional Robotics Competition in Richmond this spring. The award was monumental for the team who, after a short five years, is still considered a new team to the robotics scene. The team in Richmond included, from left, top row, Jeff Hill, David Dodge, Adi Narahari; from left, bottom row, Leah Frederick, Matt Perez and Matt Laszewski, the team's mentor from Lockheed Martin MS2 Undersea Systems.

