

Prince William: The Oasis in the Desert

All Signs Indicate County is Improving Due to Rule of Law Resolution



members and their mayor for failure to deal with their illegal alien problem. On page 5 of this issue of *The Front Line*, readers will learn of the progress being made in Loudoun County. They recently decided to participate in the ICE 287(g) program. And our movement's state-wide umbrella advocacy group, *Save the Old Dominion*, now includes citizen organizations from seven different Virginia jurisdictions and regions.

No, we do not stand alone.

The Post article implies that Prince William County is little more than a "Desert in the Oasis." In other words, Fairfax, Arlington, Alexandria, and other localities are offering cool, refreshing water to poor, "undocumented workers" and their families, while only in the "desert" of Prince William are the wells of refreshment forbidden to the ones only we call "illegal."

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The *Washington Post* and other media sources would have their readers and viewers believe that Prince William County stands alone, and that every other jurisdiction in the Washington Metropolitan area looks upon us with disdain. It simply isn't true. Over two years ago, Herndon led the way when town residents replaced most of their council

HSM Taking It To The Streets

Combating Businesses Hiring Illegal Alien Day Laborers

Help Save Manassas (HSM) has added another weapon to its arsenal in the fight against illegal immigration. We have created a Crime Prevention Team to begin actively monitoring the several makeshift day laborer sites in our county. Day laborer sites encourage the presence of illegal aliens by providing them with a ready means of obtaining unlawful employment. While our actions are aimed at those hiring illegal aliens,

day laborer sites nevertheless harm local businesses, create unsafe conditions for residents, and create a blight of litter, public urination, and the destruction of landscaping. They also hamper the business environment of the commercial areas where they gather and wait.

Our Crime Prevention Team has begun documenting what we believe are felony violations of state

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★ THE COMMANDER ADDRESSES THE TROOPS ★

The President's Pen

The pen is mightier than the sword, and considerably easier to write with.



Save Our Threatened Local Tools

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We won the fight for local action to reduce the number of illegal aliens in our county. Section 287(g) Memorandums of Understanding have been signed in both Manassas and Prince William. Local law enforcement agencies have begun to take a proactive approach in dealing with criminal illegal aliens. And some of the public benefits making life more comfortable for illegal aliens have been eliminated or greatly reduced. Indeed, a dramatic improvement has already occurred in many of our communities.

With several victories under our belt, the temptation to draw back waxes strong. But the seasoned warrior understands that one can never fully rest when liberty is at stake.

The fruits of our hard work will never be completely secure. In this complex world, we must rely on the good faith of others to help us bear the load. One of these "others" is the Federal Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Our dependence upon ICE to fulfill their part of our agreement is critical in continuing to clean up our county and city from criminal illegal aliens. In this heated election season, Congress is playing political football, threatening to de-fund some ICE programs. And if the tools we just acquired at the local level are taken away, our ability to

continue with our progress will be severely harmed.

Here's what a few of these important tools are, and what's happening with them:

Workplace Enforcement: ICE has been quite busy of late. As a result of workplace enforcement actions, the number of illegal aliens detained and deported has nearly doubled. ICE has likewise levied some significant fines against employers hiring illegal aliens right here in Virginia. But some mem-

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bers of Congress think that enforcing the law is inhumane. They want to de-fund ICE's workplace enforcement actions. As political cover, these politicians want to gut workplace enforcement, and re-allocate the money saved into Section 287(g), which is more popular across the political spectrum.



Section 287(g): So many communities across the nation have found this program to be a valuable asset. ICE has become so busy that they are facing difficulties in accepting all the criminal illegal aliens that localities want to send them. The results of

this highly successful program are delays, and jail overcrowding. ICE is now talking about altering or re-negotiating their commitments with local governments. They are considering to limit the types of crimes and criminals they will accept. Offenders with "minor" crimes such as DUI may be removed from the list of detainable/deportable. But evidence tells us that criminal alien murderers and rapists often commit numerous "minor" offenses before graduating to the "big time" crimes. Since Congress is toying with cutting off some of the funding necessary to keep these highly successful programs in play, we risk having these convicted criminal aliens released back onto our streets instead of sending them back to their home countries.



E-Verify: This easy-to-use-tool allows employers to initiate and complete a search of government records for the purpose of screening potential employees for eligibility. But E-Verify is up for re-authorization, and a number of federal elected officials are balking at letting this program continue. As E-Verify has grown in popularity and use across the nation, the incentive for illegal aliens to be in the United States has diminished. Apparently the idea of self-deportation actually works. As opportunities for work fade away, life for the illegal alien becomes more difficult. Sadly, some think it is unfair to enforce our laws. While we try to make sure that government contractors and businesses hire only legal workers,

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Membership

Join Us at the Fair

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Working with local government leaders over the last twelve months, *Help Save Manassas (HSM)* assisted in engineering major changes in the policies of Prince William County. We worked tirelessly behind the scenes, delivering overwhelming community-wide support for the county's Rule of Law Resolution at public hearings, through letters to the editor, and via emailed communications.

As victory drew closer, our membership swelled to almost 2,000, an amazing number for a local civic organization. Our success came only because of the commitment of everyday people, joining together to reclaim our communities.

July 10th marked the one-year anniversary of the Board of County Supervisors' (BOCS) first unanimous vote. We celebrated. But there is much yet to be done.

Strength comes in numbers, and we are always on the lookout for new members to join our cause. What a perfect opportunity the Prince William County Fair will afford us!

HSM will have a booth in the

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Legislative

Through HSM Your Voice is Heard

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“Our Federal Government has failed us” How many times have you heard someone say that? Frustrated Americans have turned to the local and state level to try and get their communities back from the huge number of illegal aliens that have come across our borders, overcrowding neighborhoods and schools and overburden our local government resources and our hospitals.

That is why *Help Save Manassas (HSM)* was formed. To give a voice to the American people who have felt they had none. We have been busy over the past year and our collective voices are being heard.

The “Rule of Law” resolution was one of the major accomplishments of HSM. The resolution denies some services to illegal aliens and allows police officers to ask immigration status. The police are MANDATED to ask immigration status post-arrest but are allowed to inquire pre-arrest, “the immigration status prior to a physical custodial arrest if he has reasonable articulable suspicion as part of initial identification inquiry to acquire an understanding of the facts.”

It is important not forget why HSM asked Supervisor Stirrup to introduce this resolution in the first place. In 2005 Chief Deane limited his police officers about asking immigration status with people they came in contact with. HSM believed Chief Deane's General Order (G.O.) 26.05 was in fact a sanctuary policy. *Help Save Manassas* wanted a written policy in place so that Chief Deane would have to rescind G.O. 26.05 and require his officers to ask about immigration status. Hence the “Rule of Law” resolution.

We have worked to get the Manassas City Government to actually do something about the “hate” sign on Liberty Street in the Historic District of Old Town Manassas. We filed a FOIA request inquiring about the zoning violation on the property and discovered that the owner has had numerous zoning violations since 2005 and the city has never made the owners comply. Soon after the FOIA request, the government sent a letter to the owners that they were now bringing suit against them to make them comply.

HSM was also very active this year in the Virginia General Assembly. We lobbied to have several major bills passed that dealt with illegal immigration. Unfortunately the best bills didn't pass. However there were several bills the Governor did signed into law effective July 1, 2008 that will help in the fight toward having illegal aliens leave Virginia.

So your voice is being heard. The problems associated with illegal immigration did not happen overnight, nor will it be solved overnight. We keep

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ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE

Heroes & Zeros



Sheriff Joe Arpaio from Maricopa County, Arizona is known as the “Toughest Sherriff in America” and he’s equally tough with illegal aliens. For example, years ahead of the rest Joe’s jail checks immigration status, turning over **15,136** illegal aliens to ICE for deportation. If only our local law enforcement would take a few pages out of Sheriff Joe’s latest book, *“Joe’s Law: America’s Toughest Sheriff Takes on Illegal Immigration, Drugs and Everything Else that Threatens America.”*



Mexicans Without Borders who attempted to arrange for a United Nations official who was a radical open-borders advocate from Mexico to “investigate” Prince William County’s lawful policies. He cancelled out at the last minute perhaps due to the negative press attention. Nevertheless the United Nations has no business telling Prince William County what the heck it can do. The county doesn’t answer to the United Nations nor an anarchist organization affiliated with the Zapatistas in Mexico.



A big fat ugly zero goes to *The Washington Post* for its ridiculous July 22 editorial. Calling our county’s reputation “toxic,” and throwing out the phrases “ugly strain of nativist intolerance,” “seeds of discord and hatred,” “the county’s venomous campaign,” and “intimidate undocumented workers,” *The Post* also accused county and HSM leaders of “demagoguery.” Come on. Is that the best you’ve got?



Prince William County Supervisors - A year after our Supervisors unanimously passed the Rule of Law resolution, history is already saying that this was the correct decision as our county has improved and benefited in so many ways. Thank you supervisors for your wisdom.



Coverstone 7-Eleven Owner whose business is being destroyed by day laborers and gets little enforcement support from Prince William Police. You should not be bearing the double burden of a failed national border security program and local law enforcement not doing their jobs. We empathize with your plight and will continue to document unlawful hiring of illegal aliens at your location since that was the only aid to you so far.



Verizon for hiring contractors or subcontractors who then hire illegal aliens to dig ditches in building the FIOS cable network. One contractor in Norfolk has already been convicted, but it appears the problem continues locally. This worked pretty well until the contractors don’t pay these day laborers and they break their silence about being exploited. This happened when D.C., Maryland, and Virginia day laborers recently rallied at Verizon D.C. headquarters, claiming they had not been paid for as long as three years, bringing some rather unwelcome press attention. They were likely chanting “Can you hear us now?”☆☆



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DISTANT ECHOES

Loudoun County 287(g) Agreement Evokes Hopes and Doubts

By Joe Budzinski, *Help Save Loudoun*

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) recently received its approved Memorandum of Agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for participation in the ICE 287(g) local immigration enforcement program. The agreement, which can be read in full at <http://tinyurl.com/6nrsly>, allows for three personnel from the LCSO Anti-Gang Unit to be trained and authorized to perform federal immigration enforcement duties.

Dozens of state and local jurisdictions throughout the U.S. have implemented the 287(g) program over the past few years. In March 2007, the Herndon, VA police department became the first town law enforcement agency in the U.S. to participate in the program. A year later, Prince William County finalized its



own 287(g) agreement with ICE. Both Herndon and Prince William passed a plethora of additional laws to discourage illegal aliens from settling in their jurisdictions, and official reports verify that the respective resolutions have had the intended effect: Illegal aliens have left those areas in droves.

Here in Loudoun County we won't know for quite a while what

effect our 287(g) program will have, which is ironic. We should have been ahead of the game.

In the summer of 2006, after the Herndon town council agreed to seek a 287(g) agreement with ICE, residents of the neighboring community of Sterling in Loudoun County contacted the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors (BOS) to ask for a similar 287(g) initiative.

Except for Sterling Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio, the Loudoun BOS reacted with deaf ears. In October, 2006, on behalf of *Help Save Loudoun*, I made a formal presentation to the Loudoun BOS, presenting a package of information detailing how the 287(g) program works and recommendations on how it could be implemented by the LCSO. Loudoun County Sheriff

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Help Save Maryland Boycotts Chevy Chase Bank

Help Save Maryland has announced a boycott of all Chevy Chase Bank Branches and Financial Services. Recently Chevy Chase Bank made a public decision to provide banking services to a select group of illegal aliens from Mexico, Guatemala and El Salvador. Social Security numbers, Green Cards, or other U.S. Government provided identification are no longer required. Neither is a valid foreign passport or a driver's license. Instead, Chevy Chase Bank is relying upon questionable for-

foreign-government-provided "national identification cards" such as the "Matricula Consular" issued by Mexico. Federal, state and most local law enforcement authorities (other than the nuclear-free-zone of

Takoma Park) do not accept these foreign government-issued cards for identification purposes because it is not a secure identity document.

Help Save Maryland submits that bank accounts, like Maryland provided drivers' licenses and re-

lated voter registration opportunities, act as a powerful magnet and welcome mat for attracting illegal aliens. Left unchecked, Chevy Chase Bank's new policy will further add to overcrowded schools, financially burdened hospitals, increased crime and gang problems and overwhelming demands for social services. *Help Save Maryland* is asking other law-abiding citizens to join them and terminate their Chevy Chase Bank credit cards, checking and savings accounts, loans and other services.

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PATRIOT'S PAGE



Marching Orders

Remember: On September 11 it was not government efforts, but only a few individuals who banded together on Flight 93 that were successful in stopping the terrorists. HSM only succeeds if you join in the fight.

- ★ **REPORT** - Gang graffiti taggings:

NON-EMERGENCY POLICE NUMBERS

PWC	703-792-6500
Manassas City	703-257-8000
Manassas Park	703-361-1136

For clean up of taggings on public property, contact:

PUBLIC WORKS NUMBERS

PWC	703-792-6820
Manassas City	703-257-8259

- ★ **CONTACT** - Prince William County Supervisors via phone, emails, or Letters to the Editor and thank them for the "Rule of Law" resolution and let them know how it has improved your community. Email address is bocs@pwcgov.org. Phone numbers are at <http://www.helpsavemanassas.org/index.php/elected-officials>
- ★ **ENLIST** - And inform others by volunteering for the *Help Save Manassas* booth at the PWC county fair, August 8-16. Contact the Membership Director at membership@helpsavemanassas.org
- ★ **JOIN** - The HSM Crime Prevention Team documenting unlawful hiring activities at day labor sites. Contact any HSM Executive Board member.
- ★ **PREPARE** - For next year's Virginia General Assembly by assisting the Legislative Committee. Contact our Legislative Director at legislative@helpsavemanassas.org if you have some time or like to do research.
- ★ **SAVE** - Our threatened local immigration enforcement tools: E-Verify, 287(g), and Workplace Enforcement. Call, send e-mails and letters to your U.S. Senators and Representative, and spread the word about what is at risk. Find elected official contact info at: <http://www.helpsavemanassas.org/index.php/elected-officials>

☑ Mark Your Calendars

- ☑ **Monday, August 4th 5:30PM** - Manassas City Council meeting; Update by Police Chief Skinner on anticipated 287(g) changes.
- ☑ **Tuesday, August 5th 2:00 & 7:30 PM** - PWC BOCS Meeting, McCoart Administration Building
- ☑ **Friday, August 8- Saturday, August 16** - Prince William County Fair.
- ☑ **Tuesday, September 9th 2:00 & 7:30 PM** - PWC BOCS Meeting, McCoart Administration Building
- ☑ **Tuesday, September 16th 2:00 & (Optional) 7:30 PM** - PWC BOCS Meeting, McCoart Administration Building



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Crime Prevention
Team**

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Loudoun County 287(g) Agreement (cont'd from page 5)

Steve Simpson argued that 287(g) was not necessary because the LCSO supposedly was already doing as much as could possibly be achieved in the area of local immigration enforcement.

Then, on November 20, 2006, Herndon citizen Joseph Passarelli was struck and killed by a hit and run driver. The man behind the wheel turned out to be an illegal immigrant named Jose Santos Sibrian Espinoza, whose rap sheet included 21 offenses in Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties. He had been let off the hook by local law enforcement agencies time after time for an accumulation of offenses that likely would have had any legal resident doing serious jail time. (Sibrian Espinoza's rap sheet can be viewed here: http://www.novatownhall.com/blog/graphics/espinoza_rap_sheet.pdf.)

2007 proved to be a year of political turmoil here in Loudoun County. Greg Ahlemann, arguing that Steve Simpson's Sheriff's Office was not serious about immigration enforcement, ran a campaign to replace him. But late in the campaign season, Simpson reversed course on 287(g), announcing a commitment to enroll the LCSO in the program.

Many residents of Sterling supported Ahlemann, but Steve Simpson handily won re-election as Loudoun County Sheriff.

From the standpoint of those who are most impacted by the illegal alien problem in Loudoun, the LCSO's 287(g) agreement is welcome, but maybe too little too late. We are still left with a number of questions: Will only three deputies will be adequate to cover all possible contingencies? What hours will these three deputies work? Why are there no 287(g) trained personnel in the Adult Detention Center, where all detainees are confirmed offenders? ICE is suffering from serious budget constraints, but if Loudoun County had sought an agreement two years ago when the 287(g) program was first floated to the BOS, might we have gotten a more comprehensive level of participation with the feds?

The number one complaint from Loudoun County citizens about the illegal alien problem is that our local government has allowed illegal aliens to get away with violations that citizens would be nailed for. Here are a few: Renting out rooms; Hiring without following state and federal rules; Businesses run from

residences; Commercial equipment parked on neighborhood streets; Driving without a valid operators license; DUI. The bottom line seems to be that as long as you have no documentation, you get a free pass and you will walk free to offend on another day.

Which leads to the last, and most important question: Will county participation in the 287(g) program motivate Loudoun County to step up their enforcement of laws already in place, that in recent years have not been enforced?

Even though I did not support Steve Simpson in his recent campaign for Sheriff, I fully support him as our Sheriff and I hope he sends a message through the ranks to uphold the rule of law in all cases. I hope he tells his department to get more serious about enforcing the law in Sterling.

If the LCSO 287(g) program means Loudoun County is getting serious about applying the rule of law equally to citizens and non-citizens, then it should be welcomed. If it is limited to what three gang unit deputies can accomplish during their work hours, then we probably won't see much of a difference here in Loudoun County. ☆☆

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There are many banks to choose from (Bank of America runs a similar program and is not recommended). See www.bankofamericaboycott.com/banklist/index.shtml for suggestions.

It is suggested that citizens setup their replacement banking services with an institution that does not support illegal aliens before they terminate their Chevy Chase Bank accounts. Citizens are also requested to keep *Help Save Maryland* (www.helpsavemaryland.com) apprised of their banking modifica-

tions in an effort to calculate the impact on Chevy Chase Bank.

Join Help Save Maryland in the fight against Chevy Chase Bank and illegal immigration! ☆☆

Food for Thought

Lex Rex: the Law is King

Mark John Freeman

In this Summer '08 edition of *The Front Line*, we trumpet the one-year anniversary of our county's controversial but effective Rule of Law Resolution (ROLR). It happened on July 10th of last year.

The resolution's author, Supervisor John Stirrup, purposely and thoughtfully chose the phrase "Rule of Law" to identify the Board's unanimously approved decree. Designed to begin reining in the flagrant, in your face, abuses of those living in our community illegally, and of those unscrupulous businesses owners taking advantage of cheap, "off the radar" labor, the resolution gained Prince William County nationwide attention.

One can easily surmise why Mr. Stirrup selected those three words, "rule of law." Our nation's very existence is rooted in the primacy of law. In our land, the "Law is King."

Our nation has thrived and prospered throughout its 232-year history because it looks to the law as the protector of every American, and the final and ultimate arbiter of all disputes. British jurist and professor, Sir William Blackstone, set America's ideological table in the 1760's with his work, *Commentaries on the Laws of England*. Blackstone's brilliant writings formed foundation stones laid in place by our framers. In 1765 Blackstone remarked that, "law is not a transient order from a superior [to, or] concerning a particular person or thing, but something permanent, uniform, and universal." Steeped in Blackstone's thoughts, our framers skillfully crafted that sturdy, shining document we call the U.S. Constitution.

Law is King Has Long History

The idea that the "Law is King" did not originate with our founders. A century earlier, in 1644, Britain's Samuel Rutherford, a Puritan pastor, penned and published his controversial work, *Lex Rex*. In *Lex Rex*, Rutherford challenged the idea of an absolute monarchy. Reversing the two Latin words of his book's title, he dubbed absolute monarchy as "Rex Lex," or the "King is Law." He published *Lex Rex* shortly after the English Civil War commenced in 1642, as Oliver Cromwell and his army battled British royalists and won, instituting the short-lived Commonwealth of England. When, in 1660, British monarchists returned to power, Rutherford was charged with high treason. Authorities rounded up as many copies of *Lex Rex* as they could find, and burned them. Summoned to trial, Rutherford refused to appear before the magistrate and died just a few days later.

Rutherford's work inspired other political writers and thinkers, among them, John Locke, whose work, *Two Treatises of Government*, also garnered the respect of our constitution's framers. And firebrand Thomas Paine, the pamphleteer behind the well known *Common Sense*, wrote in 1776 that, "in America the law is king. For as in absolute governments the King is law, so in free countries the law

ought to be King; and there ought to be no other."

Those who confuse liberty with license see the law as confining. But those who understand the purpose of the law comprehend that under the "rule of law," civilization rests protected, remaining strong, healthy and vibrant. In *Two Treatises of Government*, John Locke wrote: "the end of law is not to abolish or restrain, but to preserve and enlarge freedom ..."

In theory, though not always in practice, the "rule of law" levels the playing field. It grants no one an unfair advantage over another. As the great equalizer, the law carries no prejudice, no bigotry, no partiality, and no predisposition.

In our country, no one is above the law. We have seen presidents impeached,

both a president and a vice-president resign from office following, respectively, criminal allegations and criminal charges, and a multitude of public officials at every level toppled from power because of a breach of the law.

Rule of Law Under Assault

Lately we have witnessed a declining esteem for the legal precepts of our national identity. Congressman Steve King (Iowa R) writes of his recent disappointment with our Congress and our presi-

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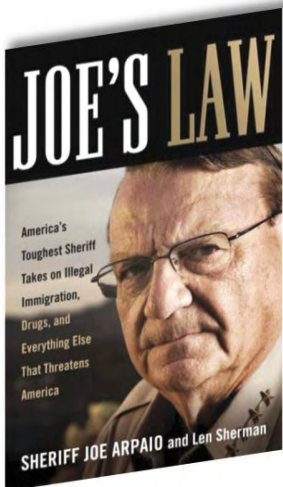
Feed Your Brain - Read Sheriff Joe's New Book

Joe's Law: America's Toughest Sheriff Takes on Illegal Immigration, Drugs and Everything Else that Threatens America

No doubt Joe Arpaio, Sheriff of Maricopa County, Arizona is the toughest sheriff in America. His is a hard-core, no-frills approach to incarceration, with 10,000 Maricopa County, Ariz., prisoners held in old Army surplus tents, fed bologna sandwiches, and clothed in black-and-white striped, old-style prison uniforms and pink underwear. His prisoners have worked on chain gangs, and are forbidden fancy gyms, cigarettes, entertaining television and even salt and pepper.

Is this "cruel and unusual" punishment? If he hears those comments from his prisoners, Sheriff Joe just replies "then don't come back." When they complain about

the lack of air conditioning during the hot Arizona summers, he points to American GI's in tents in Iraq and Afghanistan. He asks his prisoners, "You think you're better than they are? You're not. You're here. They're there."



Sheriff Joe was also the first law enforcement official in the country to arrest illegal aliens, and is now one of the country's leading experts on how to shut down illegal immigration and cross-border drug trafficking. Arapio, who started out locally as a DC beat cop, has over 30 years experience with different federal drug enforcement agencies, and, as the former head of border and drug enforcement in Texas and Arizona. Sheriff Joe's new book is "Joe's Law: America's

Toughest Sheriff Takes on Illegal Immigration, Drugs and Everything Else that Threatens America." Amazon Books indicates: "Arpaio tackles illegal immigration head on-how it intertwines with drug traffick-ing, taxes, and crime, and how it impacts health care and education as well. Arpaio offers innovative and fair ways to solve this dilemma and many others, not only in his own state but throughout the country. Compelling and courageous, this is a candid take on some of America's most pressing social problems, and one man's revolutionary vision for eliminating them."

It's too bad not a single politician has approached him asking for his advice on how to plug up America's sieve-like borders. My guess is, he would've had it done by now. Maybe that's why they haven't asked him. ☆☆

Three Firms Join the "Do the Right Thing" Ranks

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Rick's Plumbing
 540-659-0312
 Stafford, VA



Perry's Electric
 540-895-9445
 Spotsylvania, VA



The Front Line is happy to announce and welcome three new Do The Right Thing businesses this month. A Do the Right Thing business is one that has pledged they will not employ illegal

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and federal law by unscrupulous business owners employing illegal aliens from makeshift day laborer sites throughout Prince William County. It is a federal felony to employ illegal aliens, and a state felony to hire unlicensed contractors to perform work in home remodeling or other construction tasks.

Until recently, the county police department contributed what appeared to be a rather lackluster effort to enforce loitering laws, and had generally been unresponsive to business owners who ask for police assistance in restoring order at their business locations. But now, HSM Crime Prevention team mem-



Several HSM Crime Prevention Team members in their very recognizable attire preparing to set up documenting unlawful hiring.

bers, working openly in full public view, have begun taking photos and video of persons hiring day laborers. Team members are recording license plate numbers and other identifiable information about those picking up day laborers. The collected evidence of unlawful activity is being turned over to the several law enforcement agencies including: Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Internal Revenue Service; Northern Virginia



Day laborers on private property adjacent to the 7-11 on Coverstone Drive awaiting unscrupulous businesses to hire them.

Gang Task Force; Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation; and Virginia Department of Taxation.

Successes

To date we have enjoyed several successes:

- ★ Seeing HSM Crime Prevention Team members wearing *Help Save Manassas* t-shirts and wielding cameras has effectively deterred quite a few hires. Vehicles slow down and approach the day laborers, see our folks, and decide otherwise about conducting an unlawful transaction on camera.
- ★ Prince William County Police recently cleared day laborers from the parking lot of the 7-Eleven store on Coverstone Drive. For the first time in several years, 7-Eleven customers can now shop freely and comfortably again.
- ★ We have also reported the unlawful behavior of public urination and drinking in public to the Prince William County Police.

The hard work of the HSM Crime

Prevention Team has really begun to make a difference in Prince William County. Between our very visible, public efforts to discourage the unlawful employment of day laborers, and our reaching out to business and property owners who are relieved to have someone come to help them, we are beginning to see the fruit of our labor. And the Prince William County Police are increasingly regarding the HSM Crime Prevention Team as a valuable partner. When called, the county police are now quick to respond and take the necessary actions.

Much more work is still ahead of us. Businesses need to be rescued, and the makeshift day laborer sites need to be shut down once and for all. But for the first time, progress is being made.

We will be documenting activity at several county sites during weekday and weekend mornings when volunteers are available. The more volunteers we have, the better coverage of these sites we can maintain. Please contact us to assist in this project. ☆☆

Day Laborers Destroying Local Business

Owner Indicates Only HSM Crime Prevention Team Effective

With as many as 40 illegal aliens loitering, sometimes all day, day laborers had taken over the 7-Eleven at Coverstone Drive, near Sudley Road. The impact on the area's environment was devastating. Nearby properties are now devoid of grass, full of trash, sprayed with graffiti, and are used as open toilets. Business at the 7-Eleven has suffered.

Recently, at the end of the team's shift at the 7-Eleven, HSM was approached by the business owner who told us how the presence of day laborers has significantly harmed his business, and dramatically damaged the prof-

lot for a few days which did little to solve the problem. The day laborers figured out that the officer wasn't going to do anything about them. The 7-Eleven owner called the property owner of the adjacent vacant property where the day laborers congregate after he runs them off of his property. He claims he has run them off at least a hundred times, and nothing changed.

Nothing changed that is until HSM showed up to document Americans hiring day laborers. The 7-Eleven business owner thanked us profusely for coming to help him. He says it is the only thing that has had an im-



Violent gangs made up primarily of illegal aliens like Surenos 13 recently left gang taggings on abandoned property across from the Coverstone 7-Eleven. What potential 7-Eleven patron would frequent this area?

itability of his store. In his opinion, for every day laborer that thinks he's entitled to hang out in front of or next to his store, his customer base is reduced by fifty people. All of this translates into a daily net loss on his business operations. The owner of the store is himself an immigrant, a legal one, who is not at all impressed with the notion that illegal aliens can destroy his business in the name of diversity and compassion towards immigrants.

The owner had been begging the Prince William County Police Department for help for many months, and about all he ever got was a squad car parked in his



This is some of the impact of the day laborers: cases of beer cans at the abandoned property across the street from the Coverstone 7-Eleven where they hang out.

pact. He would really like to see a lot more of *Help Save Manassas* out in front of his store, in the hopes that it will discourage so many illegal aliens from co-opting his place of business as their spot to hang out and trash the place. *Help Save Manassas* has focused on assisting this business owner and has motivated the police to respond. We continue to monitor this location, and are reporting both loitering and trespassing day laborers as well as the individuals and companies that are hiring day laborers at this site. ☆☆

Prince William: The Oasis in the Desert

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In truth, Prince William's stance has made illegal aliens uncomfortable. It appears that multitudes have simply left of their own accord. But rather than creating what *The Washington Post* calls a "toxic" environment, the resolution appears to be having just the opposite effect. Below is a look at how Prince William County is actually becoming an "Oasis in the Desert."

Neighborhoods Reclaimed. As the final hearings on our "Rule of Law" resolution were taking place last fall, reports began rolling in of homes being vacated. Run-down rental properties serving as "flop houses" for fifteen to twenty men suddenly became unoccupied. Construction and recreation vehicles disappeared. For Sale and For Rent signs popped up everywhere. Communities grew quieter, and residents began to feel just a little bit safer walking their streets.

As the spring thaw hit, grass began to grow. At unoccupied homes, grass continued to grow ... and grow ... and grow. A few residents complained to the county. Other residents cranked up their own lawnmowers and went to work, doing both a good deed and contributing to the reclamation of their communities.

According to Prince William County's Neighborhood Services Division, complaints on residential overcrowding dropped from 79 in July of 2007 to 30 in July of 2008. That represents a 62% decrease.

A real estate professional in the title/closing side of the business explained that we are now in the "second wave" of foreclosures. The "first wave," now subsided, emanated from "No Doc" loans. These types of instruments waive employment documentation. The "No Doc" loans are quite popular with illegal aliens, unable to verify employment. Prince William County foreclosures dropped by 15% during April.

Many indicators point to the beginnings of an economic recovery. The mass of foreclosures on the market did drive down property values. But with lower home prices come fresh opportunities for first-time buyers, often young families and others whose income once made real property ownership prohibitive.

Crime. Good news also greets us on the crime front. *The DC Examiner* reports a drop from 1,170 assaults

through May of last year, compared with 1,102 through the same time period for 2008. Felony assaults are down from 153 in 2007 to 86 in 2008. And robberies are down to 78 in 2008 from 103 in 2007. These figures represent a 6% drop in assaults, a 44% drop in felony assaults, and a 28% drop in robberies. Ironically, in that same period, overall crime increased by 22% in Fairfax County.

Additionally, the number of identified criminal illegal aliens held in Prince William's Adult Detention Center swelled to 816, while 740 more had already been transferred to ICE for deportation. Out of these numbers, 125 were Manassas City arrests.

Prince William: The Oasis in the Desert. These statistics, and their anecdotal confirmations, represent good tidings for our county. Some, it seems, are moving INTO Prince William County simply because of the stand our officials have taken. HSM president, Greg Letiecq, reports the following:

"I get emails from quite a few people attracted to Prince William County and Manassas because of the Rule of Law Resolution and other actions to discourage the unlawful presence of illegal aliens ..."

"This month I will move from Montgomery County MD, where I have been a cheerful taxpayer for 30 years, to Manassas City. My family includes Hispanics, African Americans, whites and mixed race human beings. During the past 5 years my rental lease has been violated every week by groups of 5-20 Hispanic males blasting music from their vehicles, drinking and drugging openly, vomiting and defecating outside my home in clear view. Neighbors who do not approve, are afraid to complain, the police don't want to be bothered, the land owner does not enforce lease rules (except for rent collection) and there is no affordable housing for me based on my income. I look forward to becoming a

legal, tax paying citizen of Manassas. For me, that is the right thing to do."

Things indeed appear to be looking up in our little, local "Oasis in the Desert." ☆☆

Local real estate broker, Erick Blackwelder says these numbers are more than just a blip. "You may call it any way you like. I call it a trend."

Lex Rex: the Law is King

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dent in their attempt last year to pass amnesty legislation. King writes:

“Recently, the latest assault on the rule of law came from many, including our president, on the issue of immigration. They proposed legislation to give amnesty to immigration lawbreakers. This amnesty totally discounted the rule of law. Their proposed legislation would pardon millions of immigration lawbreakers and reward them with the very objective of their crime. Millions of people rewarded for breaking the law!

“Amnesty is a total assault on the rule of law and the middle class. I am for expanding an ever-more-prosperous middle class. I am for working families, and the hardworking Americans who are having a hard time staying in the middle class because they have been priced out of the market by illegal labor. I am opposed to amnesty, and I am for the rule of law.”

Irrational Rule of Law Critics

As we celebrate the one-year anniversary of the courageous but controversial “Rule of Law Resolution,” some still smear our county with disparaging words born from poorly deliberated thought processes. Aside from national media such as *The Washington Post* men-

tioned elsewhere in this issue of *The Front Line*, local pundits also suffer from irrational reasoning. Local Op-ed columnist, John Merli, writing in the *Manassas Journal Messenger* on July 24th, put forth this misguided interpretation of events:

“Now, a year after this county’s multi-tiered drive to “rid” the rest of us of our once-entrenched Hispanic population (many of whom as legal as the rest of us), we can only look back in horror and ask ourselves if all the intimidation, the head-scratching confusion by well-meaning police officials, and distrust and hatred spawned by the powers-that-be was worth the price.”

Mr. Merli, like other critics, still seems unable to acknowledge the real issue at hand. Ours is not a fight to “rid” our community of its Hispanic population. Our mission always was, and remains, the re-

moval of those who are here illegally, those who are stealing jobs, stealing identities, driving without licenses, and blatantly thumbing their collective noses at the law. History teaches us that no civilization can long survive that welcomes and embraces lawlessness.

It has been nearly forty-five years since Martin Luther King, Jr. stood in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. and delivered these immortalized words:

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”

Mr. Stirrup’s “Rule of Law Resolution” is, and has been from the beginning, always and only about “the content of their character,” and nothing else. It is not about race or ethnicity. It is not about religion, skin color, or social/economic status. It is about ridding our communities of those who have no respect for the law.

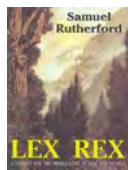
The Board of County Supervisors’ bold action last year sent out a clarification message to our Northern Virginia neighbors, to the rest of our Commonwealth, and to the nation at large. And just in case anyone still hasn’t quite heard it, let’s repeat it one more time:

In Prince William County, the “Law is King.” ☆☆

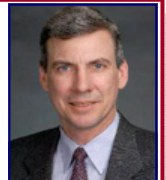
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Samuel Rutherford (1600-1676) published his work, *Lex Rex*, in 1644. In its pages, Rutherford introduced the idea that the “Law is King.”



Prince William County Supervisor, John Stirrup, led the way in crafting the county’s “Rule of Law” resolution. In so doing, he brought our community’s story into the national limelight.



Join Us at the Fair

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Commerce Building at the Prince William County Fair August 8-16. Hours of the fair are weekdays 3-10pm and weekends 12-10pm. If you can help man our booth, please contact legislative@helpsavemanassas.org and let our team know. Last year we had a great turnout of HSM volunteers and they all had a great time. Those assisting can arrive an hour before the opening of the fair. All volunteers will get into the fair free of charge.

Sweetening the invitation to join in the fun, a fellow *HSM* member is donating two sets of Redskin tickets to those individuals who bring in the most membership applications. Both games are in August, so get out there, talk to your friends and neighbors, and start signing up those new members! Better yet, donate a few hours at the *HSM* booth at the fair, and recruit people as they stop to look at our display.

And let's not forget our small business owners. If you know of a reliable contractor and/or small business, be sure to ask them to sign up for *HSM*'s "Do the Right Thing" listing. All they need to do is fill out a form (which can be found on the *HSM* website) pledging that they do not and will not employ illegal aliens, and they will be listed with other businesses on the website. It's a great opportunity for them to get free advertising!

Thanks, and keep those applications coming in! We've accomplished a lot – but there is still a lot of work to be done! We look forward to seeing you! ☆☆

Through HSM Your Voice is Heard

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whittling away at the problem and eventually we will have illegal immigration under control once again.

The fight is a long and hard one. The road is fraught with frustration and others will call you names. We cannot give in to this. We want our laws enforced. We want our government to do something about illegal immigration. That does not make anyone of us a racist, xenophobic, or a nativist. This is just one tactic used by those that want open borders and lawlessness in our communities.

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There is still more to be done ,and the HSM legislative team could use your help in preparing for next year's Virginia General Assembly. If you have some time or like to do research please contact me at legislative@helpsavemanassas.org.
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Save Our Threatened Local Tools

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the federal government is poised to pull the rug out from under us.

The burden rests on us to ensure that our elected officials understand that these three initiatives are vitally important if localities are to have any partnership with the federal government in dealing with this problem. There are over 700,000 state and local law enforcement personnel ready to help the ten thousand ICE agents deal with tens of millions of illegal aliens in the country. But they can only help if federal law allows, and the necessary resources are available to support these efforts. It is time to pile on our federal elected officials and make sure they understand that we want a more effective federal response to this problem, not a less effective one.

In our county and in our Commonwealth, these three programs are vital. If we lose them, our local efforts to reduce illegal immigration will largely end, and illegal aliens who thought that Prince William County was not a good place to live, will start trickling back in, all the while laughing at us. We could end up right back where we began in early 2007 before we found the courage to stand up for our community.

Memories of those days evoke an unpleasant anxiety. We don't need to go back there just because some elected officials won't honor their oaths of office.

Now is the time to make those calls, send those emails and letters, and spread the word about what is at risk. Elected official contact info : <http://www.helpsavemanassas.org/index.php/elected-officials> ☆☆

Signed, Sealed, but We are Not Yet Delivered

The 9500 Liberty Saga Continues

Law abiding citizens of Manassas, Manassas Park, and Prince William County still await their deliverance from the intrusive blight occupying the corner lot at Prince William and Liberty Streets in Old Town Manassas. The sign first appeared in September of 2007.

When vandals destroyed the first sign, Mr. Fernandez put up a new one with a fresh message. It appeared in November, just before Thanksgiving. The sign's third incarnation came in February, with a message even more cryptic and difficult to comprehend than the first two.

erect such a sign, he would need a special use permit. Within days, Fernandez filed an application to rezone his property from residential to commercial, a request very unlikely to be fulfilled.

Fernandez's property is part of what remains of a small, historic, black neighborhood, and his sign's reference to the KKK has created a stir among some of his African American neighbors.

One thing is for certain, the sign has grabbed the attention, not only of local residents, but of many throughout the region. Independent filmmakers Eric Byler and Annabel Park, who brazenly misrepresented themselves to HSM leadership in October of last year, are cobbling together a film about Prince William County's efforts to clean up its illegal alien mess. The film highlights the sign and its message. But do not count on the film being "fair and balanced."

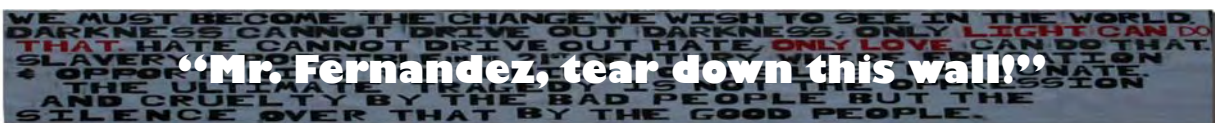
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The Manassas City Council possesses "the patience of Job" as they gingerly tread through the legal minefield planted by the wily, Gaudencio Fernandez, the property owner. Fernandez, a legal immigrant whose so called "speaking truth to power" message has achieved national attention, continues to defy city orders to obtain a building permit for the sign which hangs from what's left of a wall of the house that burned down in 2006.

For those supporting illegal alien lawbreakers, groups like "Mexicans Without Borders," and "The Woodbridge Workers Committee," the sign is called "The Liberty Wall," a play on the sign's physical address. But for business owners in Old Town Manassas, the sign is an unwanted addition to the developing business environment of retail shops and professional offices.

The City has filed suit, and a hearing, originally scheduled for July 8th, has been reset for September 5th. Meanwhile, Fernandez holds cultural and political events on his property, which also violates city ordinances.

Mr. Fernandez appeared at City Hall in January to apply for a permit to erect a permanent L-shaped structure, 220 feet long and 16 foot high. His plan is to display murals by local artists, highlighting cultural and historical themes. He was told that to



"If you can't make a profit doing it legally, you shouldn't be doing it."

Prince William County Chairman Corey Stewart

on businesses that say they can't find workers to fill low level jobs.

HSM Election Results

Congratulations to Greg Letiecq and Dan Arnold, both reelected in May to another term as Help Save Manassas' President and Vice President respectively.

We wish you much success over your next term.

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HSM fosters public awareness of the negative impact of illegal aliens in Greater Prince William Co, facilitates effective engagement in the legislative process, and provides an effective voice for our citizens.

We invite all citizens and legal residents who recognize the dangers posed by illegal aliens in our community to join us in the fight.

Visit us on the Web
www.helpsavemanassas.org

“It’s the Law.”

New laws went into effect July 1st.



On July 1st, Virginia became a little more unwelcoming for illegal aliens. Highlighted below are three of this year’s most significant legislative victories:

SB517: Prohibit Public Contractors from Knowingly Employing Unauthorized Aliens.

Requires all public bodies to ensure in every contract that the contractor does not, and shall not, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien.

HB440: Establish a Presumption Against Bail for Illegal Aliens Who Commit Crimes. Adds a presumption of no bail for anyone charged with certain crimes who is not lawfully present in the United States.

HB820: Cross-Check Info on Inmates Arrested and Currently in DOC and Jails Against LESC Illegal Alien Database. Requires officers in charge of jails/correctional facilities to inquire of persons in his custody as to whether the person was born in or is a citizen of the United States, and make an immigration alien query with ICE and communicate the results of the query to the Local Inmate Data System of the State Compensation Board. Results are to be reported monthly to the Central Criminal Records Exchange.



← Thank You VA General Assembly



"Timid men prefer the calm of despotism to the tempestuous sea of liberty."

Thomas Jefferson

(1743-1826)

3rd President of the United States