

## General Assembly Opens - HSM Focus Turns to Richmond



A new year arrives and state legislators from all points in the Old Dominion make their way to the Richmond state capital. On Wednesday, January 14 the oldest legislative body in the Western Hemisphere, the Virginia General Assembly, with a history that dates from the House of Burgesses in Jamestown in 1619 convenes another session. As with last year, the interests of Help Save Manassas become more Richmond-focused and expand to state-wide legislative matters. However at the dawning of this year's session there are marked contrasts to last year, but dominant will be the dark clouds of our Commonwealth's three billion dollar plus budget crisis.

### LAST YEAR'S SUCCESSES

Last year's General Assembly session proved moderately successful for the Virginia illegal immigration cause and Help Save Manassas with about 12 bills being signed into law:

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## HSM Making Community A Better Place

*Taking Action Against the Impact of Illegal Alien Behavior*

Last summer, a few HSM members reported to the Prince William County Zoning Department that the grass at the old Alt-Med building was more than four feet tall. After the County mowed the property, it became painfully evident to all who drove by the abandoned Alt-Med facility that the building was covered in MS-13 and SUR-13 gang graffiti. Additionally, the back of the property was being used as a drinking and dumping ground by the day laborers from the 7-11 on Coverstone Drive.

HSM then contacted PWC Neighborhood Services and the Clean Community Council ("CCC") offering to clean up the Alt-Med property. One Friday afternoon, volunteers from HSM and some of their family members cleaned up the trash from the Alt-Med property and part of the adjacent Pep Boys and 7-11 properties.

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Volunteering many weekend hours, HSM's Community Action Program participants enjoy the satisfaction of making a difference by cleaning up our communities.

# ★ THE COMMANDER ADDRESSES THE TROOPS ★

*The President's Pen*    *The pen is mightier than the sword  
and considerably easier to write with.*



## Stand Up For Our Country

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The man about to be inaugurated as our next president built his campaign around the theme of "change." And a lot of folks out there have some unusual notions about what "change" actually looks like. Right now they seem to be pretty motivated to make that change happen. The President-elect's website has a poll up asking what the country should do about illegal immigration, and as of the time I'm writing this, here's how that poll is shaking out:

1. Pass the DREAM Act, which grants amnesty to illegal alien children 44.87%
2. Rights for homosexual binational couples to get "green cards" for their partners 18.24%
3. Unspecified "relief" for immigrant families 14.29%
4. Cease all workplace enforcement raids by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement 12.14%
5. Enforce Our Existing Immigration Laws 10.45%

If we sit on the couch this legislative session, some of our elected officials might actually believe this is what the electorate thinks. The difference isn't going to be made by someone else, the difference is going to be made by you. You have to be the one contacting your elected officials. You have to be the one going down to Richmond and lobbying. You have to be the one mobiliz-

ing your friends and neighbors to get involved to ensure our laws are enforced, that legal Americans don't have to compete with cheap illegal alien labor for jobs, and you have to be the one writing the letters and making those phone calls. No one else is going to step up and defend America for you.

***"The difference isn't going to be made by someone else, the difference is going to be made by you."***

We are Americans. This nation belongs to us, not to a bunch of politicians and bureaucrats in Washington. The defense of our nation and our communities ultimately rests on our shoulders. We can't just wait for the "save us from stupidity" fairy to do the job for us.

If your appetite for liberty leads you to assume some responsibility for the laws that we have in the Commonwealth, there's a huge buffet you can choose from. You can come to Richmond with us for a day to lobby our elected officials. On the Save the Old Dominion website ([www.savetheolddominion.org](http://www.savetheolddominion.org)) you will find a link that reads "Who is your state legislator?" Click it, fill out the required information on the next page, and you will be taken to another page where you can send a message to your state delegate and senator. If you don't like this approach, you can phone them, you can write them, or you can craft and send your own email. Hey, why not just do all four? You can write a letter to the editor in your newspaper calling for responsible legisla-

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## *A Word From the Veep*

### Ways to Pitch In

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I think all of you have noticed that our community is looking a lot better than it did this time last year. I certainly have. I see fewer vacant houses in my neighborhood and overcrowding is clearly becoming less of a problem. The Rule of Law Resolution has made a huge difference for our community and I hope most of you see the positive benefits on your street, as I can on mine. My neighborhood feels safer now than it has in years.

***"We are not the kind of people who expect someone else to come along and solve our problems for us. We don't just sit comfortably in our homes and complain. We do not take our freedoms and blessings for granted."***

We all worked very hard to help bring about these monumental changes. But we still have work to do. As long as there are opportunities for illegal aliens to wrongfully gain employment, we will continue to find illegal aliens in our community. We've added some new businesses to our "Do The Right Thing" program over the last few months, and by patronizing these businesses (and encouraging your friends and neighbors to do so as well) you will play an important role in helping our community continue to recover. The more consumers demand that the businesses they patronize com-

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# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

## Membership

### We're Growing

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#### HSM MEMBERSHIP COUNTER

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We have grown our membership numbers quite a bit since The Front Line was last published, thanks to the successful week we spent at the Prince William County Fair.

Special thanks to the volunteers who worked the HSM booth where we were able to secure an additional 255 members.

In addition to the 255 new members, we gladly accepted applications from approximately 20 people who live in Maryland and throughout VA. We have forwarded their applications to Save the Old Dominion and Help Save Maryland.

Our "Do the Right Thing" membership is growing as well. Eight new companies have joined our listing of companies who only employ and contract with companies who refuse to hire cheap, illegal, labor. Check out all of our "Do the Right Thing" businesses including the latest additions on Page 9 of this issue. Welcome aboard, each and every one of you, and thanks for doing your part!! ☆☆

## Legislative

### General Assembly Perspectives

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Members of the 2009 Virginia General Assembly face significant pressure this session as they grapple with budget shortfalls caused largely by the current economic downturn. Consequently, very few of our elected officials seem to be interested in working on legislation that would address the continuing trouble with illegal aliens in our Virginia communities. Their approach doesn't make much sense since there are about the same number of illegal aliens working in violation of the law—few of whom pay income taxes—as there are unemployed citizens in Virginia. If we didn't have illegal workers in Virginia, we would have a job for every citizen who is out of work right now. But many of our elected officials don't seem to get this. They are focused on how to close a budget gap that exists partly because of the many illegal aliens burdening our social services.

Many of our elected officials desperately need to hear from their constituents, reminding them that just because there are budget problems, the issue of illegal aliens has not gone away. A few legislators have pre-filed bills in the General Assembly this year, and we'll be working hard to get these passed. So far, here's the list:

- **HB 51** Immigration laws; immunity to State agencies and employees, etc. for authorized enforcement.
- **HB 55** English; designating as official language of State.
- **HB 65** Elections; photo identification required to vote.
- **HB 1558** Public Procurement Act; verification of legal presence of contractors for employment.
- **HB 1689** Illegal aliens; fraudulently assisting, penalty.
- **HB 1695** Driving without a license; person may be placed under arrest and vehicle to be impounded.
- **HJ 124** Constitutional amendment; provides that English is official language of State.
- **SB 912** Criminal procedure; interpreter appointed for non-English-speaking defendant.

The most important of these bills is HB 1558, which was carried over from last year. The federal government requires their contractors to use E-Verify to make sure federal tax dollars aren't used to pay salaries to illegal aliens. Four states require every employer to use E-Verify, not just those doing business with the state. It is well past time for Virginia to do the same. E-Verify is now used by over 90,000 businesses and handles a half million verification requests a year. Get ready for another legislative ses-

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# 2008: Best of / Worst of

When it comes to illegal aliens, here's the highlights and lowlights of 2008.

## BEST

Giving praise where praise is due



A lot of good things happened last year. People with deep conviction invested themselves in the defense of our nation and our communities against the growing tide of illegal aliens and their defenders in the high places of power. Here's our pick of the best of the bunch.

### THE "LIBERTY" SIGN

5 After months and months of controversy, protests, verbal wrangling, and media attention, Mr. Juarez finally removed that hideous public eyesore. Charm has returned to the Old Town business district.

### BILLS PASSED

4 The 2008 Virginia General Assembly gave us a few new tools. Though less than hoped for, the new laws make those residing here illegally a little more uncomfortable. We'll take whatever help we can get. Thanks!

### ILLEGALS DEPORTED

3 Prince William Board of County Supervisors Chairman, Corey Stewart, recently announced that 2008 saw the deportation of 1,300 criminal illegal aliens from Prince William County. Good-bye and good riddance.

### ILLEGALS DEPARTING

2 The U.S. Census Bureau reports that there has been an 11% decline nationwide in the illegal alien population between August of 2007 and May of 2008. More citizens speaking up + fewer jobs = "let's go back home."

### ONE BRAVE MAN

1 Manassas City Councilman, Marc Aveni, was the only City Council member with enough backbone to say NO! to the Equal Rights Council's ridiculous demands. At least one man is looking out for the city's taxpayers.



WE LOVE YOU MARC!

### NO REAL CHOICE

3 The two major political parties gave us little to choose from this year, president-wise. Neither party would embrace the rule of law when it comes to illegal aliens. Nyuk, Nyuk!



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### PARDON ME?

2 Border Patrol agents Ramos and Compean remain behind bars. President Bush has issued numerous pardons, some for questionable characters. Yet these two American patriots remain in prison. Disgraceful!

### COWARDLY COUNCIL

1 The Manassas City Council caved in to what amounts to extortion by the Equal Rights Council, settling for a total of \$835,000.00. In addition, the council agreed to create a "Housing Manager" position. Spineless!



## WORST

Shining a bright light on poor judgment



A lot of folks are still confused in their thinking about this whole illegal alien thing. For a myriad of unacceptable reasons, people did things and took stands last year that can only bring detriment in the long run to our communities and nation. Here's our pick of the worst of the bunch.

### VIRGINIA COMMISSION

5 The Virginia Commission on Immigration has recommended several policy changes that will make it easier for illegal aliens to unlawfully reside in Virginia. Governor Kaine now has political cover to roll out the welcome mat for illegals.

### PUBLIC HOUSING?

4 HUD reports that 29,570 people living in government funded housing are "ineligible noncitizens." It's bad enough that taxpayers have to support actual citizens, now we're supporting illegals, too!

# DISTANT ECHOES



## Crack in the Façade

*Maryland's Montgomery County Thinks About Enforcing the Law*

*Brad Botwin, Director, Help Save Maryland*

For more than a decade, Montgomery County, Maryland has been a shining light on the hill to the illegal immigration community. Successive county executives, including the current office holder, Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, have maintained a de facto sanctuary haven for illegal aliens from around the globe.

The county funnels millions of dollars annually to illegal immigrant support groups like CASA of Maryland, Identity Inc. and Catholic Charities to run social welfare programs and job matching Day Laborer Centers for illegal aliens. Public schools, already drowning under the flood of illegal alien students, are now being forced to house medical clinics on school property under the "Montgomery Cares" health program. Clinics are for use by illegal alien students and their families only. Citizens are not welcome. Most recently, the Montgomery County Council passed a law requiring citizens to enter into binding contracts with domestic workers (female illegal alien day laborers) to guarantee pay levels and working conditions. These programs, compounded by the fact that Maryland is one of four states



remaining that does not require proof of citizenship to obtain a drivers' license, makes Montgomery County a popular destination.

**Six citizens would be alive today had Montgomery County law enforcement and Motor Vehicle Administration officials been authorized to thoroughly check the legal status of the alleged criminals.**

From a law enforcement perspective, the Montgomery County Police and the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation have been forbidden from inquiring

about the immigration status of suspects, those already incarcerated, or from working with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents (except in the most high profile cases). Montgomery County Police Chief Tom Manger and Correction Director Arthur Wallenstein beam with delight when they mention how their respective organizations do not check the immigration status of offenders. Both believe that partnering with ICE would "chill relations with the immigrant community," cause witnesses to fear police and crimes to go unreported.

This lawless approach to serving and protecting the taxpaying citizens of Montgomery County may soon be coming to a halt however. A brutal string of murders of innocent citizens ranging from age 14 to 83 by illegal alien gang members and day laborers has alarmed the community. In every murder case, the police, corrections department and/or Department of Motor Vehicles were familiar with the gang members or day laborers from a previous run in with the law or license application. Six citizens would be alive today had Montgomery County law enforcement and Mo-

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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.*

- ★ **RESPOND** – to expected HSM Alerts concerning taking action on legislative activities in the VA General Assembly. Action may involve calling, emailing, and visiting legislators in Richmond (see more on this important action item below).
- ★ **JOIN** – HSM Community Action Program and feel good about making the community a better place.
- ★ **EDUCATE** - yourself about the proposed legislation in this year's Virginia General Assembly (see pages 13-14). Contact committee chairpersons as well as your senators and delegates and let them know where you stand on the issues.

## ☑ Mark Your Calendars

- ☑ **Wednesday, January 14th** Virginia General Assembly begins meeting. Session lasts 46 days.
- ☑ **Wednesday, January 21st** - Pro-illegal alien rally on the Mall in Washington, DC.
- ☑ **Wednesday, February 11** - Virginia General Assembly flip flop day. All bills to be considered in House must go to Senate and vice versa.
- ☑ **Tuesday, February 17th 2:00 & 7:30 PM** - Proposed FY2010 Fiscal Plan presented to Prince William BOCS. McCoart Administration Building
- ☑ **Saturday, February 28th** - End of regular Virginia General Assembly session.

## Crack in the Façade *(cont'd from pg.5)*

tor Vehicle Administration officials been authorized to thoroughly check the legal status of the alleged criminals.

The uproar in the community has resulted in a frantic review of policies and procedures for dealing with suspected illegal aliens by Montgomery County law enforcement officials. This is the second comprehensive review in the last year. The first review resulted in maintaining the current hands off policy guidelines. However, with crime on the rise and bodies piling up in the county morgue, real change is now being proposed. But will it be enough?

Help Save Maryland understands the draft proposal would allow police to detain only violent suspects in custody, with a focus on gang members to determine their immigration status. Unfortunately, four of the six recent murders were conducted by

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"non-violent" day laborers, not violent gang members. Even more disturbing is how long it is taking Montgomery County Executive Leggett to get a tougher revised policy in place. How many more residents will die before a significant change is made?

Help Save Maryland advocates that all residents of Montgomery County be screened for immigration status when involved with the police, be it for a traffic ticket or an assault charge. In addition, all those being held in Montgomery County correction facilities should likewise be screened by ICE agents. It's time to send a strong message to the "immigrant community" that the law abiding citizens of Montgomery County have the final say on enforcing the law. ☆☆

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## *Food for Thought*

# Dead Capital and the Poverty of Nations

or Why the West Works and the Rest of the World Doesn't

Mark John Freeman

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**M**y wife and I own our home. That is, we, the mortgage company, and now the bank which funds our home equity line of credit. Last year, my wife and I owned about 80% of our home. Then we tapped into our home's equity and used the funds to make some improvements to our property. We now own about 65% of our home.

What does any of this have to do with illegal immigration, you ask?

Well, everything!

You see, most folks coming into our country illegally cannot acquire clear title to real property (real estate and the improvements thereon) in their native countries. It is not because they cannot afford to buy, but because in most Third World nations, the public titling and recording systems that we take for granted here in America, do not exist. As a result, a home in the Third World is often little more than the temporary roof over one's head.

But here in the land of plenty, an owned home serves as far more than just a place to hang our hats. For most of us, our homes are also economic engines, producers of "capital." Due to the historic appreciation of real property over the last two and a half centuries, one can pretty well count on the fact that if real property is purchased and held onto, its value will increase over time (present downturn notwithstanding). And considering the "out

of pocket" money needed to acquire real property versus the value of the home one is controlling, home ownership has always been the safest investment for the everyday, hardworking American. Through home ownership, one can gain control of real, appreciating property by investing just a small amount of the property's value up front (5% to 20% depending on the circumstances). A \$350,000 home might be acquired with a down payment of only \$35,000. I invest \$35,000, but I have \$350,000 working for me (even though I still owe the bank the balance). As the home appreciates, my equity grows. If the economy remains strong, in five years my \$350,000 house could be worth \$400,000. That's a \$10,000 return per year on my \$35,000 investment, or a 28% return on my money. Where else can your money work so well? And, you get a roof over your head to boot.

Of course real estate values, like the rest of the economy, move forward in cycles. And right now, we are in a period of cyclical adjustment. But in time, our homes, our "economic engines," will get back to working for us again.

Our home equity is an asset. It represents untapped capital. Capital that can be tapped is "living"



### HONDURAN "SHANTY TOWN"

The area on the mountain is marked by the government as a 'hurricane area.' Thus, no one is allowed to live here. So every couple of months the government comes in and bulldozes everything. Just a week prior, bulldozing had been done. Look how fast the people put up their houses again. As the week went on, even more appeared.

capital. When activated, this "living" capital has the potential to produce even more capital.

But what if you owned your home yet could not prove your ownership? This is the dilemma so many of our neighbors to the south must face. Their system does not provide them with the same level of certainty and assurance as does ours. And the equity in their real property, though actually present, has to remain untapped because they, the "owner," cannot get to it. No bank lends money on property whose ownership is questionable. The potential capital in their equity, though actually present, is "dead" to them.

The difference between "living"

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# Dead Capital and the Poverty of Nations

or Why the West Works and the Rest of the World Doesn't

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capital and "dead" capital is what separates the successful economies of the West from the unsuccessful economies of the Third World and many of the formerly communist nations. In the West we employ the shield of the law to protect our assets. The title to my home is recorded at the county courthouse in my name, along with any notes that encumber it.

The same holds true for my vehicle. When I buy or sell a car, the title of ownership transfers into or out of my name, and the passing of the title is recorded and maintained by the DMV. Here in the USA, I might physically possess a vehicle, but if I cannot document my ownership with a title, then I cannot legally sell it. I could still theoretically sell my car, but the buyer would likely not pay its full value because I could not guarantee title. Thus, though present, my car's equity could not be fully capitalized to its best and highest potential. My car, my property, becomes devalued, and only the capital that my car brings to me in a transaction is "living." The capital I cannot get to because of a clouded or absent title, though actually present, is "dead."

The idea of ownership, whether in real or personal property, is something we in the West take for granted. It is so much a part of our lives that we scarcely take the time to even think about it.

Because of the laws which protect property ownership, our property, our capital, is, to a large degree, portable or convertible. Proof of ownership, verified by government records, allows me to move my capital around. I can take the "living"

capital from my home's equity, and invest it somewhere else. I might buy a second home, a rental property, or a piece of undeveloped land. I might invest some money in stocks, in mutual funds, or bonds. Or I might use the capital to launch a business, like many of those on the opposing page have done. Each of these options, and many others not named, has the potential to grow my capital and increase my wealth.

Poverty does not exist without cause. The rule of law, which protects us in so many ways, also safeguards our property. In nations where the rule of law is strong, prosperity springs up as the natural fruit. But in nations where the rule of law is weak, poverty runs rampant.

**LIVING CAPITAL**

**In this great land of ours, where freedom, undergirded by the rule of law, provides opportunity for all, these HSM Members have employed their LIVING CAPITAL, and started their own businesses.**


**PLEASE SUPPORT THEM**

Enforcing our laws at the border, at the DMV, at the social service centers, and at the schools, may seem unkind. But every time a broken law is winked at or ignored, the shield protecting us is weakened, prosperity retreats, and poverty takes another step forward.

**This HSM Do The Right Thing Business Uses E-Verify**

**I found it extremely easy to sign up for the E-Verify System. The website is simple to navigate and use. I had to answer only four questions about the nature of our business and then supply my contact information. I then received a confirmation email. The whole process took about 5 minutes. I now use it as another tool to advertise my company.**

**Nancy Walker  
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**New Businesses**

**Like our general membership, our "Do the Right Thing" numbers are growing as well. Eight new companies have pledged not to employ cheap, illegal, labor. All of these businesses can be found on our Help Save Manassas Website ([www.helpsavemanassas.org](http://www.helpsavemanassas.org)).**

**We encourage you to consider these companies first, before going elsewhere. Why? Because you will be supporting your neighbors who have chosen to "Do the Right Thing."**

# Do the Right Thing

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## HSM Making Community A Better Place



A small sample of trash before HSM volunteers cleaned up at the Alt-Med property.



Examples of gang graffiti in the Yorkshire area before HSM's Community Action Program springs into action.

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The Blue Knights®, a non-profit fraternal organization of active and retired law enforcement men & women who enjoy riding motorcycles, came in behind us and made a valiant effort to remove the gang graffiti from the Alt-Med building. Unfortunately, the Blue Knights were unable to remove most of the graffiti. A key strategy to gang suppression is the rapid removal of

graffiti when it appears, preventing gangs from establishing "turf" and decreasing the likelihood of inter-gang warfare.

### **GENESIS OF THE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM**

The Alt-Med cleanup brought inspiration, and the inspiration gave birth to HSM's Community Action Program. HSM next coordinated with the CCC to sign up HSM volunteers for graffiti abate-

ment and graffiti spotters. HSM now partners with the CCC and has removed gang graffiti in areas of Irongate, Yorkshire, and at the Maplewood Shopping Center, which was particularly extensive and abominable, including not only gang taggings but foul language as well. In some cases we painted over graffiti, and in other cases we used chemicals and power washers to remove graffiti. In all cases, we enjoyed the satisfaction of cleaning up our communities while sending a message to gang members that we will not tolerate illegal activity and the degradation of our communities. HSM also has members working with the City of Manassas in graffiti reporting.

As of press time, the Maplewood Center is still clean. Yorkshire also remains undisturbed since our work there. And the last time the Irongate area was surveyed, the taggings had not reappeared.

Detective Wayne Bombara from the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force spoke at HSM's November 2008 meeting. According to Bombara, Northern Virginia unfortunately ranks second in the nation for gangs. A January 25, 2008, *Washington Post* article entitled "Group Links Gang Activity in Northern Virginia to Illegal Immigrants," reported that "... of the 341 gang members arrested by ICE in the state between February 2005 and September 2007, almost 80 percent were members of MS-13 ... Gang investigators estimate that 90 percent of the members of that gang are illegal immigrants ...."

HSM maintains a list of volunteers who are available to help expeditiously remove gang graffiti,

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usually on weekends. If you would like to be a part of this team, complete the volunteer form located at [www.helpsavemanassas.org](http://www.helpsavemanassas.org) and contact the Crime Prevention Team at [crimeprevention@helpsavemanassas.org](mailto:crimeprevention@helpsavemanassas.org)

HSM members can be proud that we are not people who only sit around and complain about how bad things are. Our actions demonstrate our commitment to improve our community and this great nation of ours. For all those who were a part of this effort, give yourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. And for those of you who were unable to help, keep a lookout for new opportunities.☆☆

## Graffiti Contacts

Clean Community Council website is [www.PWCleanCouncil.org](http://www.PWCleanCouncil.org).

Report graffiti in Prince William County at:

<http://www.pwcgov.org/default.aspx?topic=010013001310005134>

Report it in the City of Manassas at [http://www.manassascity.org/forms.asp?fid=form\\_servicerequestform.asp](http://www.manassascity.org/forms.asp?fid=form_servicerequestform.asp).

It is also important to contact the police departments and make them aware of the graffiti so they can investigate the graffiti and take photos.

Contact the non-emergency lines at **703-792-6500** for Prince William County, **703-257-8000** for the City of Manassas, and **703-361-1136** for Manassas Park.

## A Community Action Program Saturday Morning



HSM's Community Action Program volunteers in action removing graffiti from residential fences. Rapid removal of graffiti prevents gangs from establishing "turf" and decreases the likelihood of inter-gang warfare.

# General Assembly Opens - HSM Focus Turns to Richmond

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- **Zoning-related** - Increasing penalties for overcrowding homes, giving zoning authorities more powers, and prohibiting loitering in the right-of-way with posted signs;
- **Contractor-related** - Stronger punishments for contractors who knowingly employ illegal aliens;
- **Criminal-related** - Requiring a jail officer to inquire of the legal status of arrested individuals, and denying bail for illegal aliens charged with certain crimes; and,
- **Gun-related** - Prohibiting firearms sales to illegal aliens.

## A DIFFERENT SESSION ENVIRONMENT

However, this year's General Assembly environment appears to be much different than last year's. For starters, barring the unexpected, this year's 46 day session will be far shorter than last year's which had both an extension and a special session to wrestle with budget and transportation issues. The shortness of the session will only add pressure to an already brutal situation. To ease matters slightly during the short session a new 15-bill submission limit per Delegate has been implemented in the House. This should substantially reduce the total number of bills considered. Last year, the count numbered over 3500.

A very positive change from this year to last is the public recording of House subcommittee votes. Under last year's system, a bill could be quietly killed in a subcommittee with no one held accountable. This year, all subcommittee votes will be made public, so greater transparency should make subcommittee members more cognizant of and sensitive to their constituent's wishes. This can only be good for all of Virginia's citizens.

In addition, an election year is looming for all 100 delegates. Every one of them will be more concerned with the impact on their re-election when voting on anything controversial.

Throw in for good measure an anticipated report release from the Virginia Commission on Immigration. Consisting of mostly Kaine-appointed illegal alien apologists, this group, which has been studying the issue for a year, is expected to make numerous recommendations to make it easier for illegal aliens to

unlawfully reside in Virginia at taxpayer expense. It is not known if the General Assembly will consider any of these recommendations in this session.

## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BENJAMINS

Ask any legislator about this General Assembly session and you will only hear a single concern – dealing with the \$3 billion shortfall. By tax increases, budget decreases, or by cutting services, one way or another, all legislators recognize they have a very difficult task before them to reconcile the shortfall. It is likely that in the minds of legislators, illegal immigration concerns will not be as high in priority as last session. Nevertheless, some illegal immigration bills have been profiled and are listed at the end of this article.

## CALL TO ARMS

Despite the relative low priority of illegal alien issues this year, it is imperative that we be persistent with our state elected officials. Dealing with our illegal alien problems, in all of their manifestations, is still a high priority to Virginia's hardworking, taxpaying citizens. We need to repeat over and over again, that illegal aliens in Virginia contribute to our state's economic difficulties. As you will see, both our President and our Legislative Director, are calling for HSM members to take the steps required to insure that the illegal alien issue will not be completely swept under the carpet in Richmond this year. ☆☆

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Join the HSM delegation as we go to Richmond for a day to lobby our elected officials. It is fun and beneficial for legislators to hear from citizens. Several trips are planned.

## 2009 Virginia General Assembly: Proposed Legislation

### HB 1689

Robert Tata (R)

**Fraudulently assisting illegal aliens; penalty.** Provides that any person, knowing an individual is an alien in the United States unlawfully, who, with the intent to violate the immigration laws of the United States, fraudulently assists the illegal alien in acquiring or attempting to acquire a benefit, service, status, or privilege to which the illegal alien is not lawfully entitled, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Follow the status of these and other illegal alien-related bills at the Save the Old Dominion website:

[www.savetheolddominion.org/index.php/legislation](http://www.savetheolddominion.org/index.php/legislation)

### HB 1558

Benjamin Cline (R)

**(Carried Over from 2008)**

**Public Procurement Act; verification of legal presence.** Requires all public contractors and their subcontractors to register and participate in a federal Electronic Work Verification Program or similar electronic verification of work authorization program to determine that their employees and individual independent contractors are legally eligible for employment in the United States. Contractors and subcontractors are required to verify the employment status of their employees and independent contractors, and are prohibited from employing or contracting with an individual who is not determined to be legally eligible for employment in the United States as determined through the verification of the individual's status. Contractors who do not register and participate in the registration program are ineligible for prequalification.

### HB 55

L. Scott Lingamfelter (R)

**(Carried Over from 2008)**

**English as the official language of the Commonwealth.** States that, except as provided by federal law, English is the official language of the Commonwealth, and no state agency or local government shall provide or otherwise assist in providing any documents, information, literature, or other written materials in any language other than English. Exceptions allowed when used in connection with foreign language instruction, administration of justice in the courts, law-enforcement purposes, or the provision of health care services.

### HB 65

Robert G. Marshall (R)

**(Carried Over from 2008)**

**Elections; photo identification required to vote.** Specifies that a voter must present a photo identification document issued by Virginia or the United States to vote and eliminates other alternatives now provided under Virginia law. This bill is patterned after the Indiana statute that is the subject of pending cases before the United States Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of the requirement.

### HB 51

L. Scott Lingamfelter (R)

**(Carried Over from 2008)**

**Immunity for enforcement of immigration laws.** Provides immunity to agencies and employees of the Commonwealth and political subdivisions for the authorized enforcement of immigration laws.

There are more illegal alien-related proposed bills than space allows. This page and Page 14 represent only selected bills. The complete collection can be found at the Save the Old Dominion website.

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## 2009 Virginia General Assembly: Proposed Legislation

### HB 1695

David Albo (R)

**Driving without a license; person may be placed under arrest and vehicle to be impounded.** Provides that any person who drives without an operator's license may be placed under arrest, fingerprinted and the arrest reported to the Central Criminal Records Exchange if the general district court for the jurisdiction has approved arrest for the offense of driving without an operator's license. The bill also provides for administrative impoundment of the vehicle of a person who drives without an operator's license if he has been previously convicted of the offense.

### HB 38

Robert G. Marshall (R)

**Security & Prosperity Partnership of North America; Congress urged to withdraw U.S. therefrom.** Memorializes Congress of the United States to withdraw the United States from the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and any other bilateral or multilateral activity that seeks to create a North American Union.

### HB 2121

Paul Nichols (D)

**Public Procurement Act; verification of legal presence.** Requires all public contractors and their subcontractors to register and participate in a federal Electronic Work Verification Program or similar electronic verification of work authorization program to determine that their employees and individual independent contractors are legally eligible for employment in the United States. Contractors and subcontractors are required to verify the employment status of their employees and independent contractors, and are prohibited from employing or contracting with an individual who is not determined to be legally eligible for employment in the United States as determined through the verification of the individual's status. Contractors who do not register and participate in the registration program are ineligible for prequalification. The measure becomes effective on July 1, 2010.

### SB 1037

Emmett Hanger, Jr. (R)

**In-state tuition; illegal aliens.** Establishes that an alien who is unlawfully present in the United States shall not be eligible for in-state tuition unless he meets six conditions. **(too long to publish here)**

### HJ 124

Johnny Joannou (D)

**Constitutional amendment (first resolution); English as the official language of the Commonwealth.** Provides that English is the official language of Virginia, that the provision is self-executing, and that the General Assembly may pass laws to implement the provision.

### SB 912

Richard Stuart (R)

**Criminal procedure; interpreter appointed for non-English-speaking defendant.** Provides that the cost for such interpreter shall be borne by a defendant who is convicted at trial of the criminal offense.

## Stand Up for Our Country

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tive action that will reduce the number of illegal aliens unlawfully present in our communities. The possibilities are huge, and you can avail yourself of as many or as few of these opportunities as you wish.

Right now hundreds of thousands of Virginians are out of work. Meanwhile, about three hundred thousand illegal aliens are present in the Commonwealth, supported by the companies who thumb their noses at the law and hire illegal laborers.

This past year, fresh names were added to the growing list of victims suffering at the hands of a criminal illegal alien. The victims include eighty-three year old ladies and fourteen year old girls. Not only are there a lot of things you can do, but plenty more reasons why you would want to.

We, the citizens of this great nation, are called to be watchdogs over our civil government. We always have been. In a land where we the people get to choose our leaders, we get what we collectively deserve. Do we deserve a government that puts the interests of American citizens first, over the interests of foreign nationals who violated our laws? The jury is still out. Today, and in the weeks that immediately follow, let's affirm the vision of our founding fathers. Let's take our cue from them and stand up for our country and our community. We are not the world's dumping ground for people other countries don't want to sustain. We are the greatest nation in the history of the world, and because there are patriots like you and me ready to defend it, it will remain that way. ☆☆

## General Assembly Perspectives

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sion, and if you can help us out for a day or two in Richmond we'd really appreciate it. Come join us and talk to your elected officials about these bills, and have fun with us. If you can come, contact me at [legislative@helpsavemanassas.org](mailto:legislative@helpsavemanassas.org).

Things happen quickly in the General Assembly. HSM members may be called upon to take action without much advance notice. Be on the lookout for ALERTS from myself or Greg. ☆☆

## Ways to Pitch In

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ply with the law by not using cheap illegal alien labor, the sooner the companies who cheat by hiring illegals will stop doing so. The next time you need to get your car fixed, get tree work done, or are hungry for some fast food, check out the list of businesses on the Help Save Manassas website, and on page 9 of this issue of *The Front Line*, and support the businesses you know you can trust to employ only legal workers.

Another way you can help is to participate with the Help Save Manassas Community Action Program (CAP). They've cleaned gang-related graffiti from homes and businesses right here in our community. Working with the Clean Community Council and helping to document suspicious activity at day labor centers at various locations in the county, our CAP is making some real impact. Read more about their work on page 1 of this issue of *The Front Line*. Most gang graffiti

stems from illegal alien activity, and some of it has been in close proximity to day labor sites. Not only have members of Help Save Manassas been working to get the right laws in place to help address the illegal alien challenge, but we've been personally trying to address some of the impacts of illegal alien behavior as well. With more volunteers in this important initiative, we can do even more.

Finally, I have really been impressed with so many of our HSM members. We are not the kind of people who expect someone else to come along and solve our problems for us. We don't just sit comfortably in our homes and complain. We do not take our freedoms and blessings for granted. We have taken ownership of our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, and our county. In fact, our members are some of the most actively involved, community-minded people I have ever known. Our agenda is not a mystery. Our motivations are not selfish. We have no political aspirations. We simply want our neighborhoods to be safe, clean, and populated with law-abiding people like ourselves. Given the opportunity, many HSM members possess a willingness to jump in where help is needed. As we continue to work to make our little corner of the world the kind of place we want our children to inherit from us, Help Save Manassas will continue to provide members with opportunities for service to make that crucial difference.

Make sure you take advantage of all Help Save Manassas, and our state-wide organization, Save the Old Dominion, has to offer. There are countless ways you can help. ☆☆

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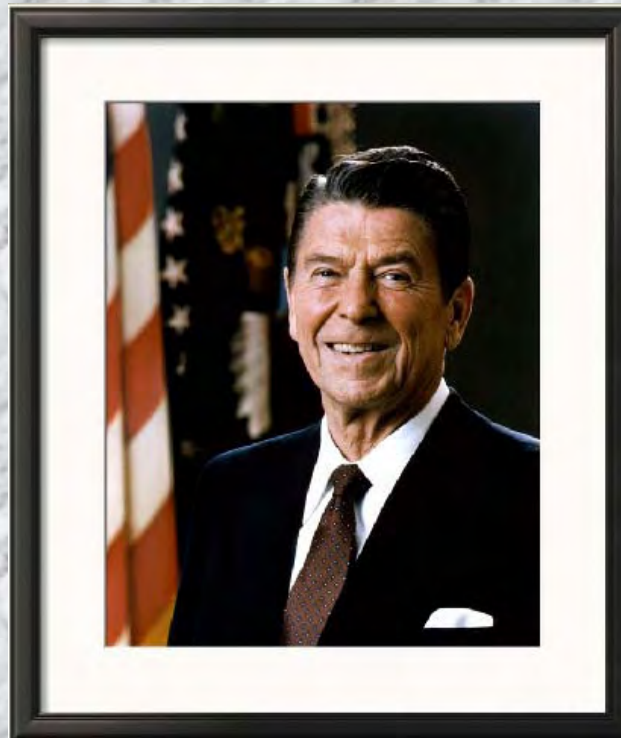
HSM fosters public awareness of the negative impact of illegal aliens in Greater Prince William Co, facilitates effective engagement in the legislative process, and provides an effective voice for our citizens.

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

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And no country can sustain that kind of position”**

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