

Symphonic band coming to West Hundred



performed at various schools, churches, and historic places, as well as the Dogwood Dell.

The Spring Concert will feature music by American

The Richmond Symphonic Winds will present a Spring Concert on Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Chester Presbyterian Church, 3424 West Hundred Rd.

The 40-member ensemble, under the direction of Iris Schwartz, consists of professional musicians, music educators, college professors, and other dedicated musicians from Richmond, Chesterfield and the Tri-Cities. Founded in August 1994, the Richmond Symphonic Winds presented its inaugural concert that October at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Over the years, numerous concerts been

composers such as Samuel Barber, Claude Smith, and David Holsinger. The program will also include music from the opera "Schwanda the Bagpiper," music based on the works of J. S. Bach, a tribute to Louis Armstrong, and a new piece composed by principal clarinetist Richard Schwartz called "Sanctus for Brass and Percussion."

The concert is free and open to the public. Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected and distributed to local food ministries. For more information, please call (804) 520-1601 or e-mail irisrick@aol.com.

Spring session sign-up for Citizens Academy

Chesterfield County is offering a hands-on approach for citizens to learn about local government and tour county facilities. Registration is open for the new Government Citizens Academy, which begins next month.

The Government Citizens Academy, free of charge for participants, offers a chance for the public to learn about the county, meet local government leaders and offer feedback about how the county is serving them.

"Providing citizens a comprehensive look at how and why local government services are provided enhances our ability to engage with those we serve," said Susan Pollard, director of the Department of Communications and Media, which is hosting the academy. "By taking participants behind the scenes of their local government, we also aim to gain their perspectives on how we're

doing today and what our focus should be for tomorrow."

Chesterfield County is offering spring and fall sessions of the Government Citizens Academy. The spring session will be held weeknights one evening per week, starting May 16 and concluding June 28, when the Board of Supervisors will recognize participants. The fall session, set for Sept. 19-Oct. 25, will offer classes during the day. Both sessions offer opportunities for additional optional tours of county facilities and points of interest.

Sessions are scheduled across the county in fire stations, libraries and school facilities, among others. The sessions are a mix of roundtable discussions and classroom settings with networking breaks built in.

Anyone can participate in the academy. Register by May 12 at www.chesterfield.gov/govacademy.





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Classical, jazz and pop music for the whole family!



Saturday, May 13 2-4 p.m.
Chester Village Green, outside Chester Library

Richmond Jazz Band
The big band sound of this 20-piece ensemble features everything from standard jazz to rock and contemporary.

Saturday, May 27 2-4 p.m.
Chester Village Green, outside Chester Library

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The Richmond Jazz Society's "Make Music with Me Band"



This family concert features a blend of jazz and children's classics. Children can join in to make their own music.
Registration is required and begins April 22.

Saturday, May 6 11 a.m.-noon

The Uncle Devin Show
Enjoy an interactive music experience led by Uncle Devin. Children can hear, see and play a variety of instruments while gaining an understanding of the history of percussion instruments.



Registration is required and begins May 6.

Saturday, May 20 11 a.m.-noon



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