



Do-it-yourself projects, done tax free —New ‘Reinvest’ program offers tax breaks on home renovations



Qualifying home renovation projects will be tax free for seven years under the Reinvest program.

Homeowners in Henrico’s mature neighborhoods no longer need to wait out the struggling economy to launch that long-

planned renovation project. The county’s Board of Supervisors has given a tax-free nudge to residents to break ground now and invest in their most valuable asset — their home.

The Henrico board voted late last year to adopt “Reinvest,” a partial tax-exemption program designed to encourage improvements and rehabilitation of qualifying homes — those 40 years and older with an assessed value of \$200,000 or less. Eligible homes would receive a seven-year tax abatement on renovations, additions and similar projects meeting program criteria.

Henrico County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. pointed out that nearly 23,400 houses, more than 25 percent of county homes, would qualify for the program.

“Reinvest is designed to protect and preserve our mature and settled neighborhoods,” Hazelett said. “It will help these neighborhoods continue to be an appealing place for current and future homeowners to invest and live.”

The program is also a way to encourage builders and contractors to make improvements in Henrico’s older communities, he noted.

Requirements for Reinvest

To qualify for the program, a home should be a minimum of 40 years old and have a total assessed value of no more than \$200,000, including the structure and property.

A renovation or addition project should increase the value of the

recipient of the Patrick Henry Award for Government Service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and Good Housekeeping magazine’s “Women in Government” award.

She has served as vice chairman of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Large Urban County Caucus steering committee, as chairman of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) Telecommunications and Utilities steering committee, and as chairman of the Richmond Regional

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O’Bannon, Thornton to lead Board in 2010



Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O’Bannon is beginning her third term as Board chairman.

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors ushered in the new year with a change in leadership. At its Jan. 12 meeting, the Board elected Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O’Bannon as chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton as vice chairman for 2010. Each will serve a one-year term.

O’Bannon, who was first elected to represent Tuckahoe in 1995, begins her third term as board chairman. She is a past re-

Planning District Commission. She also has served on the Virginia Coalition for Open Government Board of Directors, the Henricus Foundation Board of Trustees and the Virginia Building Code Technical Review Board.

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A graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, O'Bannon is a former English teacher, news editor and development associate for public television.

Also voted to the board for the first time in 1995, Thornton has served on numerous governmental boards and commissions, including the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, Richmond Metropolitan Planning



Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, who was first elected to the Board in 1995, will serve as vice chairman in 2010.

Organization, Henrico Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, Gov. Timothy M. Kaine's Urban Policy Task Force and as vice chairman of the Virginia Municipal League Human Development and Education policy committee. He is a co-founder and past president of the Henrico County Civic League.

Thornton, who earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Union University and a master's degree from American University, works as an assistant professor of French at Virginia Union, where he has received the university's "Teacher of the Year" award.

For more information about Henrico's Board of Supervisors and your district representative, log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/departments/supervisors.

Dry the rain —Record precipitation levels can cause problems for homeowners

Henrico residents don't need a report from the National Weather Service. The soggy yards, the trickles in the basement, the sump pump that won't stop running all tell an obvious story — the last few months have been wet.

The data from the National Weather Service reinforce the first-hand observations. November's rainfall total — nearly 10 inches — broke a 50-year-old record. December's precipitation, buttressed by more than a foot of snow in places, topped eight inches — the most in more than a century. The pace continued in January.

But aside from the annoyance of muddy shoes tracking through hallways and old umbrellas balking with each additional opening, is excessive rainfall really a concern? Can it cause problems in homes?

Well, yes, it can. Inside, outside and underground as well.

In the home

Excessive precipitation can make its way past a leaky roof or a poorly sealed wall and lead to increased amounts of moisture inside the home. Excessive internal moisture can pose a variety of problems, notably mold and mildew.

Given away by a telltale musty odor, mold and mildew often appear as patches of discoloration — white, orange, green, brown and black — under carpets, behind cupboards, and on framing in

attics, crawl spaces and between sub-floors.

Simple measures can reduce a house's internal moisture and keep it free of mold.

- ▶ Practice preventive maintenance. Repair roof leaks and other potential entrance points. Keep gutters clean. Make sure that rain leaving the roof, gutters and landscape is directed away from the home and its foundation.
- ▶ Control humidity inside the home, maintaining a range of 40 to 50 percent.
- ▶ Use bath and kitchen fans to pull moisture from a room before it spreads throughout the house.

Most mold growths can be cleaned using common household tools and cleaners. If mold has penetrated the surface of a material, however, the items should not be cleaned — instead, seal it in a plastic bag and discard. Here are some additional tips:

- ▶ Use a wet vacuum to clean the surface and remove visible mold. If necessary, dampen the work area to minimize dust that could spread mold spores.
- ▶ Scrub the surface with an appropriate cleaner. Hard surfaces — vinyl, laminate, concrete, linoleum, ceramic tile — can be scrubbed with all-purpose cleaner or a solution of detergent and water. Use a wood-specific product to clean wooden surfaces.
- ▶ Steam clean carpets and upholstery.
- ▶ Thoroughly dry all surfaces and materials before vacuuming with a HEPA (high-efficiency particulate air) filter vacuum.

Outside the home

Gardens, flower beds and

landscaping can suffer from excessive precipitation. Plant roots need oxygen as well as water to function properly, but saturated soil cannot deliver the oxygen that roots require. If a plant's leaves



Heavy snowfalls in December and January have contributed to record-setting amounts of precipitation.

are wilting, yellowing or dropping, it could be a sign that its roots have had too much water and not enough oxygen.

In addition, several common plant diseases thrive in wet soil. Plants susceptible to these diseases — azaleas, hollies, junipers and boxwoods — are popular items in many landscapes.

A household gardener's sweat and toil in summer don't have to be ruined by winter rains, however.

- ▶ Study your soils and landscape. Where does standing water usually occur? What areas drain better? What plants better suit these different areas?
- ▶ Garden soil should be well-mulched with organic material such as leaf compost; mulch helps drain the soil in normal conditions.
- ▶ However, when beds and landscapes become saturated during prolonged periods of precipitation, consider removing

the mulch temporarily to dry the soil more rapidly.

- ▶ Beds can also be dried with the aid of a garden fork. Insert it into the bed with tines straight down every 10 inches and gently rock it back and forth. Be careful not to expose plant roots.

Underground

In addition to making life difficult for gardeners and landscaping, excessive rainfall can affect underground household systems. A seasonal water table that has risen near the ground surface can cause problems for wells and septic systems.

- ▶ Cloudy or muddy water may appear in older shallow bored wells with inadequate grouting — a sign of shallow surface water seeping into the well and a potential source of contamination.
- ▶ A contaminated well should be disinfected immediately, repaired or replaced.
- ▶ Septic systems that are marginal may not accept additional wastewater during lengthy periods of excessive rainfall and ground surface saturation.

For more information on the treatment of mold and mildew and saturated landscaping, contact the Henrico Extension Office at 501-5160. For questions regarding contaminated wells or damaged septic system, contact the Henrico Public Health Department at 501-4530.

Do-it-yourself

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house — the base structure only, not the property — by 20 percent or more. The improvement project cannot increase the original square footage of the structure by more

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than 100 percent. (Enhancements to detached structures, including garages, sheds and swimming pools, do not qualify.)

Homeowners meeting these criteria will receive a seven-year tax abatement on the assessed value of the improvement project. When Henrico assesses the home for real estate tax purposes, the county will not tax the improvement for seven years — even though it will increase the assessed value of the structure.

In addition, the tax break conveys with the house if the homeowner decides to sell within the seven-year period.

For a property with a total assessed value of \$200,000 and a home valued at \$150,000, a renovation or addition assessed at \$30,000 would qualify for the Reinvest tax break. Accordingly, a property with a total assessment of \$100,000 and a home valued at \$75,000 would receive the tax abatement with an improvement project assessed at \$15,000.

Property owners can apply for the Reinvest program online at www.co.henrico.va.us/departments/finance. Applicants will be charged a one-time processing fee of \$50. Homeowners can apply before or during the process of acquiring building permits for their renovation project.

Opportunity and tool

Homes that potentially could qualify for the Reinvest program can be found countywide, said Finance Director John A. Vithoukias.

“Opportunities to take advantage of this program exist in every magisterial district in the county,” Vithoukias said. “The economic downturn has clearly demonstrated that these homes are valuable and that they are the type of home that is selling right now.”

Community Revitalization Director Mark Strickler said the program should encourage investment within the community.

“[Reinvest] is a great revitalization tool,” Strickler said. “This is something that homeowners and investors can do to help their neighborhoods and themselves at the same time.”

For more information about Reinvest, contact the Finance Department at 501-4217.

Be prepared, you never know when a disaster could strike

Did you know that Henrico County offers valuable disaster training to residents to learn how to prepare long before one occurs? Since 2003, the Henrico County Community Emergency



Response Team (HCCERT) program has provided the tools to help residents cope immediately following a disaster, when local public safety resources may be overwhelmed or unavailable.

HCCERT participants learn basic first aid, search and rescue, and fire suppression techniques. In addition, students will receive an overview of Henrico County’s incident command system; an introduction to the police department’s efforts during a disaster, including crime prevention; and a tour of the communications center to observe and see how easily a system can become overwhelmed during a disaster.

Through the Henrico County Division of Fire, HCCERT offers these classes each spring and fall, free of charge. The next series begins soon; two different times

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HCCERT participants will learn about fire suppression and other disaster-response measures.

are available to suit your schedule. Tuesday classes begin Feb. 23, and meet weekly from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursday classes begin Feb. 25 and are held from 7 – 9 p.m. each week. Both sessions conclude with a final exercise on Saturday, April 24.

If you are unable to attend this series, the classes will be available again in September. Preregistration is required. Please contact Anna McRay to enroll at emergencymanager@co.henrico.va.us or 501-7183. For more information, go to www.henricofire.org.

Free tax help available for Henrico taxpayers

The difficult economy pushed many household budgets to the breaking point last year, but Henrico County and the Greater Richmond Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition (GREITCC) are working to help local families fill the gaps.

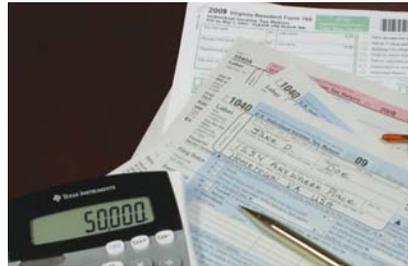
With a new tax season now under way, Henrico and GREITCC have kicked off their annual efforts to help working families get the most out of their 2009 tax returns with the earned income tax credit.

For the eighth straight year,

Henrico and the GREITCC are working to ensure that eligible taxpayers know about — and receive — the earned income tax credit. And they're helping qualifying families and individuals prepare and file their taxes and apply for the credit, free of charge.

"We really want to encourage Henrico residents to take advantage of this free service and avoid paying high fees to have their taxes prepared," said Community Resource Developer Rod Gordon, who coordinates Henrico's participation in GREITCC. "All residents who qualify or think they may qualify need to know about the earned income tax credit. It could potentially boost their refunds by hundreds of dollars."

The earned income tax credit is a refundable credit aimed at helping working families and individuals who file a tax return and meet certain income requirements. Designed to reduce the tax burden and supplement wages, the credit could increase a federal refund by as much as \$5,657 for families with three or more children and



Residents can get assistance preparing and filing their taxes — free of charge — at several sites in Henrico.

\$457 for individuals.

To qualify for the earned income tax credit, residents must meet the following income requirements for 2009 (in each category, the income limit is \$5,000 higher for married taxpayers filing

a joint return):

- ❑ Earned less than \$43,279, with three or more qualifying children;
- ❑ Earned less than \$40,295, with two or more qualifying children;
- ❑ Earned less than \$35,463, with one qualifying child;
- ❑ Earned less than \$13,440, with no qualifying children; and
- ❑ Investment income is limited to \$3,100 (for individuals and married taxpayers).

Trained volunteers currently are helping eligible taxpayers prepare and file electronic returns at two GREITCC sites in Henrico:

- ❑ Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive; through April 14, 4-8 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday;
- ❑ Fairfield Area Library, 1001 N. Laburnum Ave.; through March 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each Saturday.

The GREITCC is an organization of local governments, businesses, nonprofit groups and the IRS working to increase public awareness of the earned income tax credit. The coalition helps low-to-moderate income families maximize tax refunds that can help pay bills and reduce debt. It also offers qualifying taxpayers a no-cost alternative to paid tax-preparation services. In addition to Henrico, the coalition coordinates sites in Richmond, Petersburg and Chesterfield and Charles City counties.

Last year, GREITCC volunteers helped eligible taxpayers file 1,734 federal returns, generating \$804,232 in earned income tax credit funds and a total of \$1,865,398 in federal refunds. The free service saved area filers an estimated \$346,800 in preparation fees. The additional funds

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More free help available

The sites operated by Henrico County and the Greater Richmond Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition aren't the only free tax-return services available to Henrico residents.

The Tax-Aide program offers assistance with the preparation and filing of income tax returns, free of charge, at Henrico's Deep Run Recreation Center, 9910 Ridgefield Parkway. The program is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, through April 15.

Tax-Aide, a joint effort of the IRS and AARP, provides tax help to residents of all ages and income levels. Membership in AARP is not required.

The program typically prepares returns that involve W-2 income, itemized and standard deductions, interest and dividends, capital gains and losses, Social Security income, pensions, and earned income tax and child tax credits. It cannot prepare certain tax returns, including business returns.

Services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Taxpayers seeking assistance should bring their 2008 returns.

HCTV-Channel 17 schedule

For program descriptions or more information, tune to the Comcast TV Guide channels 20 or 100 or go to www.co.henrico.va.us/departments/pr.



Even Hours

12 a.m., 2 a.m., 4 a.m., 6 a.m.,
8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.,
4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.

Odd Hours

1 a.m., 3 a.m., 5 a.m., 7 a.m.,
9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.,
5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m.

| | | Even Hours | Odd Hours |
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| Feb 22 through Feb 28 | Mon Wed Fri Sun | Stroke: Medical Emergency— How to Survive a "Brain Attack" — mins TBA | Moving Water Nature's Way: Stream Restorations in Henrico — 23 mins |
| | Tue Thu Sat | The Coal Mines of Henrico — 24 mins | Dr. John Mosby Sheppard of Meadow Farm 1817 - 1877 — 31 mins |
| Mar 1 through Mar 7 | Mon Wed Fri Sun | Henrico's View of the James River and Kanawha Canal — 21 mins | Until the Cows Come Home: A History of Dairy Farming in Henrico County, VA — 51 mins |
| | Tue Thu Sat | Spruce It Up! Landscape Gardening Made Easy — 31 mins | Learning to Hear — 15 mins |
| Mar 8 through Mar 14 | Mon Wed Fri Sun | Department of Community Revitalization Overview — mins TBA | Soaring Free: Bird Watching in Henrico — 24 mins |
| | Tue Thu Sat | Inside Henrico: Winter 2010 Edition — mins TBA | H2O Henrico: From the River to Your Home — 20 mins |
| Mar 15 through Mar 21 | Mon Wed Fri Sun | Central Virginia Biography: Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman — mins TBA | Tails of Survival: Life in Veterinary Hospitals — 29 mins |
| | Tue Thu Sat | Greetings From Lakeside: Past, Present and Future — 33 mins | Henrico Police Athletic League — 25 mins |
| Mar 22 through Mar 28 | Mon Wed Fri Sun | The Art Within: The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen — 18 mins | Foundations in Time II: Henrico's Architectural Treasures — 32 mins |
| | Tue Thu Sat | Southern Man of Mystery: Edgar Allan Poe — 37 mins | City Limits: Henrico Escapes Richmond's Attempts to Merge and Annex — 19 mins |
| Mar 29 through Apr 4 | Mon Wed Fri Sun | Vegetable Gardens — mins TBA | Leading the Way: Henrico County Traffic Control — 21 mins |
| | Tue Thu Sat | A Gift from the Heart: Fostering Our Children — 25 mins | Paving Ahead — 13 mins |

Good timing —Henrico budget gets boost from Short Pump Town Center

While a struggling economy and dwindling revenues continue to plague budgets at the state and local levels in Virginia, Henrico instead is seeing its bottom line buttressed by a significant infusion of tax dollars from a major retail center.

Henrico County coffers are getting a timely injection of funds from Short Pump Town Center, whose tax revenues are being funneled into the general fund budget now that the retail showplace's infrastructure costs have been paid.

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors took action late last year to dissolve the Short Pump Town Center Community Devel-

opment Authority (CDA), which was created in September 2000 to finance public infrastructure associated with the project.

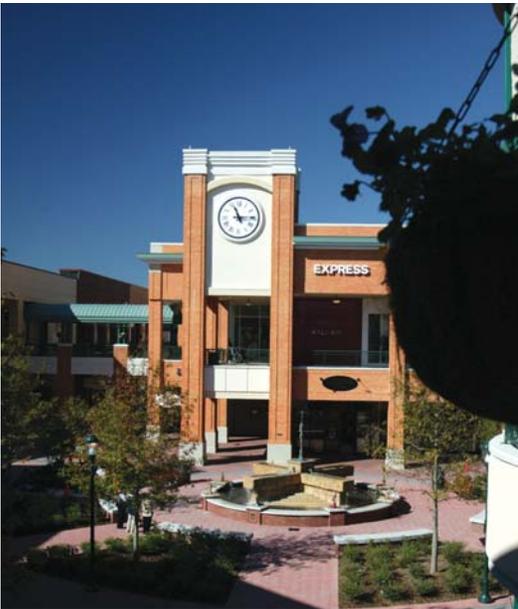
The CDA issued \$25.5 million of special assessment revenue bonds to pay for traffic signals, entrance roads, stormwater management and other infrastructure at the project's western Henrico site. Short Pump Town Center opened in September 2003; for five years, tax revenues generated by the upscale, outdoor mall were dedicated to retiring the infrastructure debt.

The total debt service of \$31.1 million has been paid and the county collected nearly \$4 million in additional tax revenue during that five-year period.

"The Short Pump Town Center CDA is a great success story," said Finance Director John A. Vithoulkas. "We reached full pay-off in five years with the unanticipated benefit of significant revenue over and above the debt payments."

With the infrastructure debt paid, tax revenue from Short Pump now is moving directly into Henrico's general fund. The county expects more than \$8 million in incremental revenue from the retail center during the 2010 fiscal year.

"This revenue is arriving at exactly the time it is needed the most," Vithoulkas said. "The timing couldn't be better."



Short Pump Town Center opened in 2003. A much-needed infusion of revenue is expected this fiscal year from the retail center.

Free tax help — continued —

benefit the local economy as well: more than 80 percent of earned income tax credit refund dollars remain in the community where they are received, according to the coalition.

Many area residents miss this opportunity, however. The GREITCC estimates that approximately 20 percent of eligible taxpayers still are not claiming the earned income tax credit.

For more information, contact the GREITCC at (804) 775-6432, log on to www.irs.gov or call the United Way information service at 211.

Reaching out to small, women- owned and minority-owned suppliers

Henrico County is hosting its fourth annual supplier conference on Monday, March 22 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Short Pump Hilton. Henrico County Connections is a regional event for small, women-owned and minority-owned (SWAM) business representatives. Henrico County invites procurement staff from the Commonwealth of Virginia, the city of Richmond, the counties of Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover and Henrico and several non-profit, business resource organizations to participate.

Connections allows SWAM suppliers an opportunity to network with a variety of decision makers and to learn how to do business with the various jurisdictions, all in one day. Additionally, the event serves an opportunity for the SWAM business community to hear about resources available to them. Participants will hear from skilled professionals who will be discussing social media marketing, financing and networking techniques. There will also be a roundtable discussion regarding the future of small, women-owned and minority-owned businesses headed by a leader in the business community. The conference has grown each year; last year's event drew 510 attendees.

Through Feb. 28, the cost to attend the conference is \$25 per person. Thereafter, the price increases to \$35. Pre-registration is required; the deadline to register is March 16. The fee includes conference admission and meals.

To register for this year's event, please go to the county's Web site at www.co.henrico.va.us and click on the Henrico County Connections 2010 link. For more information, call 501-5689 or e-mail mar28@co.henrico.va.us.



Recreation Roundup

Tue, Mar 2 & Wed, Mar 3: Radio Players Present "The Philadelphia Story"
Enjoy an old time radio show and be a part of a taping that features live music and sound effects. This classic tale is from the "golden age of radio." The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5138.

Sat, Mar 6: Kite Festival
Join us for a day of kite flying and demonstrations, exhibits, contests and games. Hosted by the Richmond Air Force Kite Club, in cooperation with Henrico Recreation and Parks. Rain date: Mar 7. Dorey Park. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5134.

Sun, Mar 28: A History of Women at the Clarke Palmore House
In celebration of Women's History Month, explore the lives of three generations of women who made their home from 1855-1999 on Marion Hill. Clarke-Palmore House Museum. 1-4 p.m. Free. Info: 652-3409.

Sat, Apr 3: 21st Annual Henrico 5K Run
Sponsored by Recreation and Parks in

cooperation with the Innsbrook Owners Association and the Richmond Road Runners. Awards will be given and t-shirts available to the first 200 registered. Registration and check-in: 7:30-8:45 a.m. Race begins at 9 a.m. Innsbrook Corporate Center. \$10 for pre-registration and \$15 on-site. Entry fee must be submitted with an official 5K registration form. Info: 501-5121.

Sat, Apr 10: African-American Soldiers in the Civil War
On September 29, 1864, fourteen African-Americans won the Medal of Honor in the fields of eastern Henrico County. See how these soldiers trained, learn how they lived in camp and on the battlefield and experience the trials they faced during the American Civil War. The Armour House. 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Info: 652-3409.

Sat, Apr 17: Earth Day Celebration
Enjoy live entertainment by Jubeus and singer Amy Henderson. Enjoy educational booths and displays, a children's puppet show, recycling games, the county Bookmobile, arts and crafts and face

painting. The Wildlife Center of Virginia will have live animals and Three Lakes Nature Center will also feature hands on activities and educational displays. Three Lakes Park. 1-4 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5121.

Sat, Apr 17: Sheep to Shawl-Moving In
Along with Sheep to Shawl, Meadow Farm is celebrating the 200th anniversary of its historic farmhouse. "Meet" the family that lived in the home and enjoy traditional activities from 1810. Try your hand at processing sheep's wool, including carding, weaving and spinning. Meadow Farm Museum. Noon-4 p.m. Free. Info: 501-2130.

Sat, Apr 24: World Tai Chi Day
On the last Saturday in April each year, World Tai Chi Day is celebrated in hundreds of cities around the world. Beginning at 10 a.m. in the first time zone, and moving around the earth, groups will gather to practice Tai Chi. Join us for a free workshop and demonstrations. Walkerton Tavern. 9-11 a.m. Free. Info: 501-5137.

Fri, May 14: African Dance, Music and the Oral Tradition

Join the Elegba Folklore Society for this "edutaining" program featuring dancers, drummers, singers and spoken word artists. Discover the cultural and historical underpinnings of the dance, its music and its relationship to America. Henrico Theatre. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 328-4491.

Sat, May 15: KidFest
Enjoy old-fashioned carnival games, a petting zoo, arts and crafts and information booths, all tailored for kids! Listen to the rock n' roll stylings of the female-led group The Fuzed along with up-and-coming recording artist, 13-year-old Bria Kelly. Deep Run Park. 1-4 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5134.

For additional programs, please see a copy of "At Your Leisure," our catalogue of events and classes. Copies are available at your local recreation centers and libraries. To be added to our mailing list, call 501-PARK (7275).
www.co.henrico.va.us/departments/rec

Library Lineup

Thu, Feb 18: After School Story and Craft
Elementary students, come to the library for a story and a craft. Sandston Library. 3:30-4:15 p.m. Free. Info: 737-3728.

Sat, Feb 13, 20 & 27 and March 6 & 13: GREITCC Tax Assistance
Eligible taxpayers claiming earned income tax credit can receive free help preparing their income taxes. No appointment necessary, service is first-come, first-served. Fairfield Library. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Info: 652-3251.

Sat, Feb 20: Tuskegee Airmen
The Tuskegee Airmen shattered stereotypes during WWII. Hear first-hand experiences from original members of this legendary unit. Tuckahoe Library. 1-2 p.m. Free. Info: 270-9578.

Tue, Feb 23: Become an Informed Consumer
Become an educated consumer using the library's Web site and other resources. North Park Library. 2-4 p.m. Free. To register, call 262-4876.

Tue, Mar 2: Looking for a Good Read?
We will introduce you to Novelist, one of the best resources for finding something wonderful to read. Dumbarton Library. 2-3:30 p.m. Free. To register, call 262-6507.

Wed, Mar 3: ESL Conversation Café
Practice speaking English in an informal setting every other Wednesday. Tuckahoe Library. 7-8 p.m. Free. For info: 270-9578.

Tue, Mar 9: ESL Conversation Café
Practice speaking English in an informal setting every other Tuesday. Dumbarton Library. 7-8 p.m. Free. For info: 262-6507.

Wed, Mar 10: Introduction to E-mail
Topics include sending and receiving attachments and help setting up e-mail accounts. Twin Hickory Library. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. To register, call 364-1400.

Thu, Apr 1: Job Seekers Workshop
Prepare your search, highlight resources and identify the right job for you with our local experts. Tuckahoe Library. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. For info: 270-9578.

Thu, Apr 1- Sat, Apr 10: Lego Contest
Build an original Lego design and you can win a fabulous prize. Entries will be accepted 3/29 - 4/10. All ages. Twin Hickory Library. All day. Free. For info: 364-1400.

Wed, Apr 7: Gamebreak
Teens try your hand at Guitar Hero, Dance Dance Revolution, or low-tech classics like Clue and Apples to Apples, or the weird and ridiculous Quelf. Dumbarton Library. 6-8 p.m. Free. For info: 262-6507.

Tue, Apr 13: Teens: Manage yo' Money
VA Credit Union teen money expert, Cherry Hodges, will show you all the tips and tricks of budgeting, credit and more! Tuckahoe Library. 7-8 p.m. Free. For info: 270-9578.

Wed, Apr 14: Murder Mystery
Teens join us for our annual Murder Mystery. Solve the crime and win a prize.

Gayton Library. 7-8 p.m. Free. For info: 740-2747.

Wed, Apr 14: Tricks and Wisdom to Simplify Your Life
Time and money-saving ideas for your life and home. Find out where to go when you need to solve those little problems around the house. Varina Library. 7-8 p.m. Free. For info: 222-3414.

Thu, Apr 15: NLW Cheers
Happy National Library Week! Join us for refreshments in the children's area as we celebrate our library! Fairfield Library. 2-4 p.m. Free. For info: 652-3251.

For more information go to www.henricolibrary.org; e-mail: library@henrico.lib.va.us; or call (804) 652-3200

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Important County Telephone Numbers

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| Adult Protective Services..... | 501-7346 |
| Board of Supervisors..... | 501-4207 |
| Building Permits & Inspections..... | 501-4360 |
| Business Licenses/Personal Property..... | 501-4310 |
| Child Protective Services..... | 501-5437 |
| Community Maintenance..... | 501-4757 |
| Community Revitalization..... | 501-7640 |
| Fire - Non-emergency..... | 501-4900 |
| Food Stamps..... | 501-4002 |
| Health Clinic - East..... | 652-3190 |
| Health Clinic - West..... | 501-4651 |
| History/Historic Preservation..... | 501-5736 |
| Human Resources..... | 501-4628 |
| Human Resources 24-hour Jobline..... | 501-5674 |
| Library Answer Line..... | 652-3258 |
| Magistrates..... | 501-5285 |
| Marriage Licenses..... | 501-5055 |
| Mental Health Emergency Services..... | 727-8484 |
| Permit Center, The..... | 501-7280 |
| Planning & Zoning..... | 501-4602 |
| Police, Non-emergency..... | 501-5000 |
| Real Estate Assessment..... | 501-4300 |
| Recreation & Parks..... | 501-7275 |
| Recycling Collection (CVWMA)..... | 340-0900 |
| Schools..... | 652-3600 |
| Sheriff..... | 501-4571 |
| Traffic Ticket Court..... | 501-4723 |
| Trash/Bulky Waste/Leaf Collection..... | 501-4275 |
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