



## Disaster preparation: A shared responsibility

Henrico residents know from experience that they don't live in a disaster-free zone.

One-word names like Isabel and Gaston require no explana-

emergencies. Well before events like 9-11 and Hurricane Katrina brought disasters to the forefront of the national consciousness, Henrico officials were developing, rehearsing and refining detailed plans for confronting emergencies.

But Henrico residents also need to know that their individual activities and plans are critical to enduring a disaster or similar

ing 100 percent of the needs of our residents."

During a disaster, Henrico officials face two principal priorities: providing for the safety and security of residents; and maintaining county infrastructure to enable the continuity of government. The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) — in place for more than 30 years — guides the county's response.

"Emergency planning is not an afterthought in Henrico; we've been doing it for decades," Woods said. "We are constantly evaluating the capabilities of our plan, making changes when we identify a shortfall or find something that we can improve."

Henrico regularly holds practice exercises involving the various agencies that play a role in crisis response, Woods said. It also benefits from a Board of Supervisors that is well-versed in the tenets of disaster planning.

"Our Board provides the quick decisions and quality leadership that we need to respond in an emergency," he said.

### First step

While Henrico's emergency officials work continuously to adjust and refine the county's emergency plans, individual residents can take the same approach. The first step, Woods said, is to become informed.

"There are a lot of good publications that discuss disaster



Disasters place a heavy burden on local government and residents alike. Planning and preparation are keys to navigating a crisis event, whether it's natural or manmade.

tion. Of course, disasters don't require names to make life difficult, as evinced on a regular basis by otherwise anonymous winter storms and tornadoes. Sturdy utilities get knocked from service, dangerous conditions threaten life and property and emergency services get pushed to the brink.

Henrico residents should know that the county has long been vigilant when it comes to preparing for and responding to

situation, whether brought on by nature or man.

### Responsibility of county and individuals

"Our residents should be prepared to be responsible for their own situation and needs for at least three days," said Capt. Bob Woods, deputy emergency services coordinator for Henrico. "A disaster may push the county's resources to their maximum capacity, preventing us from provid-

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preparation, are easy to read and understand and can help residents get ready for a short-term situation," he said.

Disaster planning and emergency information is available from a number of sources, including federal, state and local governments, as well as nonprofit agencies like the American Red Cross. Henrico's Community Disaster Preparedness Manual (CDPM), a 34-page guide produced by the Division of Fire, can be accessed online at [www.henricofire.org](http://www.henricofire.org) or by calling 501-5515.

### Before the disaster

An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure. It's a cliché, but it's true when it comes

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to disasters. Prior planning and preparation can prove invaluable when confronting the stress and chaos of a devastating event.

- Develop a disaster plan; make sure your family — especially young children — understands it.
- Ask about the plans at work, at your child’s school or day-care center, and other places where your family spends time.
- Determine if elderly or disabled friends and neighbors will need help, and if so, plan ways to assist them.
- Henrico officials and other government agencies will provide information about the extent of the crisis, the opening of shelters, road closures, utility outages and other emergency information. Keep a battery-operated radio on

- Discuss how to adapt your plan to different circumstances. Your general plan should be broadly applicable to a variety of situations.
- Choose two places to meet: Outside your home, in case of a sudden emergency; and outside your neighborhood, in case you can’t return home. Make sure everyone knows the address and phone number of the secondary location.
- Ask an out-of-state friend or relative to be the contact point. Each family member should call the contact and provide their location and other important information. (Following a disaster, it may be easier to call long distance.)
- Know what to do if an evacuation is required.
- Remember to plan for your

pets, which typically are not allowed in emergency shelters.

#### ***Develop a disaster supplies kit***

The threat of an impending hurricane or winter storm often results in long lines and empty shelves at local grocery stores. But some events — such as

a hazardous materials spill on a nearby highway or railway — arrive without the weather forecaster’s warning and require immediate action; there isn’t always time for last-minute purchases. The solution, of course, is to not need those last-minute purchases.

The disaster supplies kit solves this problem. Whether a crisis requires prompt evacuation or confines you to your home, your kit will have essential items to help your family endure the experience.

“Developing a disaster sup-

plies kit is a math problem,” Woods said. “Identify the number of people you need to take care of and plan for water, food and other key supplies accordingly.”

The first figure in the math problem is 72, or the number of hours you should plan to rely on your kit.

“In Henrico, we don’t have a huge problem with families being displaced for a long time,” he said. “You should be prepared to take care of yourself for three days.”

Start with an easy-to-carry — preferably weatherproof — container, and prepare your kit with the essentials in mind. Plan a vehicle-ready kit as well.

#### Water

- Store one gallon per person per day — two quarts for drinking, two quarts for food preparation and sanitary uses. Hot weather and heavy physical activity will increase the amount you drink; children, nursing mothers and sick people will need more as well.
- Keep a three-day supply for each person.
- Store in plastic containers; avoid containers that may break or decompose.
- Check the expiration date and replace accordingly.

#### Food

- Plan for three meals per person per day, for a total of three days.
- Store non-perishable foods that require no refrigeration and little or no preparation, cooking and water; if you must heat food, include a can of sterno in your kit.
- Store items that are compact and lightweight.
- Pack a variety: ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables; canned juices, soup, milk; high energy foods — peanut butter, granola bars

and trail mix; staples like sugar, salt and pepper; and vitamins.

- Include comfort and stress foods, such as cookies, hard candy and instant coffee.
- If needed, include foods for infants, elderly and people on special diets.

#### Additional

- Pack a first aid kit and miscellaneous supplies, especially a battery-operated radio, flashlight and toiletries (for a complete list of supplies, check the CDPM).
- Keep your important documents, such as birth certificates and insurance policies, sealed in a waterproof pouch.
- Store your kit in an easily accessible location.

#### ***Home preparation checklist***

Much like your family, your home can be made ready to better handle an emergency situation.

For a complete list of home-preparation measures, consult the CDPM.

- Post emergency numbers by your telephones.
- Install smoke detectors on each floor of the house, especially near bedrooms; keep a fire extinguisher in a central location.
- Determine the best escape routes; find two ways out of each room.
- Designate safe spots in your home for each type of disaster.
- Learn how to turn off the utilities — water, gas and electricity — at their main entry points to your home.
- Teach your children how to use the fire extinguisher and how to call 911.
- Practice your disaster plan regularly.

***For more information, log on to [www.henricofire.org](http://www.henricofire.org) or call 501-5515.***



Having a plan can help your family manage the unexpected hardships that a disaster may leave on your doorstep.

hand to access this information through local media or the emergency alert system.

#### ***Develop a disaster plan***

Make the planning process a family project, ensuring that everyone understands the need to prepare and the roles they will play in executing the plan. Share responsibilities and work as a team.

As identified in the EOP, the disasters most likely to occur in Henrico are a chemical emergency; thunderstorm/tornado; winter storm; and hurricane.

## HCTV strikes platinum —County station wins honors at top film festivals

Eight programs produced by Henrico County Television (HCTV) Channel 17 recently earned top honors at the 39<sup>th</sup> annual WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival and the U.S. International Film and Video Festival, two premier awards competitions for independent film and educational programming.

“Receiving recognition from these competitions is a great honor for HCTV and our staff,” said Public Relations & Media Services Director Tamra McKinney. “It reinforces our commitment to provide quality, compelling programming for Henrico residents.”

The WorldFest competition — whose past winners include Steven Spielberg, Ang Lee and

George Lucas — tapped seven HCTV programs for awards, including three Platinum awards, the highest honor given in an individual category:

- **“Taking Flight: Stories of Early Virginia Aviation,”** a feature-length documentary that explores aviation in the state from 1864 to 1940; Platinum, biographical;
- **“The Bridges of Henrico County,”** an up-close look at the current and historical bridges spanning the James River; Platinum, public relations;
- **“Under the Lights: Richmond International Raceway,”** the story of one of the country’s most popular auto-racing venues; Platinum, sports;
- **“Your Weapon Against Gun Violence: Henrico Exile,”** an examination of the fight against illegal gun use from the perspective of police officers, convicted felons and witnesses of gun violence; Gold, legal;

- **“Until the Cows Come Home: A History of Dairy Farming in Henrico County,”** a feature-length documentary about local family-owned farms and milk production; Silver, agriculture;
- **“Tough Choices: The County Manager Form of Government,”** the story of Henrico’s government and the men who have headed it since 1934; Silver, public affairs; and
- **“4-H: Making the Best Better,”** a look at the Extension Service program and the young people it serves; Bronze, agriculture.

The U.S. International Film and Video Festival also recognized an HCTV program with a top honor. **“Battlefield Henrico: Savage Station 1862,”** an examination of the significant Civil War battle fought on Henrico soil, received the Gold Camera Award for history/biography.

Station Manager Dave Miller noted the unique role HCTV plays.

“We can tell stories about our own community — the people, history, places, services and events that take place here in Henrico and impact our residents on a regular basis,” he said.

Watch for these shows and other informative, entertaining programming — log on to [www.co.henrico.va.us/pr](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/pr) for a schedule of upcoming shows. For more information, contact Public Relations & Media Services at 501-4257.

*HCTV-17 is available to all Henrico residents subscribing to Comcast cable.*

## Public meetings coming for Comprehensive Plan —Residents encouraged to offer opinions, input this fall

Henrico’s Planning Department is nearing completion of the 2026 Comprehensive Plan — a key document that forecasts the county’s growth over the next 20 years — and residents have the chance to share their insight.

Henrico will hold a series of public meetings in the fall to provide an overview of the draft



Comprehensive Plan and give residents the opportunity to offer their feedback and suggestions. For meeting times and locations, contact the Planning Department at 501-4602 or log on to [www.co.henrico.va.us/planning](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/planning) and follow the link for “2026 Comprehensive Plan Update.”

The meetings are designed to be interactive public information sessions, said Assistant Planning Director Joe Emerson. Participants can learn where future growth is expected to occur and how it may affect them. They can also offer their opinions.

“The Comprehensive Plan is not a completed document. This is still a very active process,” Emerson said. “We need input from our residents, and we want them to address any concerns they may

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International sensation: A number of programs produced by HCTV-17 grabbed awards recently at a pair of top competitions — the 39<sup>th</sup> annual WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival and the U.S. International Film and Video Festival.

have.

“We need to know that what is envisioned in the Comprehensive Plan is the shared vision of the community.”

**All aspects of county growth**

The Comprehensive Plan provides an in-depth analysis of all aspects of county development, examining a variety of quality-of-life and growth-related issues including housing, parks and recreation, utilities, traffic, transportation, roads and infrastructure, industry, employment, education and public safety. The plan manages new development while also accounting for revitalization of older commercial corridors and neighborhoods.

When completed, the Comprehensive Plan will chart a path to 2026, anticipating the county’s growth and the services neces-

sitated of three components: the land-use plan, which primarily addresses development undertaken by the private sector and details desired future use of all property within the county; the major thoroughfare plan, which proposes a transportation network to provide adequate roads in coordination with the land-use plan; and the parks, recreation and open-space plan, which guides investment in public parks and recreation facilities.

The updated plan will include four new components: fiscal analysis, design guidelines, public facilities and a utilities model that will forecast water and sewer demand. It will also feature a new major thoroughfare plan, with the county’s first computerized transportation model.

Emerson expects the land-use

it’s always a good idea for house-hunters to take a look at the plan — they’ll get an idea of what may happen in that empty field next to their potential new home.”

**‘User-friendly’ meetings**

Residents will have the chance to be proactive at the upcoming meetings, which are designed to make the Comprehensive Plan as accessible as possible to the layman.

Meeting participants can first view an automated 15-minute presentation offering background and an overview of the plan. They will then move to a series of kiosks, based on the different topics covered by the plan, where Planning staff will provide information, answer questions and encourage them to offer input. Participants can complete an exit survey before leaving.

tending a meeting by logging on to Planning’s Web site at [www.co.henrico.va.us/planning](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/planning). Emerson hopes residents will take advantage of the online resources.

“With something as voluminous as the Comprehensive Plan, with this much data, it may be difficult to get a handle on it in a single meeting,” he said. “Residents will be able to learn about the plan beforehand by visiting the Web site.”

**Growth shifting eastward**

What the Comprehensive Plan forecasts for the next 20 years will likely come as no surprise for many residents: Henrico’s eastern areas increasingly will become the focus of growth and development.

“The east end is where the growth is shifting, where most of the new road networks are going and where most of the land-use changes will take place,” Emerson said. “Everything else, especially the west end, has largely been built.”

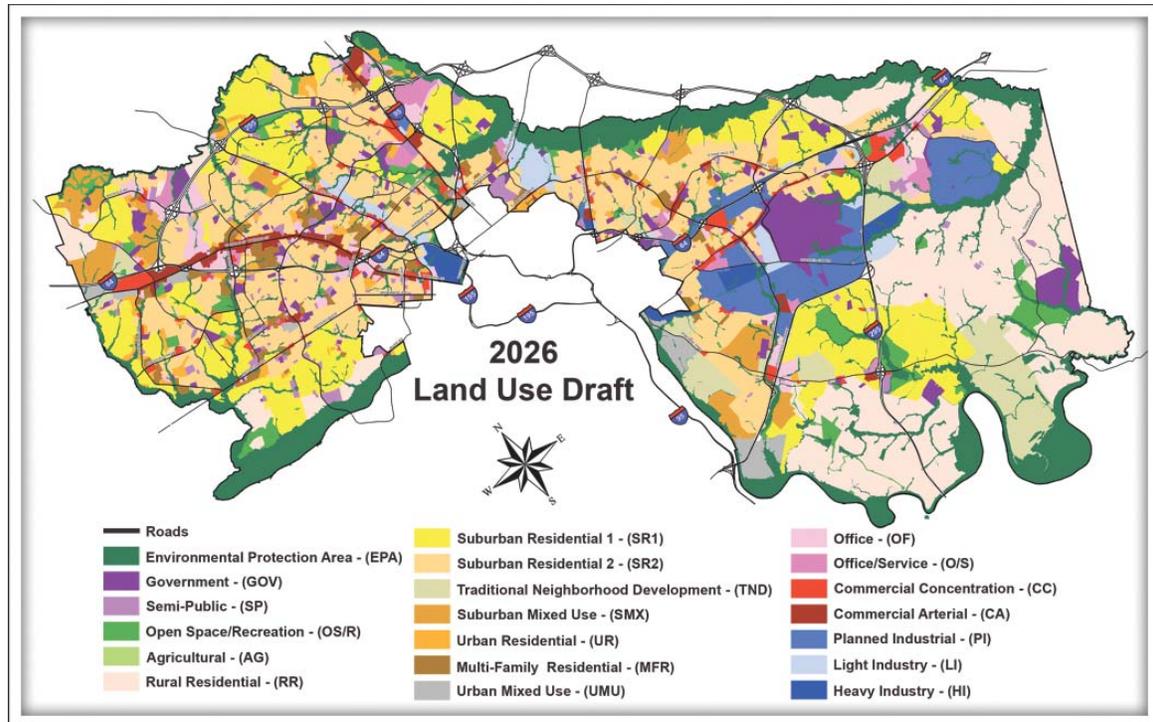
Much of the growth will be residential, as the county’s population is expected to approach 400,000 by 2026. But the Comprehensive Plan also identifies prime economic development areas in the east end, including office and industrial development.

“We hope to see the emergence of new employment centers in the east, as well as additional employment in the west,” he said.

Revitalization of older commercial areas and neighborhoods is also an important component of the plan, with Regency Square and Azalea Mall included among several places designated as Special Strategy Areas.

“Redevelopment can be somewhat harder to forecast, since it often depends on market forces and developers, but the Comprehensive Plan anticipates it in many areas,” Emerson said.

**For more information about the 2026 Comprehensive Plan and the upcoming public meetings, call the Planning Department at 501-4602 or log on to [www.co.henrico.va.us/planning](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/planning).**



sary to support that growth over the next two decades. Virginia code requires Henrico to maintain a plan, though the plan itself is not legally binding; it serves as a blueprint to help the Board of Supervisors direct growth county-wide.

Traditionally, the plan has

and thoroughfare plans to receive a lot of attention at the public meetings.

“The Comprehensive Plan guides future zoning actions, so now is the time for residents to be proactive and get involved in the planning process, so they won’t be surprised later,” he said. “And

“Residents will be able to move at their own pace,” Emerson said. “They won’t have to sit through any lengthy discussions or presentations. The meetings are designed to be interactive and user-friendly.”

Residents can review and comment on the plan before at-

# HCTV-Channel 17 summer schedule

For program descriptions or more information, tune to the TV Guide channel 20 or go to [www.co.henrico.va.us/pr](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/pr).



		<b>Even Hours</b> 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.	<b>Odd Hours</b> 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.
<b>Aug 7 through Aug 13</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Keep Henrico Beautiful</b>	<b>Under the Lights: Richmond International Raceway - 24 mins</b>
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>When Disaster Strikes: Are You Prepared? - 21 mins</b>	<b>Taking Out the Trash: Solid Waste and Recycling - 17 mins</b>
<b>Aug 14 through Aug 20</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Your Weapon Against Gun Violence: Henrico Exile - 20 mins</b>	<b>Going to Work: The Capital Area Training Consortium - 16 mins</b>
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>A Working Partnership: Canines In The County - 23 mins</b>	<b>The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen - 12 mins</b>
<b>Aug 21 through Aug 27</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Trees and Development</b>	<b>The Coal Mines of Henrico - 24 mins</b>
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>When the Smoke Clears: Fire Scene Investigators - 24 mins</b>	<b>Working for All of Us: Hermitage Enterprises - 19 mins</b>
<b>Aug 28 through Sept 3</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Magazine 17: Summer 2006 Edition</b>	<b>Planning for Henrico's Future - 24 mins</b>
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Crystal Clear: Henrico's Water Reclamation Facility - 17 mins</b>	<b>Until the Cows Come Home: A History of Dairy Farming in Henrico County, VA - 51 mins</b>
<b>Sept 4 through Sept 10</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Henrico's SWAT Team</b>	<b>Taking Flight: Stories of Early Virginia Aviation- 53 mins</b>
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Enterprise Zone - 13 mins</b>	<b>R.I.S.E.: Recovery in a Secure Environment - 30 mins</b>
<b>Sept 11 through Sept 17</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>A Hunger to Live: Transplanting Life - 23 mins</b>	<b>Inside the Firehouse - 25 mins</b>
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Emergency! Henrico's 911 Operations - 19 mins</b>	<b>C.E.R.T.: Community Emergency Response Team - 21 mins</b>

# Ceremony salutes once-troubled young people

*(Editor's note: The names of certain individuals referenced in this story have been abbreviated to protect their identity.)*

Oscar S. and his family moved to Henrico when he was 9 years old. An avid skateboarder, Oscar found growing up in central Virginia proved to be a bumpy ride.

"I struggled with my family situation," he said, "and I had trouble dealing with peer pressure and some of the people around me."

Oscar's struggles led to some mistakes and, ultimately, a path into Henrico County's Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and probation. His road did not

end in the county's juvenile justice program, however.

In the past year he has earned his general equivalency diploma, started a part-time job, made plans for entering college and completed his probation requirements and Henrico's post-disposition program. The bumps in his road have become much smoother.

"The Henrico County program has helped me out a lot," Oscar, now 18, said. "It showed me how to control my emotions and learn to handle peer pressure and certain kinds of people."

Oscar's was one of several success stories celebrated earlier this summer at the third annual "Stepping Stones" awards ceremony. Henrico's Probation and Social Services departments honored six young people for overcoming significant adversity in their lives — for making "stepping stones out of stumbling blocks" — and excelling in their

foster care, supervised probation or parole plans.

Also recognized at the ceremony were Sarah M., Jamie T., Todd W., Michael S. and William K. Like Oscar, they are now completing their high school education, planning for college or career training; several are employed and living independently.

The ceremony combined the efforts of a number of county agencies, including Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, James River Juvenile Detention and Community Corrections. Henrico County Community Partners, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides fund-raising support for local criminal justice programs, sponsored the event.

The honorees shared a total of \$2,700 in savings bonds to help fund their future plans, whether they be tuition, apartment fees or savings. They also received gift certificates from several area businesses and listened to an

inspirational message from motivational speaker and prevention specialist Terrence A. Allen.

"We've all made mistakes at some point, but somebody has helped us find our place and identify our purpose," Allen said. "Don't be afraid to step out and do what's right. You have a second chance. It's your opportunity."

Surrounded by their families, foster care parents and mentors, the young people were saluted by their social workers, probation officers and county officials.

"You've done extraordinary things," said Probation Director Kay Frye. "You've taken advantage of the opportunity to put yourself in a better place."

For Oscar, that better place includes J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, where he is studying counseling.

"I want to work with kids, to help them get through what I went through," he said. "I'm confident now about my future."

## Helping hands in Henrico

Volunteers from across Virginia visited Henrico earlier this summer, spending several days doing a variety of home-repair projects for 11 Henrico homes. The volunteers — more than 90 men and women from the Transformers construction mission project, a program of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board — installed two new roofs, built six wheelchair ramps, repaired porches, painted and completed other projects. The county's Volunteer Assistance Program (VAP) coordinated the special effort. Since January 2000, VAP and its companion program, Operation Paintbrush, have painted or provided basic repairs on 625 Henrico homes, with 3,700 volunteers performing 37,000 hours of volunteer labor.

*For more information about these programs, contact Community Maintenance at 501-7628.*



# Recreation Roundup

## **Sat, Aug 12: X-Festival**

Catch some air at Laurel Skate Park and bring your friends! Activities include a climbing wall, professional skate demonstrations, a DJ, free pizza and free t-shirts while supplies last. 4-7 p.m. Laurel Skate Park. Free. Info: 501-5134.

## **Sat, Sept 9: Civil War Lantern Tours**

Experience a series of vignettes covering the years 1861-1865. 7:15-9 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Registration required. Info: 501-5520.

## **Sun, Sept 10: Civil War Days - The Other Half of the Story**

War is more than battles, men have to be fed and clothed. War affects the civilian population as well as the soldiers. Visit the women and the men left behind to run the farm. What shortages did they cope with? Talk to and drill with confederate soldiers. Find out what they did between battles. Noon-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

## **Sun, Sept 10, 17 & 24: Sunday in the Park with Jazz**

Join us for four outdoor concerts by some of Richmond's premiere jazz musicians. Sept 10: B-3 Band, Sept 17: Fulton's Folly, Sept 24: Paul Roberts Quartet. 3-4 p.m. Deep Run Nature Pavilion. In case of inclement weather, concerts may be cancelled with no rain dates. Free. Info: 501-5138.

## **Sat, Sept 16: Glen Allen Day**

Join us as we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Glen Allen Day. This year's theme is "Keeping Our Community Safe." Hear from public safety leaders and local businesses on how to keep our families safe. "Kick-off" to some fall events including a Glen Allen Forum and informative seminars related to this topic. The day begins with a community parade at 9:30 a.m. and a fair at Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring live music, an Arts and Crafts Show, Business Expo and family fun and games. Local community service organizations will be serving a variety of delicious food. For details, including a participation application, please visit [www.glenallenruritan.org](http://www.glenallenruritan.org) or stop by Glen Allen Market or the UPS Store at Cross-Ridge. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Meadow Farm

Museum/Crump Park. Free. Rain date: Sept 23. Info: 501-5121.

## **Sat, Sept 23: Christmas in September Arts and Crafts Show**

Attend the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Christmas in September Arts and Crafts Show sponsored by the County of Henrico Division of Recreation and Parks and the North Central Richmond Kiwanis Clubs. A variety of original artwork and unique handcrafted items from over 100 artists and craftpersons from Virginia and surrounding states will be on display and available for purchase. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dorey Park. Free. Rain date: Sept 24. Info: 501-5121.

## **Sat, Sept 30 & Nov 4: Letterboxing**

For ages 8+. Let us introduce you to letterboxing-an intriguing mix of treasure hunting, art, navigation and exploring interesting, scenic and sometimes remote places. It is also a fun form of exercise. 10 a.m.-noon. Walkerton Tavern. Free. Info: 261-6898.

## **Fri, Oct 6: Preschool Fire Safety Festival**

For ages 2-5 with an adult. Join us and the Henrico Division of Fire as we present an eventful morning of fun fire safety activities, exhibits, prizes and much more. 10-11:30 a.m. Deep Run Park. Free. Call by Sept 22 to register. Info and reservations: 501-5809.

## **Sat, Oct 14: Elko Community Day**

Celebrate the Elko community this fall at the Windsor Club of Elko. Enjoy live entertainment, children's activities, arts and crafts, storytelling and exciting hayrides. Concessions will be available for purchase. 2-6 p.m. Windsor Club of Elko. Free. Info: George Throckmorton, 737-2076.

## **Sat, Oct 14: Fall Pumpkin Bash**

The Lakeside and Bellevue communities have teamed up to offer the first annual Pumpkin Bash. Come and enjoy live music, arts and crafts, children's activities, pumpkin carving and delicious food. Visit all of the locally owned businesses in the area for special sales and promotions. There will be something for all ages. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Lakeside, MacArthur and Bellevue Avenues. Free. Info: 261-0059.

## **Tue & Wed, Oct 17 & 18: Old-Time Radio Show**

The On-the-Air Radio Players present an old-time radio show taped before a live audience. Be a part of the studio audience for this hour-long taping featuring live music and sound effects, old commercials and authentic scripts from the "golden age of radio." Directed by Mark Monson. 8 p.m. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Free. Info: 501-5138.

## **Sat, Oct 21: Harvest Festival**

Visit historic 19<sup>th</sup> century Meadow Farm Museum for this exciting day of traditional harvest time festivities and fun for the entire family, featuring hands-on activities and demonstrations depicting typical homemaking and farming tasks of the era. These include cider making, quilting, candle dipping, basket and wood weaving, beekeeping, corn husking, corn shelling, blacksmithing, wood-working and a natural dye demonstration. The Meadow Farm pumpkin patch will be available for children ages 3-12. Children's autumn crafts will include gourd decorating and corn husk dolls. Enjoy live musical performers, including music from The Company Store. Other featured entertainment will include Lucky Bill Parrish on the children's stage and Jonathan Austin's juggling and magic. Noon-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. Free. Rain date: Oct 22. Info: 501-5121.

## **Thur, Oct 26: Fall Fiesta**

For grades K-5. Enjoy a fun evening of carnival games, balloon sculptures, hay bale relays and face painting by "Sherri the Clown." A maraca craft, piñata and special snack will top off the festival. Wear a sombrero and bright colors. 4:30-6 p.m. Hidden Creek Recreation Center. Free. Limited Registration, register by Oct 12. Info: 643-8302.

## **Fri, Oct 27: Bluegrass Coffeehouse**

Bluegrass musicians, young and old, experienced or just starting out are invited to Walkerton to play music, learn and share with each other while we listen. Acoustic only. 7-9 p.m. Walkerton Tavern. Free. Info: Rachel Leyco, 261-6898.

## **Fri, Oct 27: Monster Mash 2006**

Celebrate the Halloween spirit with

the ghosts of Dorey Park. Thrill seekers, brave your way through the Spooky Trail. Other activities include hair-raising arts and crafts, frighteningly spooky contests and games and rocking monster music. Win great prizes in the costume contest at 8 p.m. 6-9 p.m. Dorey Recreation Center. Free. Reservations required. Info and reservations: 501-5134.

## **Sat, Oct 28: Hauntings and Spooky Stories**

Halloween is nearly here and thoughts are turning towards ghosts and spooky tales. Join in the fun around a campfire as storytellers spin tales of hauntings and strange happenings. 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Pre-registration is required. Info and registration: 501-5520.

## **Sat, Nov 4: Quilting Bee**

Bring your own or help us with ours. Meadow Farm's sewing guild will help guide you through the process of quilting. All ages and skills welcome. 12:30-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

## **Sat, Nov 18: Thanksgiving**

The year is 1863 and the country is being torn apart by war. Sarah Hale, editor of "Godey's Lady's Book," kept petitioning the presidents to publicly acknowledge Thanksgiving. President Lincoln made a Proclamation of Thanksgiving in 1863. Pull up a seat and learn more about Thanksgiving and how it was celebrated 150 years ago. 12:30-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

*For additional programs, check out a copy of "At Your Leisure," our catalogue of events and classes. Copies are available at your local library, or call the Division of Recreation & Parks at 501-7275 to be added to our mailing list.*

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## Important County Telephone Numbers

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