



## Board of Supervisors re-elected intact; O'Bannon and Thornton to serve as chair and vice chair

As residents of a free society, where government is run by the people, our voice is in our vote. The results of Election 2003 indicated an enthusiastic nod of approval to the Henrico County Board of Supervisors when voters re-elected each incumbent member.

At the Dec. 15, 2003 Investiture Ceremony, County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. told the audience "When many of us were assembled here four years ago . . . our county's population stood at 259,179 living in 111,982 housing units. Today, Henrico's population is estimated to be 274,847 living in 116,345 housing units. Despite our steady population growth and the high rate of turn-

over among local elected bodies, this Henrico County Board of Supervisors has stayed intact for eight years, and its members will be serving together for another four years."

unanimously elected Pat O'Bannon to serve a one-year term as its chairman. O'Bannon was first elected to the board in 1995, and maintains the distinction of being the first and only



From left to right: Three Chopt District Supervisor Dave Kaechele; Brookland District Supervisor Dick Glover; Chairman and Tuckahoe District Supervisor Pat O'Bannon; Vice Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank Thornton; and Varina District Supervisor Jim Donati.

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According to the Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Counties, Henrico has achieved the distinction of being the most stable county board of supervisors currently serving in Virginia. No other county in the state has experienced the re-election of all of its incumbent members to a third term. In fact, Henrico County has not experienced a three-term board since the County Manager Form of Government was adopted in 1933. So, what gives Henrico's board such staying power? Who are the individuals who comprise this legislative body, and what makes them tick?

#### **Patricia S. O'Bannon, Chairman and Tuckahoe District Supervisor**

At its first meeting of 2004, the board

woman ever to serve on the Henrico County Board of Supervisors. She previously served as the board's chairman in 1999.

When asked why she thinks the board continues to be re-elected intact, she replied "The decision rests with the voting public. Obviously, each board member is listening to his constituents—people know they're being heard, so they continue to bring the board back." O'Bannon said, "when the public speaks loudly, and says 'this is what we want you to do,' and the board does it, they know they're being represented."

O'Bannon is a lifelong native of the Richmond area, and has been a Henrico resident for 29 years. She has remained actively in-

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volved in civic associations and governmental committees during her tenure with Henrico County. She earned her bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), and is a Certified Planning Commissioner. O'Bannon is married to Del. John M. O'Bannon, III (who is also a neurologist), has three children and one grandchild.

**Frank J. Thornton, Vice Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor**

Frank Thornton will serve as the board's vice chairman in 2004. Thornton is also entering his third, four-year term on the Board of Supervisors, having first been elected in 1995. He served as the board's chairman in 2000, and continues to be the first and only African-American to serve on the Henrico County Board.

"I am very pleased that this Board of Supervisors will be working together again for a third term," Thornton said. "I think that each board member's mutual and genuine concern for the citizens, plus the collegial relationships we have developed with each other for the past eight years" has kept the board intact. Thornton said that residents respond positively to a board they know is working in their best interests.

Thornton, a French professor at Virginia Union University (VUU), is a Richmond native and serves on a variety of government and civic committees. He earned his bachelor's degree from VUU, and his master's from American University in Washington, D.C. Thornton is married to Bettye Parker Thornton, has two children and two grandchildren.

**Richard W. Glover, Brookland District Supervisor**

Dick Glover is serving his fifth consecutive term on the Henrico County Board of Supervisors, having been first elected in 1987. Glover served as the board's chairman in 1992, 1996 and 2001.

"I'm not at all surprised that this board was re-elected again for a third term," Glover said. "Our citizens can see that we are a results-oriented board, we pay attention to what they say, and we get it done," he said. "A lot of times in local politics, things have a way of taking too long or not happening at all. In Henrico, we work hard to make a positive difference and I think the voters respond to that."

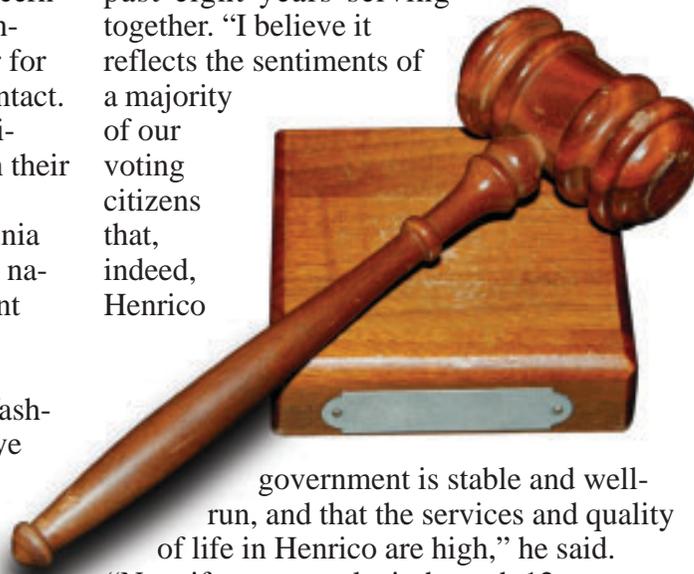
Before being elected to the Board of Supervisors, Glover served on the Henrico County Planning Commission for three years, and has since served on a variety of other

state, local and regional boards and commissions. He attended VCU and J. Seargeant Reynolds Community College, and is a Certified Planning Commissioner. Glover, a Virginia native and a veteran of the U.S. Navy, is married to Joan Sadler Glover, has four children and eight (soon to be nine) grandchildren.

**David A. Kaechele, Three Chopt District Supervisor**

Dave Kaechele, known to his colleagues as the "senior member" of the board, is beginning his seventh term on the Henrico County Board of Supervisors. Kaechele, a 43-year resident of Henrico, was first elected to the board in 1979, and has served as the board's chairman five times: in 1987, 1990, 1995, 1998 and 2003.

Kaechele said "this Henrico County board has demonstrated stability, strength and responsiveness to our residents" during the past eight years serving together. "I believe it reflects the sentiments of a majority of our voting citizens that, indeed, Henrico



government is stable and well-run, and that the services and quality of life in Henrico are high," he said.

"Now if we can make it through 12 years, that's *really* saying something."

In 1993, Kaechele retired from Reynold's Metals Company as a senior development engineer. He earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University, is a U.S. Army veteran and serves on numerous governmental and civic boards and commissions. He is married to Marilyn G. Kaechele, has two children and five grandchildren.

**James B. Donati, Jr., Varina District Supervisor**

Jim Donati, a Henrico County native and lifelong resident, is serving his fourth, four-year term on the Henrico Board of Supervisors. Donati was first elected to the board in 1991, and served as the board's chairman in 1994, 1997 and 2002.

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"Our residents respect this board because we work well together and we reach consensus," Donati said. "You can always tell good leadership and stable stewardship by the resulting product—and Henrico County is as strong and successful as counties get," he said. "You can look at this board and see the people of Henrico County—the board members really do represent the diverse population of the county. We respect each other, and we work toward the common goal of making Henrico the best it can be."

Donati, the proprietor of White Oak Turf Care and Landscaping, is a U.S. Army veteran, attended VCU and Electronic Computer Programming Institute, and serves on local and regional boards, commissions and steering committees. He is married to Beverly Greene Donati, has two children and one grandchild.

For more information about Henrico County's Board of Supervisors, board meeting schedules and agendas, log on to [www.co.henrico.va.us/manager](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/manager).

**Emergency debris program helps hundreds**

Bad luck comes in threes, according to the old saying. But two bouts with misfortune were more than enough for many Henrico residents last September.

Less than a week after Hurricane Isabel hammered the county, a second round of storms—featuring a tornado and more heavy rains—sliced through several Henrico neighborhoods. For residents already struggling with hurricane-damaged homes and property, the new storms added insult to injury. The



Broken trees splayed across rooftops, fences and yards were an all too common sight in Henrico last fall, as residents struggled to recover from Hurricane Isabel and additional storms. The Board of Supervisors created a special program to help some of Henrico's hardest-hit residents—the elderly and disabled—remove storm debris from their property.

plight of many residents affected by this additional bout with natural disaster, the elderly and disabled in particular, prompted Henrico's Board of Supervisors to seek new support services to address their special needs.

The result was the Emergency Debris Removal Volunteer Assistance Program. County staff coordinated volunteer help for elderly and disabled residents who needed assistance removing fallen trees, branches and other storm debris from their homes and property.

*"I don't know what I would've done without the help from the group of volunteers and from the county . . . It was just a blessing."*

More than 150 residents registered for the free service during the program's first three weeks; ultimately, more than 200 residents used the program. One of those was Lucille Kitchin, who lost several large pine trees to Hurricane Isabel.

"I was very fortunate that they did not fall on the house," she said. "They came down in the backyard, smashed my chain-link fence in a few places and made a mess of the yard."

Despite her relative good fortune with the location of her fallen trees, Mrs. Kitchin, who is retired and was widowed last year, did not know how she would clear the massive, sprawling pines from her property.

"There is no way I could've handled the job, financially or otherwise," she said.

But she learned of the Emergency Debris Removal Volunteer Program and contacted the county, which assessed her situation and arranged for a group of volunteers to tackle the clean-up project. Armed with chainsaws and other tools, the group took a little more than a day to reduce the trees to manageable pieces and move them curbside, where they were later picked up by Public Works crews.

"I don't know what I would've done without the help from the group of young men and from the county," she said. "It was just a blessing."

Mrs. Kitchin's experience was not unique, as residents from each magisterial district received special debris-clearing help from the program. Nearly 350 volunteers—representing businesses, corporations, churches and

civic organizations, as well as a local high school—participated, lending their sweat as well as their spare time. Volunteers contributed 1,690 hours to the effort; their donated time was valued at nearly \$34,000.

"This special effort has been a great success," said Director of Planning John Marlles. "We received a tremendous response from both our elderly and disabled residents who needed assistance and from the numerous groups of volunteers who wanted to help."

Board of Supervisors Chairman Patricia S. O'Bannon noted that the program highlights Henrico's commitment to provide the best possible service to its residents.

"The Emergency Debris Removal Volunteer Assistance Program brought together people who needed help with those who were able to give it," O'Bannon said. "It is another indication of the willingness of Henrico residents to lend a helping hand to their neighbors."

*Still experiencing problems with storm-related debris? Interested in volunteering for a neighborhood clean-up project? Contact Henrico's Community Maintenance program at 501-4757 or log on to [www.co.henrico.va.us/maint](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/maint).*

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## Free tax help available for qualifying Henrico families

Some residents may be missing out on thousands of dollars in income tax refunds. Henrico County wants to make sure they get the refund they deserve, free of charge.

Henrico is again participating in the Greater Richmond Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition (GREITCC), a special organization of local governments, private industry and nonprofit groups that has joined forces to increase public awareness of the earned income tax credit and to provide free income tax preparation assistance for eligible working families and individuals.

The service is available at 12 sites throughout the metro area, including two in Henrico. GREITCC sites filed more than 600

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tax returns for qualifying taxpayers, free of charge, in 2003. As a result of the coalition's efforts, Henrico taxpayers claimed 12 percent more earned income tax credit funds in 2003 than the previous year.

But local taxpayers are still leaving a lot of money on the table: the IRS estimates that more than \$7 million of earned income tax credit funds went unclaimed in the metro area last year. The earned income tax credit could increase an eligible family's federal refund by as much as \$4,140.

Volunteers at GREITCC sites will help eligible taxpayers prepare and file their tax returns and will provide childcare as well. The free service is available to taxpayers who:

- Had an adjusted gross income of less than \$34,672 last year and two or more children;
- Had an adjusted gross income of less than \$30,666 last year and one child; or
- Had an adjusted gross income of less than \$27,000 last year and had no children.

Henrico's GREITCC sites operate at the following locations and times:

- West End, Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive; 4-8 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday as well as 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 13; continuing through April 15.
- East End, Capital Area Workforce Center, 5410 Williamsburg Road; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday through April 15.

For more information about eligibility, site location or other questions, call the GREITCC Hotline at 649-1311 or log on to [www.greitcc.org](http://www.greitcc.org).

## From humble beginnings to remarkable generosity *Henrico Christmas Mother program*

- ❖ Program informally began in 1942 when an elementary school teacher asked her students to collect food donations for needy neighbors.
- ❖ Henrico businesses, residents and county employees donate thousands of dollars and countless gifts—food, clothing and holiday presents—for those unable to provide for themselves.
- ❖ In 2003, the Christmas Mother received 1,776 requests for assistance and helped 1,551 families, including 2,690 children and 613 elderly and/or disabled residents.
- ❖ Henrico County general government employees raised more than \$11,000 and donated 100 boxes of toys, clothing, stocking stuffers, bikes, stuffed animals and food.

**Henrico Christmas Mother** program operates year-round. To find out how you can help, call 236-9741.



The Sheriff's Office alone donated 45 bikes and 35 helmets. Pictured from left to right are, Sheriff Mike Wade, Deputy Deloris Whitaker, Henrico Christmas Mother Renea Johnston, Deputy Carla Jones, Chief Deputy Merle Bruce, Jr. and Major Carlos Talley.

## Caring for communities

When it comes to the condition of personal property, Henrico County's Community Maintenance Team works with county residents to enforce an array of zoning ordinances. One of those ordinances expressly addresses inoperable vehicles.

In Henrico, any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer not in operating condition, or that does not display valid license plates and a valid inspection sticker, or an inspection sticker expired for less than 60 days, is inoperable and illegal.

There are exceptions: drivers may keep any number of inoperable vehicles on their property if they are stored in a fully enclosed building. If the vehicle is not fully enclosed, the county allows one inoperable vehicle per private property if it is completely hidden from public view by one of the following:

- ◆ a masonry wall or an opaque, treated wood fence at least six feet high;
- ◆ a hedge at least six feet high and 20 feet wide; or
- ◆ an opaque auto cover in new condition and specifically designed to completely shield the motor vehicle from view (does not include makeshift covers or tarps).

To confidentially report an ordinance violation, call the Community Maintenance Division hotline at 501-4757 or use the online complaint form at [www.co.henrico.va.us/maint](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/maint). An inspector will investigate the report and notify the property owners if they are in violation. Property owners typically have 15 days to correct the problem before the inspector will follow up on the matter.

*Community Maintenance encourages Henrico residents with other neighborhood maintenance concerns—trash or debris accumulation, commercial vehicles parked in a residential district, construction materials stored outside, or rodent problems—to contact them for assistance. Cooperation is always the county's goal when seeking ordinance compliance; help keep our community safe and clean.*

## HCTV—Channel 37 winter programming schedule

Programs air at 7 a.m., 10 a.m., noon,  
3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m.

### **Points to Freedom** Feb 20-Feb 26

Discover the benefits of acupuncture for people with substance abuse problems, and learn more about this progressive drug treatment program.

### **Inside the Firehouse** Feb 27-Mar 4

An all-access pass to Henrico's Division of Fire. Find out what it takes to become a firefighter, and experience a day in the life.

### **Keep Henrico Beautiful** Mar 5-Mar 11

Learn about the importance of litter laws in Virginia, and how to keep our roads clean; it's not just cosmetic, it's about safe driving.

### **Henrico H<sub>2</sub>O** Mar 5-Mar 11

See how water will get from the James to your home once Henrico's new Water Treatment Plant opens.

### **The Changing Libraries** Mar 12-Mar 18

An inside look at how Henrico's modern library is changing and adapting to new technologies to meet today's needs.

### **Drug Court** Mar 19-Mar 25

Features Drug Court participants as they strive to beat addiction. HCTV has captured unprecedented footage of the daily lives of Drug Court participants, counselors and investigators.

### **A Road Through History** Mar 26-Apr 1

A documentary of the Henrico County Public Works Department, including vintage film circa 1940 as well as modern-day operations.

### **Responding to Isabel** Apr 2-Apr 8

Back by popular demand. A behind-the-scenes look at Henrico County's Emergency Operations before, during and after the hurricane.

*Stay tuned for current Henrico events, services and public meeting information between scheduled programming.*

## Award-winning litter campaign targets teenage drivers

**A** new campaign to educate Henrico's teenagers about the costs and dangers associated with litter has brought national recognition to Keep Henrico Beautiful (KHB), the county's litter-prevention education program.

KHB has received a national award for "Litter...It's Costly, It's Criminal, It's Careless," a multi-media effort that targets teenage drivers. Keep America Beautiful, Inc. recognized the Henrico program with a Distinguished Service Citation National Award at its 50<sup>th</sup> national conference, held recently in Washington, D.C. The campaign has also received an award from the statewide Keep Virginia Beautiful program.

"Litter...It's Costly, It's Criminal, It's Careless" features a three-minute driver-education video, colorful brochures and interactive digital programs that educate teenage drivers about the environmental, legal and safety risks posed by roadway litter. The multi-media campaign represents a multi-agency effort for Henrico: KHB developed, produced and implemented the campaign in partnership with Public Relations & Media Services, Public Schools, Police, and Recreation and Parks.

The need for a new campaign was evident. Studies show that motorists and pedestrians cause most litter. Studies also demonstrate that young drivers litter because they do not fear being caught and because they do not recognize litter's effect on other drivers and wildlife. But litter's effect on Henrico's budget isn't difficult to recognize: the county spends some \$500,000 annually to clean litter from its roadways.

The video employs fast-frame editing techniques and familiar faces—including Virginia's attorney general and Henrico Police school resource officers—to emphasize current litter laws and the need for enforcement. Students also see the effects that broken glass, cigarette butts, food waste and other forms of litter have on other drivers and wildlife. Key data and additional information were adapted for use in the easy-to-read brochures and for the formatted electronic files, which Henrico students can download to their Apple iBook laptop computers.

The campaign, which meets the Virginia Standards of Learning for driver education, is already in use in Henrico's nine public high schools as well as two private schools.

*KHB is a division of the county's Department of Public Utilities.*



## Henrico certified as a Crime Prevention Community



Virginia Secretary of Public Safety John Marshall (front row, center) officially recognized Henrico County as a Certified Crime Prevention Community (CCPC) and congratulated the county's 11 new Certified Crime Prevention Specialists in a ceremony held Jan. 20. Henrico earned the distinction as the locality with the most specialists in the state, with 23.

The CCPC program, run by the state Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), encourages localities to develop and implement collaborative community safety plans within a flexible framework.

"This program is not designed to be easy," said Leonard G. Cooke, DCSJ Director. "It requires a tremendous effort on the part of the locality to plan and develop viable safety strategies that impact every aspect of that community and to then implement the strategies to reduce citizen fear of crime, youth violence, gang activity and involvement in drugs."

When Henrico County's Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in December 2001, the certification process began. Through the joint efforts of the Division of Police, Schools, Victim/Witness, Mental Health/Mental Retardation, Social Services, Juvenile Court, Probation and the Planning Office's Community Maintenance Division, Henrico met 12 primary community safety elements/strategies and seven optional elements for the stringent certification process. The following April, the county submitted extensive documentation of its crime prevention efforts.

County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. noted, "certification as a crime prevention community demonstrates our comprehensive and fervent commitment to public safety and to the citizens of Henrico."

## By the numbers *Henrico Emergency Debris Removal Volunteer Assistance Program*

- ◆ Residents seeking assistance: **203**
- ◆ Assistance by district:
  - ✓ Brookland: 28
  - ✓ Fairfield: 80
  - ✓ Three Chopt: 30
  - ✓ Tuckahoe: 26
  - ✓ Varina: 39
- ◆ Total of participating volunteers: **346**
- ◆ Participating volunteer organizations: **18**
  - ✓ Businesses: 8
  - ✓ Churches: 4
  - ✓ Civic groups: 3
  - ✓ Corporations: 2
  - ✓ High schools: 1
- ◆ Volunteer hours donated: **1,690**
- ◆ Volunteer value: **\$33,833.80\***

\*calculated according to Virginia's average hourly value of \$20.02 for volunteer time.



## CORRECTION:

In our Fall issue, Police Major M.A. Batten was misidentified as Major W.M. Bullock, Jr. in the Emergency Operations Center Policy Room. Henrico Today apologizes for the error.

# Recreation Roundup

**Wed & Thur, March 3 & 4: On-the-Air Radio Players present "Get a Clue."** Participate in an old-time radio show studio audience featuring live music, sound effects, old commercials and authentic scripts from "The Shadow" and "Sherlock Holmes." Broadcast on WLEE AM 990 at a later date. 8 p.m. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Free. Information: 501-5138.

**Thur, March 11: Adventure Series-Antarctic Ice, The Ultimate Adventure.** Teta Kain, a wildlife photographer for over 30 years, spent 17 days on a ship plying the Antarctic seas. Witness the wild ocean, breath-taking icebergs, beautiful seabirds and the remote sub-Antarctic islands. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Moody Middle School Auditorium. Free. Information: 501-5807.

**Sat, March 13: Sixth Annual Kite Festival at Dorey Park.** Children's kite-making workshops, contests, games, demonstrations, kite flying lessons and more! 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Raindate: Sun, March 14. Dorey Park. Free. Information: 501-5121.

**Sun, March 14: 17<sup>th</sup> Century Medicine in Virginia.** Learn about methods and medicines used to treat ailments and injuries in Colonial Virginia. 2 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum Orientation Center. Free. Information: 501-5736.

**Sat, March 20 & Sun, April 18: Blacksmithing: Too Many Irons in the Fire!** Demonstrations. 12:30-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Information: 501-5520.

**Fri, March 26: Adventure Series-An Evening with Mountainfilm.** Each year in Telluride, Colorado, Mountainfilm celebrates the cultures unique to mountain communities. The film tour is a culmination of the best films presented through the 25-year festival history. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Moody Middle School Auditorium. Free. Information: 501-5807.

**Sat & Sun, March 27 & 28: Stop the Clock, Someone is Dead.** There were many traditions and customs surrounding death in the 19<sup>th</sup>-century. Tour the farmhouse and learn how the Victorians dealt with the death of loved ones. Noon-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Information: 501-5520.

**Thur, April 1: Old-Fashioned Egg Hunt.** For ages walking to 5, with an adult. Bring a basket for an old-fashioned egg hunt. 10 a.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Register by March 18. Information: 501-5809.

**Fri, April 2: Afternoon Tea.** For ages 55+. Delightful music, entertainment and light refreshments. 3-5 p.m. Belmont Recreation Center. \$10. Register by March 19. Information: 501-5114.

**Sat, April 3: Old-Fashioned Egg Hunt.** For ages walking to 5, with an adult. Bring a basket. 11 a.m. Three Lakes Park. Free. Register by March 22. Information: 501-5809.

**Sat, April 3: Twilight Egg Hunt.** For ages 6-12. Bring a flashlight and a basket to join the hunt for fun! Games, prizes and refreshments! Space is limited. 6-7:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum/ Crump Park. \$5. Register by March 19. Information: 501-5812.

**Sat & Sun, April 3, 10, 17, 24 & 25: Baa, Baa Little Sheep, Have You Any Wool?** Watch the shearing process and learn more about this endangered breed and how their wool is used. 1-3 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Information: 501-5520.

**Mon, April 5: Spring Break Golf Tournament.** For ages 8-17 (ages 8-11 must be accompanied by an adult). Limited to the first 120 players. Stroke play format. Ages 8-11 will play 9 holes; ages 12-17 play 18 holes. No refunds. 8 a.m. Belmont Golf Course. \$40 fee includes golf, lunch and prizes. Register by 4 p.m. on March 22. Information: 501-5812.

**Thur, April 8: Eggstravaganza.** For ages 2-5, with an adult. Games, arts and crafts, live animals and a grand egg hunt. 10-11:30 a.m. Dorey Park. Free, register by March 25. Information: 501-5809.

**Sat, April 10: 15th Annual Henrico 5K Run.** For all ages. Awards will be given and the first 300 runners will receive a t-shirt. Entry fee is \$6; submit with an official registration form (may be photocopied). Pre-register from Mon, Jan 12 to Mon, April 5. Entry fee is \$10 the day of the event. Registration and check-in 7:30-8:45 a.m. at the Shoppes at Innsbrook. Race begins at 9 a.m. rain or shine. Information: 501-5121.

**Sat, April 10: A Thyme to Plant.** For ages 16+. Owners of A Thyme to Plant Herb Farm will teach beginners and experienced herb growers how to create a visual and useable herb garden. Plants available for purchase. 2-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Information: 501-5520.

**Sat, April 17: Sheep to Shawl.** Meadow Farm is shearing its sheep. See natural dyes used for color or try your hand at spinning or weaving, knitting or crocheting. Make a rag doll with wool stuffing. Noon-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Information: 501-5520.

**Sat, April 17: Earth Day Celebration.** Bring the family for music and entertainment—enjoy the county Bookmobile, puppet shows, arts and crafts, games and face painting. See reptiles, amphibians, insects and live animals. Dinosaur Egg Hunt for children ages 12 and under.

Concessions available. Noon-5 p.m. Three Lakes Park. Free. Information: 501-5121.

**Sat, April 24: Make a New Friend Day.** Anti-bullying programs for every school level, counseling resources, self-esteem programs, karate demonstrations, camp information, educational centers, music and entertainment. 1-4 p.m. Short Pump Middle School. Free. Information: 346-4268.

**Sat-Sun, April 24-25: Backyard Camping.** For families with children ages 3-8. Enjoy an overnight outing and a potluck dinner. Bring two dishes to share. Hot dogs and drinks provided. 3 p.m. Sat-9 a.m. Sun. Dorey Park. \$15 per family. Register by April 12. Information: 501-5809.

**Thur, April 29: The Richmond Symphony in Concert.** The Henrico Family Concert Series featuring Associate Conductor Eckart Preu. Explore the concepts of time. 7:30 p.m. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. \$10 for adults, free for children 12 and under. Reservations: 788-1212.

**Fri, April 30: Sweetheart Ball for Mothers and Sons.** For ages 4-6, with an adult. Dinner, dancing and fun. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Belmont Recreation Center. \$15 per family. Register by April 16. Information: 501-5809.

**Sun, May 2: Grandparents Day.** For ages 3-10, with a grandparent. Train rides, arts & crafts and fun for all. 3-5 p.m. Confederate Hills Recreation Center. Free. Pre-registration required. Register by April 19. No phone registration. Information: 501-5114.

**Fri, May 7: Sweetheart Ball for Mothers and Sons.** For ages 4-6, with an adult. Dinner, dancing and fun. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Confederate Hills Recreation Center. \$15 per family. Register by April 23. Information: 501-5809.

**Sun, May 16: Innovative Reform: County Manager Government in Henrico.** Dr. Nelson Wikstrom will discuss Henrico's rich political history and its experimentation with municipal reform. 2 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum Orientation Center. Free. Information: 501-5736.

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## Important County Telephone Numbers

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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
Fire - Non-emergency .....	501-4900
Food Stamps .....	501-4002
Health Clinic - East .....	652-3190
Health Clinic - West .....	501-4651
Human Resources .....	501-4628
Human Resources 24-hour Jobline .....	501-5674
Leaf/Bulky Waste Collection .....	261-8770
Library Answer Line .....	222-1318
Magistrates .....	501-5285
Marriage Licenses .....	501-5055
Mental Health Emergency Services .....	261-8484
Planning & Zoning .....	501-4602
Police, Non-emergency .....	501-5000
Real Estate Assessment .....	501-4300
Recreation & Parks .....	501-7275
Schools .....	652-3600
Sheriff .....	501-4571
Traffic Ticket Court .....	501-4723
Vehicle Licenses/Personal Property .....	501-4263
Volunteer Program .....	501-5231
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