



## Henrico to Hold Special Election March 8: Voters to Decide on Bond Referendum and Meals Tax

Quality of life is a hard thing to measure. You can't touch it, smell it or hear it. But you can feel it, and you'd certainly know if it were missing. Here in Henrico, it's the quality of life we enjoy that makes our county one of the most desirable places in America to live and work. When we need emergency services, we call 911 and help arrives within minutes. We send our children to school each morning taking comfort in knowing they are

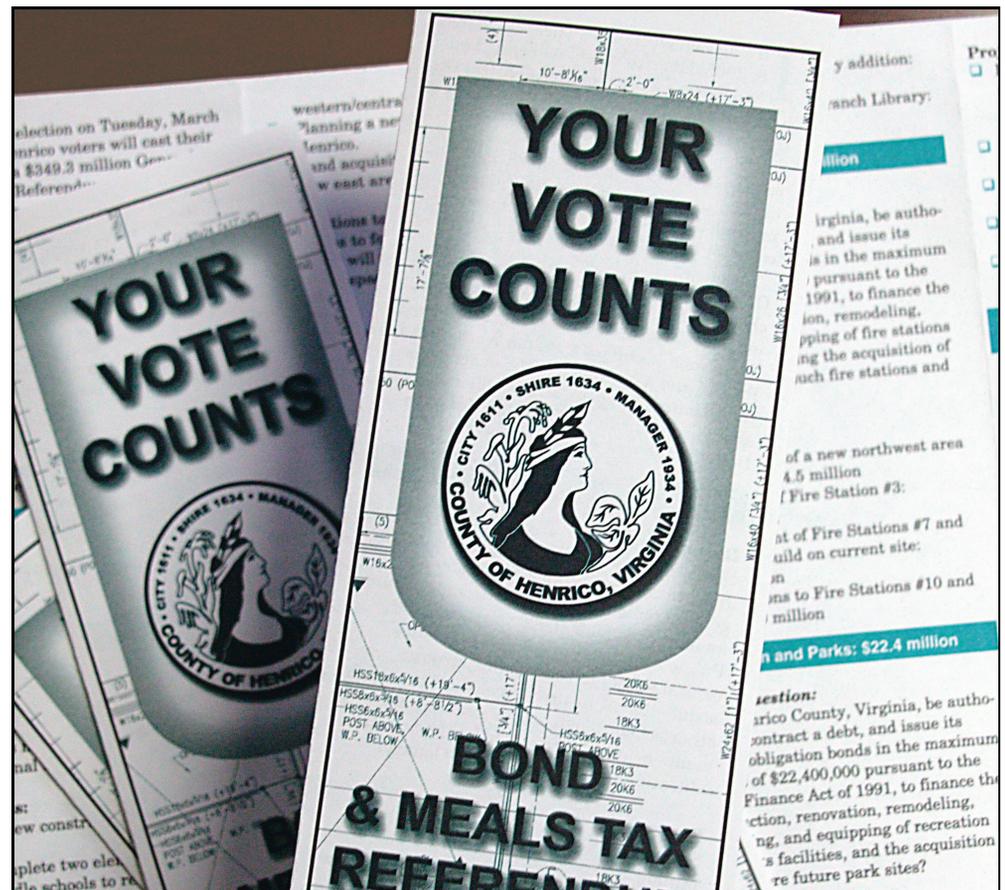
learning in a top-notch environment with caring, professional teachers. When we fancy a bike ride or picnic in a clean, green, open space, we know a county park is right around the corner. When we need access to a public computer or want to devour the latest best seller, there's a library branch nearby. And when we want to get from here to there, we know we can do it with ease on the county-maintained road system.

These quality of life factors are what Henrico's all about. County staff strives to deliver these and other services to residents every day. "Level of service is something that will not be compromised in Henrico," is the mantra of County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. He has said it time and again, and employees at all levels embrace the notion. As the county continues to grow, there are more people to serve — more children to educate, more traffic to accommodate, more neighborhoods to protect — and the increased demand for service requires funding.

Enter the bond referendum: local government's way of taking the question of funding to the people. A common practice through modern history, a bond referendum serves to determine

the will of the residents when it comes to issuing debt to pay for capital projects. In a special election on Tuesday, March 8,

categories: Schools, Libraries, Division of Fire, Recreation and Parks, Public Works Road Project and a Meals Tax.



Henrico voters will cast their ballots in a \$349.3 million General Obligation Bond Referendum. A component of the referendum will ask voters to decide whether to pass a 4 percent meals tax on prepared foods, part of which would be used to cover bond debt and fund millions in needed capital projects, renovations and new facilities. Voters will be able to choose "yes" or "no" for each of the following six

One question in the forefront of many minds: what happens if the bond projects pass and the meals tax fails? "If our residents tell us that they are for the capital projects, then we have a moral obligation to complete those projects," Hazelett said. "This would create the very real possibility of a real estate tax rate increase in order to fund the

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projects and their associated operating costs.”

Henrico’s current real estate tax rate is 94 cents per \$100 of assessed value. If the bond projects pass and the meals tax fails, the real estate tax rate could rise as much as eight cents to \$1.02.

“Henrico’s real estate tax rate is currently the lowest of the 13 most urbanized cities and counties in Virginia, according to the City of Chesapeake’s annual city/county comparison study,” Hazelett said. “We are trying to hold the line, but cannot continue to offer the level of service our residents have come to expect without an additional funding source. That’s why we’re offering the meals tax as an alternative.”

Should voters approve the meals tax, Henrico would generate an estimated \$20 million per year in new revenue. County officials project that about 40 percent of this would be paid by non-Henrico residents — people who commute into the county for work, business travelers and vacationers.

“We’ve put together a solid package that will address the needs of our residents as well as a viable funding source for these projects,” Hazelett said, “and now it’s up to the voters to decide.”

For more details about the bond referendum projects and the meals tax, visit the Web site at [www.henricobonds.com](http://www.henricobonds.com), or tune-in to HCTV—Channel 37 to watch a five-minute public service announcement (the program will air multiple times each day through March 8). Organizations may request a speakers’ team to present information about the bond referendum and meals tax by calling 501-7880. Speakers will be available through March 7.



On Jan. 11, the Henrico County Board of Supervisors elected Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton (middle) as chairman and Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover (right) as vice chairman for 2005. They will each serve a one-year term. This marks the beginning of Thornton’s second term as Henrico County’s board chairman, a position he previously held in 2000. Thornton has represented the Fairfield District since 1995, when he became the first African-American elected to the board. Glover has served on Henrico’s board since 1987 when he was elected Brookland’s magisterial district supervisor.

The board presented Tuckahoe District Supervisor and 2004 board chairman, Patricia S. O’Bannon (left), a token of appreciation for her leadership. O’Bannon has represented the Tuckahoe District since 1995, when she became the first woman elected to the board.

## Residents can REAP more rewards in 2005

### —Real Estate Advantage Program expands eligibility, increases benefits

Henrico wants more of its residents to “reap” what they’ve sown and take advantage of an enhanced tax-relief program in 2005.

The Board of Supervisors has approved significant changes to the county’s Real Estate Advantage Program—popularly known as REAP—that will expand the number of homeowners eligible for the program and increase its

benefits as well.

REAP is designed to ease the tax burden of qualifying elderly and disabled residents; the program typically saves participants from 50 to 100 percent on their real estate taxes each year. In 2004, participants received nearly \$3 million in tax relief—an average savings of \$900.

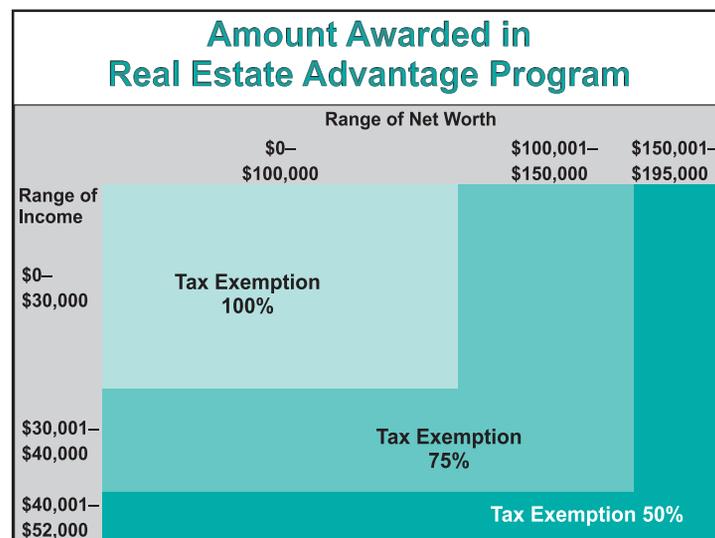
“REAP is a way for Henrico

to show its appreciation to our senior and disabled residents for their many years of paying real estate taxes,” said Finance Director Reta Busher. “The program will be available to more

residents in 2005, and its awards will be more generous. We hope everyone eligible takes advantage and applies for it.”

In addition to serving more residents, the program will provide more tax relief in 2005: the maximum award has been increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

To qualify for REAP, residents must own and occupy their



dwelling and must be 65 or older or permanently and totally disabled. Other REAP criteria, enhanced for 2005, are:

- The limit for total household income—including the owner, spouse and any relatives living in the household—is \$52,000 annually, increased from the 2004 limit of \$45,000.
- When determining household income, the first \$10,000 of each relative's income is now excluded, increased from the 2004 limit of \$8,500.
- The net financial worth of participants is limited to \$195,000, increased from the 2004 limit of \$175,000.
- When determining net financial worth, the value of the dwelling itself and up to 10 acres of property are now excluded, increased from the 2004 limit of one acre.

REAP has grown steadily since its inception in 1973, when 270 Henrico residents participated; some 3,000 residents benefited from the program in 2004. County officials are working to spread the word further, sending videos to more than 100 local places of worship, placing brochures in county libraries and maintaining program information on the county Web site.

“There is a perception among some of our residents that REAP is a charity or welfare program, but that just isn't the case,” said Revenue Division Director Ed Trice. “REAP is a way for the county to give back to our elderly and disabled residents, many of whom may be on a fixed income.”

Residents may obtain REAP applications from the Henrico County Government Center, the Eastern Government Center, county libraries, or by calling 501-4263. Residents also may download application forms by logging on to the county Web site,

[www.co.henrico.va.us/finance](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/finance), and following the link for “Real Estate Tax Relief.”

Along with the completed application, residents must submit documentation of all sources of income, net worth and age. Disabled applicants must provide disability certification or sworn affidavits from two licensed Virginia medical doctors.

Applications for 2005 are due no later than Friday, April 1.

## Henrico's Civil War history brought to life —‘Henrico County – Field of Honor’ offers intimate look at county's key role in conflict

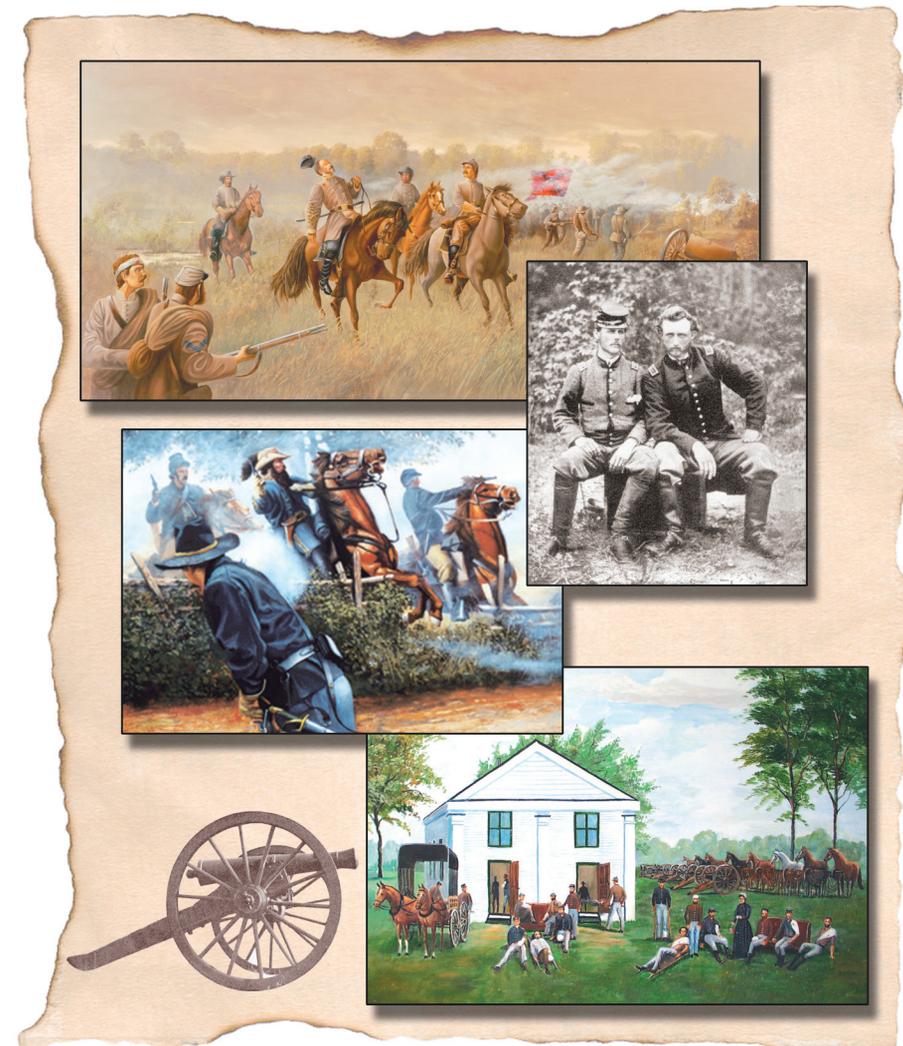
Hints and hallmarks of Henrico's Civil War history pass by the county's 21<sup>st</sup>-century residents each day. Now they have an expert to guide them through some of the key moments in the Civil War—and American history—that literally occurred in their own backyards.

Henrico County recently released “Henrico County – Field of Honor,” a groundbreaking study of the Civil War as it was experienced in one of the war's bloodiest and most significant battlegrounds—Henrico County, Va.

Commissioned by the county and written by acclaimed historian and archivist Dr. Louis H. Manarin, “Field of Honor” recounts the dozens of engagements—whether minor skirmish or major battle—that occurred in Henrico in spring 1862 and from September 1864 to April 1865. Manarin uses an array of docu-

ments and primary sources as well as cutting-edge, computer-mapping technology to provide an updated, comprehensive insight into the Peninsula and Seven Days campaigns, Seven Pines,

to a central role in the Civil War once the city became the capital of the Confederacy. “Field of Honor” explains how the presence of the James River, major roadways and railroads—all



Savage Station, New Market Heights, Yellow Tavern and other Henrico battles.

“Field of Honor” also examines the impact of war on Henrico's residents, adding their compelling personal accounts to the stories of individual soldiers and contending armies. Manarin's meticulous research includes details of Henrico geography, roadways and other physical features that bring the story of the war to a level especially intimate for the county's modern-day residents.

The gateway to Richmond, Henrico County was all but fated

tracing routes to Richmond from each point of the compass—essentially ensured the Union and Confederate armies would wage major campaigns on Henrico soil. County battlegrounds produced more than 50,000 casualties and some 77 Congressional Medal of Honor winners, including 17 recipients from the U.S. Colored Troops. County battlegrounds witnessed the commands of Robert E. Lee, Joseph E. Johnston, Stonewall Jackson, George B. McClellan, Ulysses S. Grant, Phil Sheridan and other leading generals. County battle-

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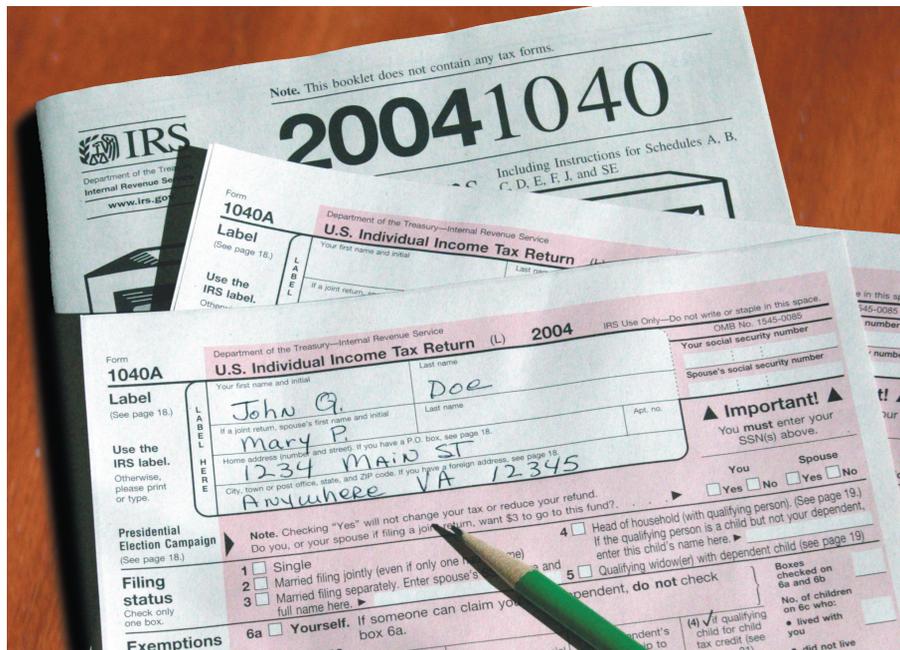
grounds also witnessed the killing or mortal wounding of eight generals, including Confederate cavalry hero J.E.B. Stuart.

A two-volume set, "Field of Honor" is designed for professional and armchair historians alike. The lavishly illustrated work contains nearly 750 paintings, photographs and other images; it includes 17 original paintings, 15 commissioned specifically for this book. "Field of Honor" features 295 troop-movement maps, many of which were developed using Geographic Positioning System (GPS) technology and represent a new analysis of Henrico's battlefields.

"Field of Honor" costs \$89.95 for the hard cover edition and \$69.95 soft cover. Discounts are available for orders of 10 or more. Books may be purchased through the Division of Recreation and Parks; check, money order and Discover Card payments are accepted. To obtain an order form, log on to [www.henricofieldofhonor.com](http://www.henricofieldofhonor.com) or [www.co.henrico.va.us/rec](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/rec) or call Recreation and Parks at 501-5102.

## Coalition offers free tax help for Henrico families, individuals —Some taxpayers could see big boost in their refunds

Throughout Henrico, working families and individuals are receiving their W-2's, compiling the past year's receipts and making plans to file their taxes. Many residents, however, may be shortchanging themselves of



thousands of dollars in income tax refunds. And they may not even know it.

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, the Internal Revenue Service, private industry and nonprofit groups that has joined forces to increase public awareness of the earned income tax credit—a refundable credit for qualifying workers who file a tax return. Available to families as well as individuals, the credit could increase an eligible taxpayer's federal refund by as much as \$4,300.

Since 2003, the GREITCC has provided free income tax preparation assistance for hundreds of eligible working families and individuals in Henrico and throughout the metropolitan area. The free service is available at several sites throughout the metro area, including one in Henrico.

GREITCC sites filed nearly 500 tax returns for qualifying taxpayers in 2004. As a result of the coalition's efforts, Henrico taxpayers claimed 9 percent more in earned income tax credit funds—some \$2 million—in

2004 than the previous year.

But local taxpayers are still leaving a lot of money on the table: the IRS estimates that close to \$5 million of earned income tax credit funds went unclaimed in the metro area last year.

Volunteers at GREITCC sites will help eligible taxpayers prepare and file tax returns and will provide childcare while taxes are being prepared. The free service is available to taxpayers who had:

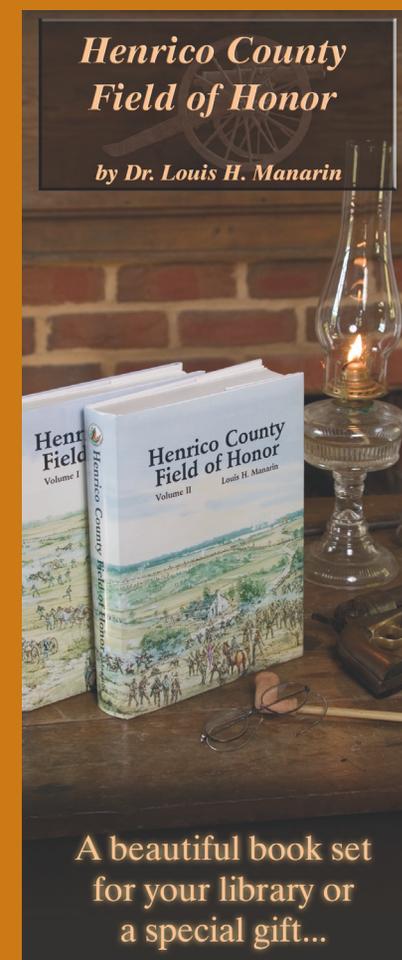
- Adjusted gross income of less than \$34,458 (\$35,458 if married filing a joint return) and two or more qualifying children;
- Adjusted gross income of less than \$30,338 (\$31,338 if married filing a joint return) and one qualifying child; or
- Adjusted gross income of less than \$11,490 (\$12,490 if married filing a joint return) and no qualifying children.

Henrico's GREITCC site operates from 4-8 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive. The site will remain open through Thursday, April 14.

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

## 'Henrico County - Field of Honor' About the author:

Dr. Louis H. Manarin, historian and former state archivist of the Commonwealth, is the author, co-author and editor of 12 books on Virginia and North Carolina history, including "The History of Henrico County" and "The Wartime Papers of R.E. Lee." A longtime resident of Henrico County, much of his work focuses on the Civil War as it occurred in and around Henrico and Richmond.



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# HCTV—Channel 37 winter schedule

For program descriptions or more information go to <http://www.co.henrico.va.us/pr/HCTV.htm>



		<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>February 18 through February 24</b>	Fri Mon Wed	<b>Taking Out the Trash: Solid Waste &amp; Recycling</b> - 17 mins	<b>Step Into the Real World</b> - 7 mins
	Sat Sun Tue Thu	<b>Taking Care of Business</b> - 22 mins	<b>R.E.A.P.: Real Estate Advantage Program</b> - 22 mins
<b>February 25 through March 3</b>	Fri Mon Wed	<b>R.I.S.E.: Recovery in a Secure Environment</b> - 30 mins	<b>Get into the Zone: Henrico's New Enterprise Zones</b> - 12 mins
	Sat Sun Tue Thu	<b>A Friend in Need</b> - 19 mins	<b>Building Our Future Together</b> - 17 mins
<b>March 4 through March 10</b>	Fri Mon Wed	<b>Keeping the County Rolling: Central Automotive Maintenance</b> - 18 mins	<b>The Shadow of Life</b> - 19 mins
	Sat Sun Tue Thu	<b>Firehouse Flashbacks</b> - 30 mins	<b>Staying Safe From Crime</b> - 12 mins
<b>March 11 through March 17</b>	Fri Mon Wed	<b>The Dawn of Life</b> - 29 mins	<b>Taking Out the Trash: Solid Waste &amp; Recycling</b> - 17 mins
	Sat Sun Tue Thu	<b>Smart Lawns</b> - 25 mins	<b>The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen</b> - 22 mins <b>R.E.A.P.: Real Estate Advantage Program</b> - 22 mins
<b>March 18 through March 24</b>	Fri Mon Wed	<b>Going to Work: The Capital Area Training Consortium</b>	<b>Parking in Henrico</b> - 18 mins
	Sat Sun Tue Thu	<b>Lost Choices - Teen Drug &amp; Alcohol Abuse</b> - 29 mins	<b>Your Baby's Health: Preventing Infant Mortality</b> - 10 mins <b>R.E.A.P.: Real Estate Advantage Program</b> - 22 mins
<b>March 25 through March 31</b>	Fri Mon Wed	<b>A Plan That Works: Henrico's Permit Center</b>	<b>Henrico: Employer of Choice</b> - 12 mins
	Sat Sun Tue Thu	<b>Taking Care of Business</b> - 22 mins	<b>Emergency! Henrico's 911 Operations</b> - 19 mins
<b>April 1 through April 7</b>	Fri Mon Wed	<b>Taking Flight: Stories of Early Virginia Aviation</b>	<b>A Friend In Need</b> - 17 mins
	Sat Sun Tue Thu	<b>A Road Through History</b> - 32 mins	<b>Dining Out in Henrico</b> - 30 mins

# Community Resource Guide: What's in it for me?

Barking dogs, noisy neighbors, trespassing and loud music—these are just a few of the topics covered in the county's Community Resource Guide. Henrico's Division of Police is pleased to offer residents this new and easy-to-use manual to help solve neighborhood problems that impact the quality of life.



"This document represents the true meaning of community policing, which is the philosophy and

foundation of the division's mission," said Henrico Police Chief Colonel Henry W. Stanley, Jr.

The Neighborhood Watch Executive Council initiated the guide, which took several years to complete. Former Neighborhood Watch Reporting Secretary Mel Solomon researched and developed the document with assistance from police officers, Neighborhood Watch members and other county agencies.

The result is a common sense, plain-language guide that continues to evolve as Henrico County grows and changes. The information-packed guide is a valuable tool that empowers residents to address certain neighborhood problems quickly and effectively, which often police cannot resolve.

As residents use the guide more frequently, the number of calls for police service should

decrease, so more officers will be available to handle priority calls for service. By supporting and using the Community Resource Guide, you can help ensure future generations will enjoy the excellent quality of life we have become accustomed to in Henrico County.

The Community Resource Guide is available online at [www.henricopolice.org](http://www.henricopolice.org) or each county library has a copy in their reference section. You may print or copy the guide at the library for a nominal cost. Since the document is updated periodically as new information becomes available or as codes and laws change, refer back to the Web site or the library to acquire the most recent version each time you use the guide. This will ensure you have the most accurate and current information available.

"Together, we can prevent crime and disorder to maintain the high quality of life that makes Henrico one of the most desirable places to live, work and play in Virginia," said Stanley.

For more information, contact Public Information Coordinator Crystal Martin at 501-5316 or [mar12@co.henrico.va.us](mailto:mar12@co.henrico.va.us).

## Conference to celebrate role of fathers

Henrico's Department of Social Services will celebrate fathers and the essential role they play in the lives of their children and community at the third annual Henrico Fatherhood Conference, Thursday, March 17, from 5:30-8 p.m. at The Place at Innsbrook, 4036 Cox Road in Glen Allen.

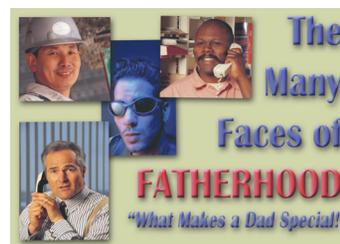
"The Many Faces of Fatherhood: What Makes a Dad Special" is free and open to the

general public as well as social service professionals, civic and community organizations, faith-based groups and other agencies. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Children suffer financially, socially and emotionally when their fathers are not actively involved in their lives, said Social Services Director Gordon Ragland.

"Fathers are a critical part of their children's lives," Ragland said. "If we're going to impact the quality of life of Henrico's children, we have to make sure their fathers are getting the support they need."

The conference will feature a keynote address by Derius Swinton, an award-winning, internationally recognized motivational speaker, trainer and



consultant whose topics include healthy lifestyles and environments, leadership and character development. Swinton has presented in South Africa, California, New York and throughout Virginia.

Another highlight will be the presentation of awards to the student winners of "The Many Faces of Fatherhood" photography, drawing, essay and poetry contests. The contests are open to Henrico elementary, middle and high school students; the deadline for entries is March 1. Call 501-7496 for more information.

To register for the Henrico Fatherhood Conference, call 501-4063. For more information, log on to [www.co.henrico.va.us/dss](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/dss) and follow the "Fatherhood Initiative" link.

## Public Utilities recognized for community contributions



On Mon. Jan. 17, the Board of Directors of Henrico County, Virginia Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Association presented a resolution to Henrico's Department of Public Utilities and led a community tribute to thank staff for their loyal and faithful service. This was the 19<sup>th</sup> annual celebration to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy of brotherhood among all people and to share with residents how government serves them. Pictured above are supervisors and staff from the Department of Public Utilities.

# Recreation Roundup

**Fri, Feb 25: Adventure Series-On Assignment in Central America.** Richmond-based wildlife and environmental photojournalist Lynda Richardson will share her slides of Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama during her three-week adventure shoot. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Henrico County Board Room. Free. Info: 501-5807.

**Sat, Mar 5: Wintergreen Night Ski Trip.** Departs from the Human Services Building. 3 p.m.-1 a.m. Register by Feb 25. For fees and info: call 501-5147.

**Fri, Mar 11: Mother/Son Date Night.** For boys ages 7-12 and their mothers. Let the young man in your life experience his first dance with you! Dinner, dancing and entertainment. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Confederate Hills Recreation Center. \$15 per couple. Register by Feb 25. Info: 501-5812.

**Fri, Mar 11: Adventure Series-To Kathmandu and Beyond.** Join Chesterfield County Adventure Programmer Greg Velzy and Tricia Pearsall, global mountain trekker and photographer, as they recount through slides of their journey with eight St. Catherine's school students into Nepal as they explore monasteries and trek through valleys that lead to Mt. Everest. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Henrico County Board Room. Free. Info: 501-5807.

**Sat, Mar 12: Seventh Annual Kite Festival at Dorey Park.** Hosted by the Richmond Air Force Kite Club in cooperation with the Division of Recreation and Parks. Activities include children's kite making workshops, contests and games, demonstrations and kite flying lessons. Concessions available. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dorey Park. Free. Rain date: Mar 13. Info: 737-7172.

**Sun, Mar 13: As a Matter of Faith...Spiritualism in the Work of Anderson Johnson.** Folk Art Society of America president and folk art collector, Ann Oppenheimer examines the life and work of folk painter Anderson Johnson. 4 p.m. Meadow Farm Orientation Center. Free. Info: 501-5736.

**Sat, Mar 19: Who's Who in the Night.** For ages 16+. On this evening hike we will explore the night prowlers that roam the woods of Meadow Farm/Crump Park. We'll search for fox, wild turkey and owls. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Meadow Farm/Crump Park. \$6. Info: 501-5147.

**Tue & Wed, Mar 22 & 23: On-the-Air Radio Players present Comedy Tonight.** Be a part of the studio audience for this hour-long taping featuring live music and sound effects, and authentic scripts from the "golden age of radio." Broadcast will air at a later date on 100.5 WZEZ-FM. Directed by Steve Graham. 8 p.m. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Free. Info: 501-5138.

**Fri, Mar 25: Adventure Series-An Evening with Mountainfilm.** Each year, Mountainfilm celebrates the cultures unique to mountain communities and is a culmination of the best films presented through the festival's 25-year history. Each film is set in its proper social, environmental and adventure context by the host. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Henrico County Board Room. Free. Info: 501-5807.

**Sat, Mar 26: 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Henrico 5K Run.** Sponsored by the Division of Recreation and Parks in cooperation with the Innsbrook Owners Association and the Richmond Road Runners. T-shirts given to the first 300 registrants and awards presented to the top finishers. Entry fee is \$10 in advance or \$15 on-site—submit with an official registration form. Race begins at 9 a.m. Innsbrook Corporate Center. Info: 501-5121.

**Mon, Mar 28: Spring Break Golf Tournament.** For ages 8-17. Ages 8-11 must be accompanied by an adult. Our 8<sup>th</sup> Junior Golf Tournament is limited to the first 120 players. Stroke play format and prizes for each age group. 8 a.m. Belmont Golf Course. \$40. Register by Mar 14. Info: 501-5812.

**Sat, Apr 2: A Thyme to Plant.** For ages 16+. Bill and Marianne Ritchie, owners of *A Thyme to Plant Herb Farm*, will help beginners and experienced herb growers create a

useable herb garden. Plants will be for sale. 2-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

**Mon, Apr 11: Magic Workshop.** For ages 5+. Learn the basics from master magician Jonathan Austin. Jonathan has performed all over the country, including the White House and Walt Disney World. 6:30-8 p.m. Dorey Recreation Center. \$25. Register by Mar 28. Info: 501-5812.

**Sat, Apr 16: Sheep to Shawl.** Meadow Farm is shearing its sheep and taking the wool through the entire process from sheep to shawl. 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. Info: 501-5520.

**Sun, Apr 17: Calligraphy and Cross Stitch-Practical Folk Art Lessons for 19<sup>th</sup> Century Children.** Needlework was an essential lesson for girls running a successful household. Calligraphy prepared young boys for their role as literate and productive members of society. Observe and practice the skills the Sheppard children learned over a century ago. 2 p.m. Meadow Farm Orientation Center. Free. Info: 501-5736.

**Mon, Apr 18: Juggling Workshop.** For ages 5+. Have you ever wished you could juggle? It's a skill everybody can learn and builds self-confidence as well as coordination. Learn the basics from well-known entertainer Jonathan "the Juggler" Austin. 6:30-8 p.m. Dorey Recreation Center. \$25. Register by Apr 4. Info: 501-5812.

**Thur, Apr 21: The Richmond Symphony in Concert.** The Henrico Family Concert Series marks the debut of the symphony's new Associate Conductor. 7 p.m. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Adults: \$12, Children 12 and under: \$6. For ticket information and reservations, call the Richmond Symphony Box Office at 788-1212.

**Sat, Apr 23: Earth Day Celebration.** Bring your family and help us celebrate 25 years of keeping Henrico beautiful! Litter "pickup" races, recycling games, bookmobile, puppet shows, arts and crafts, games, face painting and much more. The Wildlife Center of Virginia will have live animals, and Ocean Encounters will offer hands-on fun with ocean critters. Don't miss the famous Dinosaur Egg Hunt for children ages 12 and under. Concessions available. 1-4 p.m. Three Lakes Park. Free. Info: 501-5121.

**Sun, Apr 24: Sunset Visions.** For ages 18+. Join us for a twilight canoe trip on Four Mile Creek, a quiet tributary of the James River in Varina. We'll paddle leisurely looking for great blue herons, osprey, beaver, deer and bald eagles. 5:30 p.m.-twilight. Four Mile Creek at Deep Bottom Park. \$12- covers basic instruction and all equipment. Register by Apr 11. Info: 501-5147.

**Sun, May 1, 8, & 22: Spring Concert Series.** Relax to the sounds of New Orleans delta blues, rock out to the reconstructed sounds of Led Zeppelin or enjoy the Top 40 hits of yesteryear. 3-4 p.m. Deep Run Park. Free. Info: 501-5121.

**Sun, May 8: Orienteering Competition.** Join the Quantico Orienteering Club for a fun-filled afternoon. Using map and compass skills, you'll compete against others for the fastest time through one of three courses rated from novice to experienced. Don't know how to use a map and compass? Come early for a primer before the races! 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Dorey Park. \$2 donation. Info: 501-5807.

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## Important County Telephone Numbers

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
Human Resources .....	501-4628
Human Resources 24-hour Jobline .....	501-5674
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Library Answer Line .....	222-1318
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