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Henrico CASA seeks volunteers for training as child advocates

Henrico County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will offer a training program beginning Saturday, Sept. 26 for volunteers who would work in the court system on behalf of abused or neglected children.

The free, 14-session training course will include classes at the Henrico CASA office in suite A of the Hungary Spring Office Park, 3001 Hungary Spring Road. A swearing-in ceremony will follow Wednesday, Oct. 28 at the Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer advocate must apply by Friday, Sept. 11, be at least 21 years old and have regular access to a computer. Applicants will be interviewed, fingerprinted and undergo criminal background and reference checks. For information, contact Jeannine Panzera at (804) 501-1673 or pan01@henrico.us. Applications are available at henricocasa.org.

Henrico CASA is a private, nonprofit organization that has worked closely with the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for 20 years to serve children in the community. Working typically 10 to 15 hours per month, volunteer advocates gather information on a child's circumstances to supplement information provided to the court.

The training program prepares volunteers to interview children and others involved in their cases, submit reports to judges and assist case attorneys. Henrico CASA volunteers worked more than 13,000 hours and served 329 children in fiscal year 2014-15.

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CONTACT: Barry R. Lawrence, Clerk, Henrico County Board of Supervisors
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Henrico Board of Supervisors adjourns until Sept. 8

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors will hold its next meeting Tuesday, Sept. 8, following its scheduled break in late August.

The board typically meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Board Room at the Henrico County Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road.

In keeping with its traditions, the board's schedule for 2015 excludes a meeting on the fourth Tuesday in August. For information, call (804) 501-4318 or go to henrico.us/supervisors.

Aug. 6, 2015

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Internship program among four Henrico programs honored by VACo

Henrico County has been recognized by the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) for its fast-growing internship program and other initiatives that have used NASCAR to expose middle-school students to science, technology, engineering and math concepts, enhanced emergency medical training and helped teenagers gain valuable experience working as volunteers.

Henrico's entry titled "Internship Program: Developing the Workforce of Tomorrow" was selected as one of three finalists for Best Achievement and among four Henrico programs to receive a 2015 Achievement Award in recognition of a model local government program.

Overall, VACo honored 34 programs among 92 entries. Henrico, Loudoun and Prince William each earned four awards. Fairfax County led all counties with five awards. VACo announced the awards Aug. 5 and will salute the winners at the 2015 Annual Conference in November. The Achievement Awards program is in its 13th year.

Established in 2012 and managed by the Department of Human Resources, Henrico's internship program grew during its first three years from two interns in one department to 89 interns in 15 departments. The program supports the county's efforts to be a preferred employer and provides a year-round source of motivated, temporary employees. The interns have gone on to apply for 68 permanent positions with the county.

Henrico also won an Achievement Award for a program that uses NASCAR to teach science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) concepts to eighth-graders. The entry, "Education in Racing: How STEM Plays a Role in NASCAR," is based on an effort by Henrico County Public Schools, Richmond International Raceway and the Center for Sports Leadership at Virginia Commonwealth University. So far, more than 1,000 students have explored NASCAR and used hands-on activities to reinforce STEM concepts.

Henrico also earned an award for its "Field Training Medic Program," an initiative of the Division of Fire and the Department of Human Resources. The program is designed to create a pool of highly skilled field training medics who are able to train and mentor future providers of advanced life support (ALS). So far, the program has worked with 34 field training medics who have gone on to assist 12 individuals in completing ALS internships.

Henrico also won an award for its entry "Jumpstart Your Summer Teen Volunteer Fair." Started in 2013, the annual fair organized by the Henrico County Public Library helps to match nonprofit organizations, businesses and other county agencies with teenagers who are interested in volunteering during the summer to gain work experience or earn community-service credits.

Aug. 5, 2015

CONTACT: Lt. Shawn M. Sears, Animal Protection Unit, Henrico County Police Division

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Henrico to offer rabies vaccinations for pets

The Henrico County Police Division will provide rabies vaccines for dogs and cats from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 15 at the Henrico County Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road.

Pet owners must register and pay at the cashier's office in the Administration Building before seeing a veterinarian on the first level of the adjacent parking deck.

Each vaccine costs \$10 and must be paid in cash. A rabies tag and certificate of inoculation are included. Pets from all localities are welcome. Cats must be in carriers.

Under Virginia law, dogs and cats 4 months of age and older must be vaccinated for rabies.

Henrico dog licenses will be available for \$10, for a one-year license, and \$15, for a three-year license. Officers will be available to discuss license options and vaccination requirements.

For information, call the Animal Protection Unit at (804) 727-8801.