



Light at the end of the tunnel? —Henrico's 2012 budget reflects 'cautious optimism' for local economy

Henrico's economy is showing signs of getting back on track, but after three of the most challenging financial years on record, county officials aren't quite ready to wave the green flag. Not yet.

That sense of caution is reflected in Henrico's 2011-12 budget, which maintains the county's real estate tax rate, preserves county services and provides all general government and Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS) employees with their first

boost in pay in three years. At the same time, the budget further reduces departmental costs, continues a hiring freeze and implements additional long-term cost-cutting measures through the ongoing "Changing How Henrico Does Business" initiative.

County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett noted that unlike many localities, Henrico managed the economic crisis without increasing tax rates, reducing services or laying off workers.

"The past three fiscal years have been among the most difficult this county has ever seen," he said. "The leadership and stewardship of the Board of Supervisors have helped guide the county through this unprecedented period."

Some positive signs in the local economy give reason for "cautious optimism," Hazelett said, although lagging real estate tax revenue remains a concern.

"It appears that the economic downturn finally may be coming to an end," he said. "But the county must continue to proceed very conservatively with regard to revenues. Henrico must continue to live within its means."

Marginal growth

On April 26, the Board of Supervisors approved an operating budget of \$1.044 billion, with a general fund of \$743.66 million, for the 2011-12 fiscal year that begins July 1. Whereas



the total operating budget is growing by about \$20.6 million, or 2 percent, over

the 2010-11 budget, the general fund will increase by \$2.6 million, or less than half a percent.

Despite the growth, the general fund remains about \$26 million behind funding levels of 2006-07.

The vast majority of the spending increase in the 2012 budget — about \$18 million — falls outside the general fund and is due to increases in debt-service costs and new grants, such as a \$5 million federal Teacher Incentive grant.

The budget again maintains a real estate tax rate of 87 cents per \$100 assessed value, the lowest among large localities in the metropolitan region. Public Utilities' customers will see a 5 percent increase in water and sewer rates and in water and sewer connection fees.

The budget provides a 2.37 per-

cent salary increase for general government and HCPS employees — the first raise for county workers since 2008-09.

"Henrico employees have been asked to do more with less throughout the economic downturn, and each one has performed admirably," Hazelett said. "The county hasn't skipped a beat the past three

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Henrico, redistricted —New magisterial lines affect about 3 percent of residents

Henrico County continues to grow at a steady clip — by about 17 percent over the past decade, according to the 2010 U.S. Census.

To accommodate that growth, Henrico's Board of Supervisors has approved a redistricting plan that adjusts the boundaries of the county's five magisterial districts. The changes will shift 3 percent of residents, about 9,500, to a new district. Most of the residents affected by the boundary changes live in the county's western districts, which saw the bulk of the growth over the past 10 years.

The 2011 redistricting plan, adopted by the Board at its April 26 meeting, moves about 720 residents from Varina to Fairfield and shifts a little more than 8,800 Three Chopt residents into the Tuckahoe and Brookland districts. In addition, the

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plan affects 10 of 93 voting precincts countywide.

Henrico has submitted the redistricting plan to the U.S. Department of Justice for preclearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. The county anticipates federal approval of the plan by late June, after which it will begin preparations for the primary election in August.

By the numbers

Federal and state law requires localities to reapportion the representation in the governing body among the magisterial districts every 10 years. Data generated by the decennial census directs the process.

The 2010 headcount found that 306,935 people now call Henrico home, an increase of 44,635 residents since 2000.

Growth occurred countywide. The northwestern Three Chopt District led the way, adding close to 17,600 residents to vault to 72,035, spiking by 32 percent from 2000. Varina, the county's easternmost district, grew by more than 20 percent, gaining some 10,050 residents to reach 59,349.

Fairfield added nearly 8,700, climbing to 58,339 residents, a 17.5 percent growth, while Brookland increased by 13 percent, gaining nearly 7,100 residents to total 61,481. The Tuckahoe District saw the least growth, rising to a population of 55,731 or about 2 percent more since 2000.

Henrico's population continued to grow in racial and ethnic diversity as well as in size. Black residents now total 90,669, or nearly 30 percent of the county, up from 64,805 or less than 25 percent in 2000. The county's Asian population more than doubled in the past decade, from 9,451 to 20,052 residents, accounting for 6.5 percent of the total. Henrico's Hispanic population jumped to about 15,000 people, an increase of more than 150 percent from 2000. The

county's white population rose slightly over the last 10 years, to 181,719, an increase of less than 1,000 people. White residents now make up 59 percent of the county's population, down from 69 percent in 2000.

The 2010 census indicates that Varina has become the county's second majority-black district. During the past decade, the district's black population grew by 11,730 to 30,789 residents, or nearly 52 percent of the total; in 2000, black residents represented a little less than 39 percent of Varina's population. At the same time, the district's white population decreased by 2,700 to 25,922 residents, about 44 percent of the total. In 2000, white residents represented 58 percent

of the district's population. Varina's voting-age population now is split almost evenly — about 48.3 percent white and 48.1 percent black.

Redistricting requirements

In addition to complying with federal and state requirements, county officials have to consider a number of criteria during the process of preparing new magisterial boundaries.

Officials strive to provide for population equality among districts; contiguous and compact districts; districts with clearly observable boundaries; preserving communities of interest — keeping subdivisions and neighborhoods intact; preserving the basic shape of existing districts; protecting incumbent Board members — not moving an elected official from his or her district; maintaining political fairness or competitiveness;

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Squeezing a balloon

To meet that requirement and accommodate the communities-of-interest criterion, the redistricting plan makes small adjustments to Fair-

field and Varina. The plan shifts 719 residents into Fairfield, unifying the Hechler Village neighborhood, which previously had been divided between the two districts; Varina loses the residents from the Masonic and Pleasants precincts. The area generally is bounded on the north by Nine Mile Road, on the west by Masonic Lane and on the south by Interstate 64 and the Norfolk Southern Railway.

The populations of redistricted Fairfield and Varina — 59,058 and 58,630, respectively — fall within 5 percent of the ideal 61,387, acceptable under the Voting Rights Act.

The plan shifts boundary lines in the three westernmost districts to diffuse the large spike in residents in the Three Chopt District while buttressing the stable population levels in the Tuckahoe District.

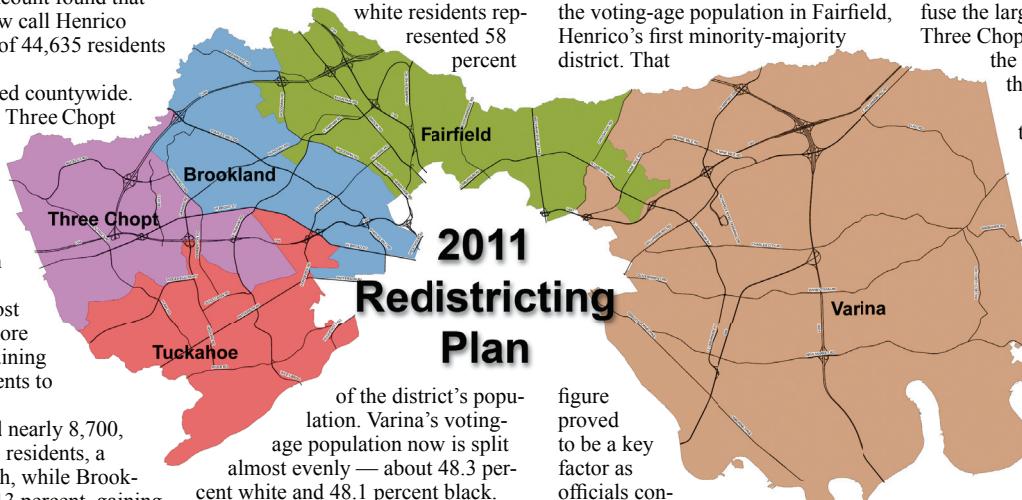
Three Chopt loses a total of 8,808 residents, with 7,496 moving to Tuckahoe and 1,312 shifting to the Brookland District. The changes mean the Three Chopt District no longer shares a border with the city of Richmond.

Tuckahoe gains a small area south of the interchange of Gaskins Road and I-64, located roughly between Cedarfield Lane and Pemberton Road. It

also acquires a larger section of Three Chopt District bounded to the west by Skipwith Road, to the north by West Broad Street, to the east by Horsepen Road and to the south by Monument Avenue. The plan moves the Crestview precinct intact into the Tuckahoe District as well as a portion of the Skipwith precinct.

The Brookland District gains residents from Three Chopt with the addition of the Monument Hills precinct. The area generally lies south of Monument Avenue, between Horsepen Road on the west and Libbie Avenue on the east.

The adjusted populations of the westernmost districts — 63,227 in both Three Chopt and Tuckahoe and 62,793 in Brookland — also come



2011 Redistricting Plan

figure proved to be a key factor as officials considered plans to draw new district boundaries.

Planning Director Joe Emerson explained the county needed to maintain the minority voting-age benchmark in Fairfield to comply with federal legislation.

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The county's voting precincts and polling places were another key consideration for county officials. To avoid causing potential confusion for voters, the redistricting plan tried to impact as few of the county's 93 voting precincts as possible. The plan affects 10 precincts, splitting four.

"The redistricting process is like squeezing a balloon; each change you make has an effect in another area," Emerson said. "But we believe this is a balanced plan that accommodates the redistricting criteria and serves the interests of Henrico residents."

District highlights

County officials encouraged public input and provided opportunities for residents to participate in the redistricting process. Staff conducted informational meetings at both the Government Center and Eastern Government Center, and the Board held several public hearings to receive residents' comments. The county provided details of the proposed and approved plans and explained the redistricting process on a dedicated website. It also established an email address and phone number to receive residents' questions and comments.

Following is a brief snapshot of redistricting changes for each magisterial district. Maps and details are available at www.henricoredistricting.com. Contact Henrico's Planning Office at 501-4602 for more information.

Varina District

- Redistricted population: 58,630
- Shifts 719 residents to Fairfield
- Splits two precincts

Fairfield District

- Redistricted population: 59,058
- Receives 719 residents from Varina
- Hechler Village neighborhood unified

Brookland District

- Redistricted population: 62,793
- Receives 1,312 residents from Three Chopt

Three Chopt District

- Redistricted population: 63,227
- Shifts 8,808 residents to Tuckahoe and Brookland
- Only district not bordering Richmond

Tuckahoe District

- Redistricted population: 63,227
- Receives 7,496 residents from Three Chopt
- Adds Crestview precinct, portion of Skipwith precinct, portion of Jackson Davis precinct

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years, and that is the result of the steadfast commitment and dedication of our staff. This salary increase is much deserved."

Cautious optimism

Henrico benefited again this year — as it has throughout the recession — from a long-term financial plan, in place since the 2002 fiscal year, which caps annual growth in general fund spending at 5 percent (the general fund budget has decreased or grown by less than 1 percent annually since the 2009 fiscal year). In addition, officials long have practiced a conserva-

tive approach in estimating county revenues, regardless of the health of the economy.

Adherence to this plan helped Henrico withstand a drop in real estate tax revenue, which accounts for one-third of the county's general fund resources, for the third consecutive year. Residential and commercial property in Henrico lost a combined \$314.8 million in assessed value last year, or close to 1 percent. That translated into a decline of about \$2.7 million in tax revenue. (Henrico uses the most up-to-date information available to determine the assessed value of real estate; reassessments were based on sales information as of Dec. 31, 2010.)

State funding, which had dropped by more than \$50 million over the last two years, increased slightly in the new budget, by \$5.9 million or a little more than 2 percent. Most of that amount — \$5.5 million — will benefit Henrico's education budget. State aid typically covers a third of the county's general fund.

While real estate revenues continued to lag in fiscal year 2011, other sources of revenue hinted at a local economy on the mend. An uptick in new and used vehicle sales led to a boost in personal property tax revenues and vehicle registration fees. Sales tax collections increased by 6 percent, including a record-setting \$6.2 million in December; hotel tax revenues improved by 7 percent over the previous year. And though real estate taxes were down, revenues from single-family building permits, as well as structural and equipment permits, were up.

Perhaps the best sign of economic recovery came from the local job market. Henrico's unemployment rate dropped to 6.3 percent by March, down a full percentage point from its peak in early 2010. Relocating and expanding businesses announced the creation of more than 2,000 new jobs in the county. There's still room for growth — Henrico lost some 6,500 jobs during the recession.

Cost cutting continues

The marginal growth in the general fund did not remove the need for a range of cost reductions in the 2012 budget, which takes a number of steps to achieve immediate as well as long-term savings.

The budget removes funding for 42 vacant general government positions; 21 of these are eliminated completely. The budget also cuts 36.5 HCPS positions through attrition. A countywide hiring freeze enacted in October 2008 remains in place.

Department operating budgets will decrease by 2.5 percent in the 2012 fiscal year, marking the third straight year for across-the-board savings from county agencies. The life of desktop computers and printers will be extended, enabling a 25 percent reduction in the technology replacement fund. The budget also cuts funding to external agencies by 10 percent.

The immediate cost reductions were needed to balance the budget, Hazelett said.

"But we gave careful consideration to ensure these cuts will not impact the quality services the county provides to our residents," he added.

The county's ongoing initiative to develop permanent, long-term cost reductions — "Changing How Henrico Does Business" — continued to produce results for the new budget. Staff from each county agency meet for periodic brainstorming sessions to discuss ways to find additional savings and further streamline Henrico government.

Cost-cutting measures developed through the initiative include:

- ❖ Reduction in county motor pool fleets produced savings of \$420,000 from March-October 2010.
- ❖ Replacement of motor pool vehicles with smaller, more fuel-friendly models has saved \$216,000 in fuel and \$266,000 in purchase costs.
- ❖ Technology replacement program has been reduced three times since fiscal year 2009, sav-

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CHANGING THE WAY HENRICO COUNTY DOES BUSINESS



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ing \$2.4 million; telecommunications streamlining saved \$1 million last year.

❖ The Energy Reduction and Environmental Sustainability Program has helped reduce county energy consumption in a variety of ways, such as installation of LED traffic lights, the use of waste motor oil for heat at the Central Automotive Maintenance facility, the landfill gas-to-electricity project at Springfield Road Landfill, and LEED certification for new facilities. The efforts have reduced energy consumption by 580 trillion British Thermal Units since the 2004 fiscal year, saving approximately \$13.5 million.

Additional information about the initiative is available at www.co.henrico.va.us/news/changing-the-way-we-do-business.

Schools and other projects

More than 54 percent of the 2012 budget, \$403.75 million, will fund Henrico schools. State aid accounts for about half of that amount. Although state education funding increased slightly this year, it remains below the funding levels of fiscal year 2007. Over that five-year period, HCPS has opened five schools and added 900 students; during that time, county expenditures for education have increased by \$42.5 million.

"The Board of Supervisors has made it a key priority to provide our schools with the additional local resources needed to maintain the county's outstanding education program," Hazelett said.

The budget includes \$10.2 million in funding for schools and other projects approved by Henrico voters in the 2005 bond referendum:

- ❖ Opening of the 11th grade at Glen Allen High School
 - ❖ Twelve classroom additions at Mehfoud and Varina Elementary schools and six classroom additions at Dumbarton, Lakeside and Tuckahoe Elementary schools
 - ❖ Relocation of Fire Station no. 3
 - ❖ Renovation of Gayton Branch Library
 - ❖ Opening of the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center
- Another \$33.3 million of voter approved projects from the 2005 bond referendum is included in the Capital Improvement Program budget for 2012:
- ❖ Renovation and expansion of Fire Station no. 13
 - ❖ Land and planning costs for replacing Dumbarton Area Library
 - ❖ Development of Twin Hickory Park
 - ❖ Renovation of Pinchbeck Elementary School

The increase in water and sewer rates and connection fees will support the long-term infrastructure needs of the Public Utilities system. The system includes 3,000 miles of water and sewer lines which experienced 264 water main breaks — a high number — in 2010. The fees also will help fund the capital costs for development of the 1,100-acre Cobbs Creek Water Supply Reservoir project.

Henrico's water and sewer services are funded entirely by customer fees. No county taxes support the Public Utilities system.

Henrico's 2011-12 budget is available online at www.co.henrico.va.us/departments/finance; follow the link for Henrico County's Budget under "Online Services."

Henrico's 400th anniversary will stay hot this summer

Henrico's yearlong commemoration of its 400th anniversary is reaching the midway point, and more events lie ahead. So far some 42,000 area residents and visitors have enjoyed an array of anniversary activities, including events this spring that marked the history and culture of Virginia Indians and honored best-selling Henrico author David Baldacci. More activities and opportunities to participate in Henrico's 400th birthday are on tap later this spring and summer.

Following is a list of official, county-hosted events. Admission is free unless noted. Information also is available at www.henrico400th.com and 501-1611.

Moving Henrico Forward: Air, Road, Rail and Water. Sunday, May 29, 1-5 p.m. (exhibit continues through Aug. 31); *Virginia Aviation Museum, 5701 Huntsman Road (just inside the entrance of Richmond International Airport)*. Henrico residents have employed many means of travel over the past four centuries, and this exhibit will take a look at each of them. Explore modes of transportation ranging from Indian footpaths, wooden wagon trails and plank turnpikes to trolley cars powered by electric rail lines and commercial air lines — everything from the area's original Indian paths through the establishment of Byrd Airfield in 1928 and the beginning of public bus service in 1930. The event and exhibit kickoff will feature live entertainment, an airplane and antique car show, games, arts and crafts and a family-style cookout.

Henrico History Bus Tour: Henrico's Civil War History. Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; meet at Dabbs House, 3820 Nine Mile Road. Henrico will

take the 400th anniversary show on the road in June for the first of three bus tours of historical county sites. "Henrico's Civil War History" will focus on the 1862 battles of Seven Pines and Malvern Hill as well as the 1864 battle of New Market Heights, which produced a number of Medal of Honor recipients from the U.S. Colored Troops. The tour also will visit Dabbs House, which served as Gen. Robert E. Lee's headquarters during the Seven Days Battles in June 1862. Cost is \$30 and includes a box lunch. Reservations are required; contact the Valentine Richmond History Center at (804) 649-0711, ext. 301. More information is available at www.richmondhistorycenter.com. (Coordinated by Valentine Richmond History Center and Henrico Recreation and Parks.)

Old Fashioned Fourth of July.

Monday, July 4, 1-5 p.m.; Meadow Farm at Crump Park, 3400 Mountain Road. To put 400 years of history in perspective, think about this — Henrico's beginnings predate the Declaration of Independence by more than 150 years, and hundreds of county residents were on hand when the document was first read aloud at the county courthouse in August 1776. This popular event boasts an array of family entertainment, including skydiving shows with Uncle Sam; patriotic performances featuring a historical color guard, drum and fife music and a musket salute by Living History Associates; a period baseball game; performances by juggler Jonathan Austin; and live music, dance and storytelling. Don't forget the watermelon feast and kids' activities such as face painting and a petting zoo.

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HCTV–Channel 17 schedule

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

		Even Hours 12 a.m., 2 a.m., 4 a.m., 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.	Odd Hours 1 a.m., 3 a.m., 5 a.m., 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m.
May 23 through May 29	Mon Wed Fri Sun	More Than Skin Deep: Our Most Common Skin Cancers — 20 mins	Taking Flight: Stories of Modern Virginia Aviation — 51 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	The Promise Fulfilled: The History of Henrico County Public Schools — 31 mins	A-Shift: Station 12 - 24 Hours with Henrico Fire — 31 mins
May 30 through Jun 5	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Richard Evelyn Byrd Biography — mins TBA	The Iron Horse: Stories of Central Virginia Railroading — 32 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	H2O Henrico: From the River to Your Home — 20 mins	Virginia Estelle Randolph: Pioneer Educator — 29 mins
Jun 6 through Jun 12	Mon Wed Fri Sun	The Original Henrico Shire — 21 mins	Adventure Henrico: Scuba Diving — 21 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Henrico Wildlife: Sharing the Habitat — 26 mins	Garden Retreats: Stopping to Smell the Roses — 31 mins
Jun 13 through Jun 19	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Taking Care of Business: Henrico's Economic Development Authority — 25 mins	Living with Dignity: Henrico Adult Protective Services — 23 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Henrico's View of the James River and Kanawha Canal — 21 mins	Greetings from Lakeside: Past, Present and Future — 33 mins
Jun 20 through Jun 26	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Police Canine Unit — mins TBA	City Limits: Henrico Escapes Richmond's Attempts to Merge and Annex — 19 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	The Great War Remembered: Henrico's Story of Service and Support — 31 mins	Chronicles of the 49th: The Henrico County Police Academy — 45 mins
Jun 27 through Jul 3	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Restaurant Health Inspections/ Health Department — mins TBA	Wasted Youth: Teen Drug and Alcohol Abuse — 32 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Caring for the Animals: Livestock to Lizards in Henrico Recreation — 34 mins	Understanding Spinal Cord Injuries — 33 mins

400th anniversary —continued—

Henrico History Bus Tour: Henrico's African-American Heritage.

Saturday, Aug. 20, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; meet at Dabbs House, 3820 Nine Mile Road. Henrico County is home to some of the nation's oldest African-American communities, and the second 400th anniversary bus tour, "Henrico's African-American Heritage," focuses on that legacy. The tour will visit sites highlighting the key role African-Americans played in the county's development, including the Virginia E. Randolph Museum. Cost is \$30 and includes a box lunch. Reservations are required; contact the Valentine Richmond History Center at (804) 649-0711, ext. 301. More information is available at www.richmondhistorycenter.com. (Coordinated by Valentine Richmond History Center and Henrico Recreation and Parks.) Check www.henrico400th.com and call (804) 501-1611 for all the details about Henrico's 400th anniversary commemoration.



Gratitude for service: The Board of Supervisors saluted Chief of Police Col. Henry W. Stanley, Jr. at an April board meeting, honoring the longtime veteran of Henrico's Division of Police for nearly a half-century of service to the division and the Henrico community. Stanley, who turned over the chief's reins to Douglas A. Middleton during a changing-of-the-guard ceremony on April 8, joined Henrico Police as a patrol officer on Dec. 1, 1962 and rose through the ranks to become chief on Aug. 1, 1995. His tenure has seen Henrico Police become a nationally acclaimed force with more than 600 sworn officers. Pictured from left are Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele, Vice Chairman and Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover, Stanley, Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon and Varina District Supervisor James B. Donati, Jr.

Students from Henrico County Public Schools took the reins of county government and schools administration in March for the 54th annual Student Government Day. More than 120 seniors from nine high schools paired up with county officials, learning the roles of board members, school board members, county manager, school superintendent and department heads.

Before assuming their one-day roles in local government, 31 students took the oath of office during an investiture ceremony at Hermitage High School. Pictured are the student counterparts for the Board of Supervisors, from left, Senisha Booker, Varina High School, Varina District; Joshua Morris, Godwin High School, Tuckahoe District; Sarah Vernon, Tucker High School,

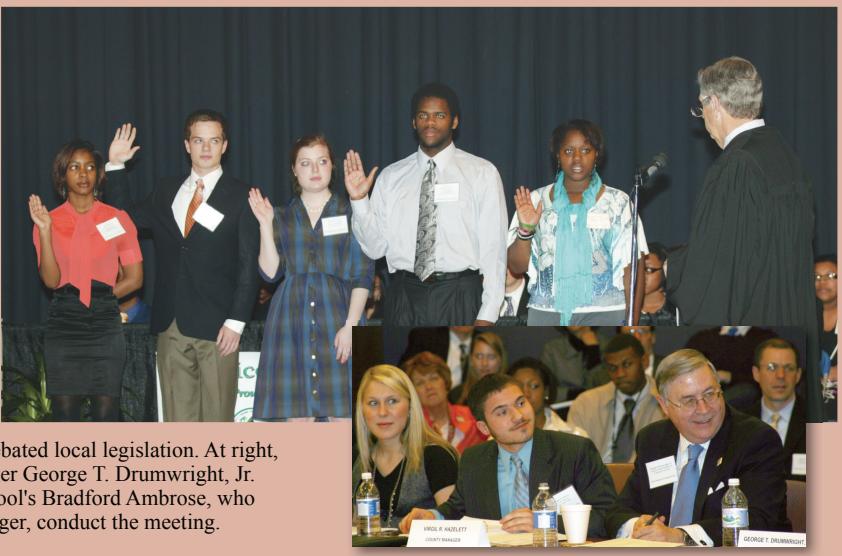
Three Chopt District; Aaron Lewis, Hermitage High School, Brookland District; and Ashley Coleman, Henrico High School, Fairfield District.

Henrico Circuit Court

Judge L.A. Harris, Jr.

administered the oath.

Student Government Day activities concluded with a student-run Board of Supervisors meeting, where Board members and county officials guided their student counterparts as they debated local legislation. At right, Deputy County Manager George T. Drumwright, Jr. helps Varina High School's Bradford Ambrose, who served as county manager, conduct the meeting.



Recreation Roundup

Tue & Wed, June 7 & 8, On-the-Air Radio Players Present "It's a Mystery"

Enjoy an old-time radio show featuring live music and sound effects. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5859.

Thu, June 9, Bluegrass Coffeehouse

Come out for a few jam sessions with fellow bluegrass musicians of all ages and abilities. Acoustic only. Space is limited. Dorey Recreation Center. 7-9 p.m. Free. Info: 795-2334.

This event will also be held on July 14 and Aug 11.

Mon, June 13, Summertime-And The Livin' Is Easy

Join us for some great live music and free ice cream. Bring your favorite lawn chair or blanket and just relax. The Armour House & Gardens. 7-8 p.m. Free. Info: 343-3506.

Sun, June 19, Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Enjoy Bruster's delicious ice cream, tour the historic house and take part in some old-fashioned games, while listening to

some toe-tapping sounds. Walkerton Tavern. 4-6 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5121. *This event will also be held on July 17 at The Armour House and Gardens.*

Wed, June 22, Rock the Block

Mid-week family entertainment in your neighborhood park. Enjoy live music, contests and games, face painting and more. Cheswick Park. 6-8 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5121. *This event will also be held on July 20 at Robinson Park and Aug 10 at Spring Park Historic Site in Lakeside.*

Sat, June 25, Under the Stars Summer Family Film Series presents "Shrek Forever After" (PG)

Grab your blanket and enjoy a family flick in the park. Concessions available for purchase. Deep Run Park. 8:30 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5121.

Mon, June 27, Henrico Concert Band Summer Concert Series

Spend a casual evening in the park listening to your favorite band music. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Dorey Park by the lake. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5859. *This event will also be held on July 25 and Aug 29.*

Wed, June 29, July 27, & Aug 24, Sharks: Built to Hunt

Join us in the classroom as we explore the intriguing features of sharks. Three Lakes Nature Center. 10-11 a.m. Free. Info: 262-5055. *This event will also take place on Fri, July 1, 29 & Aug 26, 10-11 a.m.*

Thu, June 30, Henrico Community Band Summer Concert Series

Bring a lawn chair or sit in the bleachers and listen to a variety of festive music. Deep Run Park Nature Pavilion. 7 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5859. *This event will also be held on July 28 and Aug 25.*

Mon, July 4, Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration

Take part in a multi-faceted array of festive entertainment and activities for the entire family. Activities include music, games and more. Concessions will be available for purchase. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. 1-5 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5121.

Tue, July 12, 40th Annual Big Band Concert Featuring The Continentals

Enjoy the best of the big band sound at our annual summer concert featuring The Continentals. Hermitage High School. 7-9 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5859.

Sun, July 17, Summer Fun at Walkerton

Enjoy an evening of music on the lawn at Walkerton Tavern. 6 p.m. Free. Info: 261-6898.

Thu, July 28, SPARC Presents "Bugsy Malone, Jr."

A cast of youngsters, ages 10-16, play Prohibition-era mobsters in this tongue-in-cheek tribute to the 1920's gangster flick. Bring the entire family to this fun presentation. Henrico Theatre. 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. Free. Reservations are required. Info: 328-4491.

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

Library Lineup

Tue, June 7: Sharing Books With My Kids

Librarians will present books and ways to help parents share books with their children for greater enjoyment together. Varina Library. 7-8 p.m. Registration required. Info: 290-9800.

Sat, June 18: Selling Your Arts & Crafts on Etsy.com Marketplace

Ursula White, seller of handmade wedding accessories online at Etsy.com, will advise you how to get started and share her experience and best tips for success. North Park Library. 2-4 p.m. Info: 290-9700.

Tue, June 27: Summer Musical Kick-off

Enjoy the hilarious music of nationally-known children's songwriter and singer Bill Harley, as we kick off our 2011 Summer Reading Club. Tuckahoe Library. 3:30 - 5 p.m. and Dumbarton Library. 6:30 - 8 p.m. Info: 290-9400. *Event will also be held on Tue, June 28: Fairfield Library. 3:30-5 p.m. Info: 290-9300. Twin Hickory Library. 6:30-8 p.m. Info: 290-9100.*

Mon, July 11 & July 18: Visual Journaling Teen Workshop

Art instructor Jeanne Minnix will show teens how to make a visual journal using art techniques. Register online, must attend both sessions. Fairfield Library. 6:30-8 p.m. Info: 290-9300. *Event will also be held on Mon, Aug 8 & Aug 15: Dumbarton Library. 6:30 - 8 p.m. Info: 290-9400.*

Wed, July 13: Barefoot Puppets

Join us as the Barefoot Puppet Theatre presents "Dreamtime: Tales from Down Under." Experience the magic of Australia in this performance inspired by Aboriginal folktales. Sandston Library. 1-2 p.m. Info: 290-9900.

Tue, July 19: Scrapbooking: Tell Your Story

Turn your photos into a beautiful scrapbook that tells a story about your vacation, your family, your team or your friends. Space limited to 15 rising 4th and 5th graders. See children's staff for supplies list before July 19. Bring photos to

class. Tuckahoe Library. 2-4 p.m. Registration required. Info: 290-9100.

Tue, July 19: Laughter Yoga

This is a unique form of yoga where laughter is the exercise. The practice of laughing will improve your mood and health. A good sense of humor is NOT required. Twin Hickory Library. 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9200.

Wed, July 27: Peter McCory and His One-Man Band

Join us for lively musical fun for the entire family. Tuckahoe Library. 3-4 p.m. Info: 290-9100. Twin Hickory Library. 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9200.

Thu, July 28: Experiencing Henrico History

Reader's Theatre presents a group of Notable Henricans through monologues that range from the beginning to present day. Glen Allen Library. 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9500.

Mon, Aug 1: School Bus Safety

Children entering kindergarten can learn about school bus safety and practice getting on and off the bus. Must be accompanied by an adult. Tuckahoe Library. 11-12:30 p.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Info: 290-9100. *Event will also be held on Tues, Aug 2: Fairfield Library. 11a.m.-12 p.m. Info: 290-9300. Dumbarton Library. 1-2:30 p.m. Info: 290-9400.*

Wed, Aug 3: Twin Hickory Library. 11-12:30 p.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Info: 290-9200.

Tue, Aug 16: Virginia Peoples

Join us as Victoria Sweeney from Henricus Historical Park presents a hands-on program about the Powhatan people. Varina Library. 3-3:45 p.m. Info: 290-9800.

All events are free and open to the public. *For more information call (804) 290-9000; go to www.henricolibrary.org; or email: library@henrico.lib.va.us.*

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