



Responding to crisis

—Employment Transition Center helps region's displaced workers

Thousands of residents of Henrico and central Virginia don't need a news story to tell them about the bad economy — they've experienced it firsthand.

Since Jan. 1, 2008, more than 12,300 workers from the region have been dislocated from jobs and interrupted from careers, laid off from Circuit City, Genworth Financial, Qimonda, Wachovia Securities and



The Employment Transition Center, operated by the Capital Region Workforce Partnership, offers recently laid-off workers skills testing, workshops, employment counseling and a host of other services.



other long-standing bulwarks of the area's economy.

They aren't facing the crisis on their own, however. Henrico is helping lead a regional effort to connect these displaced workers to key services and chart a new path through the rocky road of the current economy.

Regional effort

The Employment Transition Center (ETC) — a joint project supported by Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent and Powhatan counties and the City of Richmond — has been serving hundreds of workers from the eight central Virginia localities who have been impacted by the recent spate of layoffs.

Operated by the Capital Region Workforce Partnership, the ETC is located at the site of the former Innsbrook Branch Library, 4060 Innslake Drive — near many of the former corporate giants that have fallen victim to the economic downturn.

Henrico donated the space and is acting as fiscal agent for the center, which is funded by a \$500,000 dislocated workers' grant through the

state of Virginia. Social services staff from the participating localities work daily at the ETC. A local company donated most of the furnishings to outfit the center. Staff from area

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Holding the line —New budget preserves services, low taxes despite bad economy

Henrico officials confronted an economic storm of rare proportions when preparing the county budget for 2009-10.

Nationwide recession, dramatic state funding shortfalls, stagnant housing and real estate industries, a contracting job market that shed thousands of jobs throughout the region — including some 6,500 in Henrico — and other factors combined to produce a rapidly deteriorating economic climate.

But while many local govern-

ments were stuck between a fiscal rock and hard place, Henrico officials were drawing a line in the sand and maintaining their budgetary ground.

Holding the line

On April 28, Henrico's Board of Supervisors approved an operating budget of \$1.059 billion — with a general fund of \$772.2 million — for fiscal year 2009-10, which begins July 1. General fund spending grew by less than 1 percent, the smallest annual increase in 15 years.

But perhaps more meaningful for Henrico residents is what the budget doesn't do: it won't reduce the quality services they are accustomed to receiving and it won't remove additional money from their pockets.

The new spending plan preserves county services at existing levels without laying off any county employees and without increasing taxes or fees for residents, again maintaining the real estate tax rate of 87 cents per \$100 assessed value. The Henrico budget was able to hold its ground despite a significant reduction in funding from the state and overall economic conditions not seen for a generation.

"I'm extremely pleased that services to our residents are not being impacted by this budget," said County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. "I'm especially gratified that we can do this without adding to their financial burden during this difficult economy."

"The leadership and stewardship of the Board of Supervisors over the past several years have made that possible," he said.

Fiscal foresight, low taxes

Since the 2002 fiscal year, Henrico has adhered to a long-term financial plan that caps annual growth in general fund spending at 5 percent; this year, spending increased by a mere 0.86 percent. In addition,

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officials have followed a conservative approach in estimating county revenues, even in flush times.

The fiscal foresight served the county well this year, when some traditional revenue sources all but dried up, such as state funding, which shrank by \$17.5 million — a cut of nearly 5.5 percent.

And revenue from real estate taxes, Henrico's single-largest source, was stagnant. The assessed value of property decreased by more than \$455 million; that drop was narrowly offset by new construction completed last year. In all, the value of taxable real estate in

Henrico grew by just 0.74 percent — the lowest increase in 30 years.

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, 2008.

Hazelett noted that continuing current levels of real estate revenue while accounting for the \$455 million decrease in reassessments would have required a two-cent hike in the real estate tax rate, from 87 cents to 89 cents — a step Henrico's Board of Supervisors was unwilling to take.

"Maintaining stable tax rates during an economic downturn is vital in preparation for the economic recovery," he said. "We're taking every appropriate measure to ease the local tax burden on our residents and businesses."

Henrico's real estate tax rate is the lowest among the large localities in the metropolitan region, as is its overall tax burden. The fiscal year

2010 budget solidifies the county's position as the lowest-tax urban locality in Virginia, according to the "Chesapeake Report," an independent study by the City of Chesapeake comparing the state's 13 largest localities. The study determined:

- ▶ Henrico's real estate taxes were the lowest of the 13 localities;
- ▶ Personal property taxes paid on a \$10,000 vehicle were lowest in Henrico;
- ▶ Local utility consumer taxes on a monthly electric bill for residential and commercial customers were lowest in Henrico;

▶ Henrico residents paid the lowest amount for public services of any locality included in the study.

Balancing act

To maintain the county's low taxes and quality services on a nominal revenue increase, the fiscal year 2010 budget looked to other areas for savings.

Administrative costs were reduced in general government departments in a variety of ways, such as extending the life of desktop computers and other equipment — resulting in savings of \$3 million. A hiring freeze, first implemented in October 2008, remained in place; no new general government positions were included in the new budget. General government and Schools employees did not receive merit raises or cost-of-living pay increases.

In addition, county officials decided to defer a number of capital projects, delaying a \$77.5 million general obligation bond issue that had been scheduled for the 2010 fiscal year until the economy improves. The delay postpones construction of facilities for Fire, Schools, Libraries and other county agencies.

"This was a difficult decision," Hazelett said. "However, we want to avoid taking on new debt that may

require future reductions in services, especially at a time of such economic uncertainty."

Had the bonds been issued as planned, the county would have faced an estimated \$8.5 million debt service payment in 2011. Revenues projected for that year could not accommodate the additional debt service.

Funding priorities

Although the new budget postpones capital projects, it again preserves service levels in all areas, notably Public Safety and Schools. Funding for Public Safety grew by more than \$2.7 million, while Schools received an increase of close to \$3 million. The county actually boosted its allocation to Schools by more than \$9.5 million to make up for a shortfall of \$6.5 million in education funding from the state.

The Henrico Public Schools appropriation of \$424 million — 55 percent of the general fund — fully met the operating budget request of the Henrico School Board. Henrico is the only metropolitan-area locality that is increasing its funding for school operations in fiscal year 2010.

"Education and Public Safety are local government's highest priorities," Hazelett said.

Other highlights of the 2009-10 budget:

- ▶ Provides additional funding for the Real Estate Advantage Program (REAP), which benefits the county's eligible senior and disabled residents. Henrico REAP is currently at maximum levels allowed by the state, but officials expect the program will require more funds as participation increases.
- ▶ Features more than \$8 million in general fund revenue from Short Pump Town Center — the first budget to do so. For the past five years, tax revenues generated by Short Pump have been dedicated to paying public infrastructure costs associated with the project. All Short Pump revenues now will be deposited in the county's general fund.
- ▶ Does not include an increase in water and sewer rates.
- ▶ Does not include funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the federal stimulus legislation.

Henrico's 2009-10 budget is available online at www.co.henrico.va.us/finance/omb.html.

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nonprofit agencies and the Virginia Employment Commission are regularly on hand to provide additional services.

Deputy County Manager for Community Services George T. Drumwright, Jr. noted that the regional effect of the job crisis required a rapid regional response. Funding for the ETC was obtained in late December; the center opened just over two months later.

"We want to give the region's affected workers the tools they need to locate new employment and get through this difficult economic time," Drumwright said. "We have a very talented workforce in the region, and we want to preserve it."

Simplifying the process

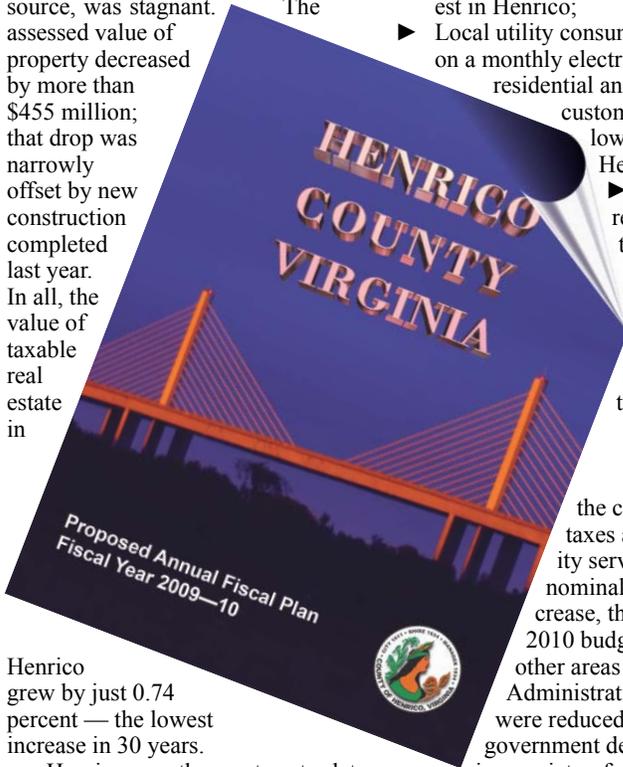
Since opening March 9, the ETC has drawn a steady stream of recently displaced workers from the metro region. Through April 24, more than 2,130 individual clients had visited the center, including 1,371 from Henrico; 263 from Hanover; 192 from Richmond; 169 from Chesterfield; and 65 from Goochland.

What they find is a facility that combines a broad scope of employment-related services into a single location, reducing the legwork and simplifying the process for its users. The center brings together human services and employment services, so a client potentially can get help applying for unemployment benefits, take a resume-writing class, be screened for mortgage assistance counseling and participate in a stress-management workshop, among other activities — all at the same site.

"Our mission is to help our clients navigate this process," said ETC Manager Leontine Jameson. "We're encouraging them to look realistically at who they are and understand that they are more than just their last job."

The ETC is designed to serve workers who, through no fault of their own, have lost jobs in the economic slowdown — whether they were part of a mass layoff or were self-employed in a hard-hit industry, such as housing and real estate. Jameson noted that many are finding themselves on unfamiliar ground.

"These are very smart, educated, reliable people who are seasoned employees and really understand the



Employment Transition Center

- ▶ Location: 4060 Innslake Drive (former Innsbrook Branch Library)
- ▶ Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; appointment not required
- ▶ Info: 273-6260; www.cawib.org
- ▶ Serving dislocated workers from Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan counties and the City of Richmond experiencing layoffs during the recent economic down-turn

workplace,” she said. “It is a strong workforce, but it has been a long time for them since they last were seeking work.”

Services available, free of charge

ETC offers a variety of services to its clients, including:

- ▶ Assistance with applying for unemployment benefits;
- ▶ Determining eligibility to receive workforce development services under the Workforce Investment Act;
- ▶ Skills assessment testing and employment counseling;
- ▶ Technology assistance, such as establishing e-mail accounts and electronic resumes;
- ▶ Pre-screening eligibility for mortgage, fuel and emergency food assistance;
- ▶ Pre-screening eligibility for Medicaid, State Children’s Health Insurance Program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
- ▶ Classes including credit and debt counseling, household budgeting and stress management;
- ▶ Workforce-related workshops and activities including job clubs, employer fairs and computer applications.

“We can conduct individual assessments and connect the results to the current job market,” Jameson said. “We have a lot of tools to help individuals self-assess and be aggressive in the market.”

Helping provide those tools is a full-time staff of seven. In addition, personnel from the Virginia Employment Commission are on site daily, providing information and assistance with unemployment insurance claims. Staff from Clearpoint Financial Services also are on hand each day, helping clients with questions about budgeting, debt management,

home foreclosure and other financial concerns. Staff from participating localities work with clients to determine eligibility for child care and other social services.

The center’s resources include 24 public computers with Internet access, 16 wireless stations, fax machines, phone banks and plenty of work space.

“Some of our regular clients like to spread out and set up their ‘office’ for the day,” Jameson said, noting that the center’s equipment and services are provided free to clients.

ETC is looking to augment its roster of services with additional credentialing and training programs through the Workforce Investment Act. The list of potential new programs includes management and leadership training, project management and computer systems certification.

“We’re counseling some of our displaced workers to take a realistic look at who they are and what they bring to the table in terms of work skills,” Jameson said. “A lot of people 40 and older are having to consider developing new skill sets and making a career change.”

Connections for employers

Although the center is not an employment agency, it can provide a connection for its clients and area employers.

“An employer doesn’t want 1,000 people showing up for two job openings,” Jameson said. “We have a pool of very qualified people. We can work with employers and target qualified applicants for them.”

Some connections are beginning to take place. Drumwright said that a Washington, D.C.-based recruitment firm recently screened 32 ETC clients for a financial services company. He said the firm was delighted with the ETC clients and planned to recommend them for employment, pending completion of a background check.

“These numbers aren’t big, considering the significant number of workers who have been laid off,” Drumwright said. “But nonetheless, the message is there — we can put together a labor force of highly qualified people for an employer.”

For more information, contact the Employment Transition Center at 273-6260 or log on to www.cawib.org.

Henrico Police mark 75 years of service to community

A little more than 75 years have passed since Depression-era Henrico residents voted to try a new form of local government — the county manager. That decision heralded the onset of greater efficiency and service across the scope of county governance, including law enforcement.

The origins of the modern era of police work in Henrico date to 1934 with the inception of the county’s Division of Police. The division is marking its 75th anniversary in 2009, having held a public open house and special memorial service to honor its eight officers who have fallen in the line of duty.



Much has changed since 1934, when the division was established with a force of eight who could expect to earn a \$125 monthly salary after a few years on the job. The force now numbers more than 800 personnel, including more than 580 sworn officers, and operates on an annual budget of \$66 million.

Early officers often wore multiple hats — they traveled with tanks of water and hoses in their vehicles in case firefighters needed their assistance — while today’s force features patrol, animal protection and communication officers, as well as civilian support staff.

But what hasn’t changed is the division’s commitment to serving

Henrico’s residents.

“Henrico’s police officers are on our streets and in our neighborhoods every hour of every day,” said Board of Supervisors Chairman David A. Kaechele. “They are the most visible symbols of county government, and their standards of excellence and service are qualities that all of Henrico can be proud of.”

While force numbers have grown and equipment has advanced, another measure of time for Henrico Police has been the continuous enhancement of training regimens. An officer in the 1930s needed 30 hours of training to qualify for the force; today’s recruits spend more than six months in the basic academy, and then will undergo hundreds of hours of additional training over the course of their careers.

The nature of police work has continued to evolve as well. Over the last two decades the division has implemented community policing, which encourages cooperation and open communication between police and residents.

Officers proactively discuss problems and address concerns with residents, rather than simply react to calls for service and the potential crisis that generate them.

The division currently has 21 official community police officers, and the community-policing philosophy is infused into all facets of the agency’s work. Henrico Police provide an array of community-oriented services, such as crime-prevention programs; seminars on residential and business security and workplace violence; the SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Council, Neighborhood Watch Council

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and Citizens Police Academy; and the Henrico Police Athletic League, or PAL, for at-risk young people in the county.

After 75 years, Henrico Police has become a force whose excellence is certified by accrediting agencies on the state, national and international levels.

“The Henrico Division of Police is an elite force that serves as a model for law enforcement agencies across the country and the world,” said County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. “The commitment to professionalism, service and community of our men and women sets a standard that is matched by few and surpassed by none.”

For more information, log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/police.

Key dates in the modern era of Henrico County's Division of Police, 1934-2009:

1933

- ◆ In a September referendum, Henrico residents vote to adopt the county manager form of government.

1934

- ◆ In March, the Board of Supervisors appoints the first county manager, launching the modern era of Henrico government.
- ◆ The Division of Police, with a force of eight men, is officially established; Col. O.C. Hedrick is named Henrico's first modern-era chief of police.

1938

- ◆ The Board of Supervisors places the Division of Police under the direct control of the county manager, removing its connection to the Sheriff's Office.

1930s

- ◆ Recruits attend the new Central Police Training School, where training consists of three-hour classes each night for a week; the program soon expands to two weeks. Recruits need 30 hours of training to qualify for a position on the force.
- ◆ An officer with four years of experience earns a monthly salary of \$125.
- ◆ Officers use their own vehicles and converse by tele-

phone, their only means of communication.

- ◆ Officers carry 50-gallon water tanks and hoses in the trunks of their vehicles to assist firefighters as needed.

1940s

- ◆ Soon after U.S. entry into World War II, Byrd Field becomes a major base for the Army Air Corps; Henrico Police manage the accompanying influx of military personnel into the county.
- ◆ Henrico Police serve in special wartime capacities: the Selective Service Board deputizes police to locate and detain residents evading the draft; police also help air raid wardens conduct blackout drills.
- ◆ Addition of photographic equipment helps police document accidents and crime scenes with greater accuracy and efficiency.

1940

- ◆ Col. Wilmer J. Hedrick is appointed chief of police.

1941

- ◆ With a force numbering 11 men, the division establishes its headquarters at Dabbs House on Nine Mile Road. The historic site remains home to Henrico Police for nearly 60 years.
- ◆ Two-way radios are installed in vehicles, significantly enhancing police communications.

1949

- ◆ Division grows to 15 men.

1950

- ◆ To better serve the county's growing population, the division acquires a fleet of new Ford two-door sedans.

1955

- ◆ New technology enhances police communications as the force begins using walkie-talkies — as big as shoeboxes — for the first time.

1958

- ◆ Division adds the Animal Protection section.

1959

- ◆ Division acquires its first radar unit.

1960s

- ◆ Cold War concerns lead to the construction of a fallout shelter — complete with an emergency operating center — beneath the headquarters at Dabbs House.
- ◆ Division grows to a force of

155; work schedule changes from a six-day, 60-hour week to a five-day, 44-hour week.

- ◆ Division continues to strengthen its training regimen; for example, by 1968, every officer has received 80 hours of instruction in traffic accident investigation.

1964

- ◆ Flashing red lights appear on police vehicles for the first time.

1965

- ◆ Division hires its first female officer.

1970s

- ◆ Division responds to drug-related crime with specialized narcotics training for officers; other new advanced training regimens include riot control, explosive ordinance disposal and undercover operations.

1971

- ◆ Division hires its first African-American officer.

1972

- ◆ Ride-Along program begins.

1974

- ◆ Division holds its first Basic Academy.
- ◆ The first aircraft used by Henrico Police, a specially equipped Cessna, is acquired.
- ◆ Officers trade in their Colt .38 revolvers for Smith & Wesson .38s.
- ◆ Division adopts a new shoulder patch, still in use today.

1977

- ◆ Capt. Leslie T. Sheppard is appointed chief of police.
- ◆ Division formally establishes the Canine Unit.

1978

- ◆ Division adopts the Computer Aided Dispatch system, enhancing response efforts.
- ◆ Division moves from Dabbs House to the Government Center on Parham and Hungary Spring roads, which features a forensics lab, facilities for polygraph exams and physical training and other amenities of modern police work.

1985

- ◆ County adopts the 911 emergency system.

1987

- ◆ Maj. Richard G. Engels is named chief of police.
- ◆ Division receives accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforce-

ment Agencies (CALEA) for the first time; at that time, the division was one of only 47 agencies nationwide to earn the accreditation.

1988

- ◆ Citizens Advisory Committee is formed.

1989

- ◆ Division is accredited by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission for the first time.
- ◆ By the decade's end, the work schedule for uniform officers had further evolved to a 10-hour day, four-day-per-week schedule.

1990

- ◆ The standard .38 caliber weapons are replaced by the .45 caliber.

1991

- ◆ Division creates its first community officer position, heralding the onset of community policing.

1995

- ◆ Maj. Henry W. Stanley is appointed chief of police. Chief Stanley, who joined the force in 1962, has been a part of Henrico Police for nearly two-thirds of its existence.
- ◆ Seventeen residents graduate from the Division's first Citizens Police Academy.

1998

- ◆ Division headquarters are established at its current location, the Public Safety Building, 7721 E. Parham Road.

1999

- ◆ Dedication ceremonies held for the Police Memorial Monument.

2002

- ◆ Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services designates Henrico as a Certified Crime Prevention Community.

2003

- ◆ Division implements its Unusual Occurrence Plan in September after Hurricane Isabel and a tornado — within a few days of each other — cause widespread damage.

2005

- ◆ The .40 caliber Austrian-made Glock replaces the Division's .45 caliber weapons.

2008

- ◆ Division opens state-of-the-art Animal Shelter.

HCTV–Channel 17 schedule

For program descriptions or more information, tune to the Comcast TV Guide channel 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 25 through May 31	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Inside Henrico Spring 2009 — mins TBA	Southern Man of Mystery: Edgar Allan Poe — 37 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	The Permit Center — 15 mins	Safe Waters Ahead: Henrico's Marine Patrol — 33 mins
Jun 1 through Jun 7	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Never Forget: Henrico Cold Cases III (Schantz/Ripka) — mins TBA	Soaring Free: Bird Watching in Henrico — 24 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Dr. John Mosby Sheppard of Meadow Farm 1817-1877 — 31 mins	Living With Autism — 28 mins
Jun 8 through Jun 14	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Spruce It Up! Landscape Gardening Made Easy — mins TBA	Senior Living in Henrico — 28 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Chronicles of the 49th: The Henrico County Police Academy — 45 mins	Garden Retreats: Stopping to Smell the Roses — 31 mins
Jun 15 through Jun 21	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Spinal Cord Injuries — mins TBA	By the People, For the People: Volunteering in Henrico County — 26 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Taking Flight: Stories of Modern Virginia Aviation — 51 mins	At Your Leisure: What's New in Henrico's Parks? — 26 mins
Jun 22 through Jun 28	Mon Wed Fri Sun	History of Lakeside — mins TBA	Inside Henrico Spring 2009 — mins TBA
	Tue Thu Sat	Pandemic 1918: A Diary of the Flu — 28 mins	Monticello: Thomas Jefferson's Dream — 25 mins
Jun 29 through Jul 5	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Your Other Mind: The Healing Power of Hypnotherapy — 26 mins	Weathering the Economic Storm: How to Prepare for and Survive a Layoff — 28 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Digging the Truth: Archaeology In and Around Henrico — 21 mins	The Iron Horse: Stories of Central Virginia Railroading — 32 mins

Henrico Fire seeks help for pets

The Division of Fire is seeking support for one of the smallest victims of household fires — the family pet.

When Henrico firefighters enter a burning apartment or home, they often encounter injured cats, dogs



and other animals. Pets can be especially vulnerable to smoke inhalation during a fire because they tend to

hide instead of escaping the building. And, because human oxygen masks don't fit properly on a pet's face, animal victims of smoke inhalation can be especially difficult to treat and provide life-sustaining oxygen.

To address this need, Henrico Fire is partnering with PetMask.com and county residents to raise funds to acquire animal oxygen masks for its stations and emergency vehicles. The Web site was started by 11-year-old Monica Plumb of Powhatan County; she received the Compassionate Kid Award from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals for her efforts.

Specially developed for companion animals by veterinarians, the cone-shaped masks are constructed with durable plastic and come in three sizes. Designed to seal snugly over a variety of pet muzzles, the mask can accommodate oxygen-breathing species ranging in size from a small bird, lizard or guinea pig to a large dog.

A pet oxygen mask set includes small, medium and large masks and



a padded equipment case, a \$70 expense. Henrico Fire hopes to place at least one set at each station and on each engine, truck and fire medic unit — more than 30 sets in all. Currently, nine sets have been donated and have been placed at six stations and on three battalion chief vehicles.

To make a donation or for more information, log on to www.petmask.com or contact Henrico's Office of Emergency Management at 501-7183 or e-mail emergencymanager@co.henrico.va.us.

Student Government Day in Henrico



Students from Henrico County Public Schools took the reins of county government and schools administration last month during the 52nd annual Student Government Day. More than 160 seniors from eight high schools paired up with officials, learning the roles of supervisors, school board members, county manager, school superintendent and other officials. Student Government Day activities ended with a student-run Board of Supervisors meeting. Board members and county officials joined their student counterparts as they debated a number of measures, including construction of a fire station and prevention of underage drinking.

Recreation Roundup

Sat, May 23: The Doctor Is In
Find out how ailments were cured in the mid-1800s. Meadow Farm Museum. 1-3 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5520. *Event will also be held on Sat, June 27.*

Fri, June 5: Friday Night Family Reunion
Celebrate our newest recreational facility with music, entertainment and food. Hunton Community Center. 5-8:30 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5114.

Sat, June 6: Varina Day
Live music, community booths and children's activities. Dorey Park. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5121.

Sat, June 6: "Lee" Returns to Dabbs House
Learn about General Robert E. Lee's role as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia and life at his headquarters. Dabbs House Museum. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. Free. Info: 652-3411.

Sun, June 7 & 14: Walkerton Summer Concert Series
Enjoy free concerts on the lawn by some of the finest local musicians. Walkerton Tavern. 6 p.m. Free. Info: 261-6898. *This event will also be held on Sun, July 5 and 19 and Aug 2, 9 and 16.*

Tue, June 9: Nature Hike Series
For ages 50+. We will venture off the "beaten path" to trails that you may not know existed. Approximate distance is 1 mile. Dorey Park. 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Call to register. Info: 501-5137.

Tue & Wed, June 9 & 10: On-the-Air Radio Players
Featuring "The Maltese Falcon," an old-time radio show with live music, live sound effects and old commercials. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. 7:30 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5138.

Wed, June 10: Tools for Today's Economy
For ages 18+. Learn how to make sound financial decisions in a difficult economy. Belmont Recreation Center. 4-6 p.m. Free. Call to register. Info: 501-5990. *Event will also be held on Thur, July 16.*

Thur, June 11: Bluegrass Coffee-house
Come out for a jam session with fellow bluegrass musicians! Acoustic only. Dorey Recreation Center. 7-9 p.m. Free. Info: 261-6898 or 795-2334. *Event will also be held on Thur, July 9 and Aug 13 at Dorey Recreation Center and Fri, June 26 and July 31 at Walkerton Tavern.*

Sun, June 21: Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social
Treat your taste buds to Bruster's delicious ice cream and try some old-fashioned games while listening to some toe-tapping sounds. Walkerton Tavern. 4-6 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5134. *Event will also be held on Sun, Aug 23 at Antioch School Community Center.*

Wed, June 24: Rock the Block
For all ages. Enjoy live music, contests and games, face painting and more! Cheswick Park. 6-8 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5134. *Event will also be held on Wed, July 22 at Robinson Park and Aug 12 at Spring Park Historic Site in Lakeside.*

Thur, June 25: Henrico Community Band Summer Concert Series
Bring a lawn chair or sit in bleacher seating and listen to a variety of festive music. Deep Run Park Nature Pavilion. Free. 7 p.m. Info: 501-5115. *Event will also be held on Thur, July 30 and Aug 27.*

Sun, June 28: Henrico Concert Band Summer Concert Series
Bring a blanket or lawn chair and spend a casual evening in the park listening to your favorite band music. Dorey Park by the lake. 6 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5115. *Event will also be held on Sun, July 26 and Aug 30.*

Thur, July 2: Discovery Hunt
For ages 3-6 with an adult. Discover animals and objects hiding in plain sight in our historic facility. Walkerton Tavern. 10-11 a.m. Free. Call to register. Info: 261-6898.

Sat, July 4: Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration
Enjoy festive entertainment and activities for the entire family, including music, games and much more! Meadow Farm Museum/Crump

Park. 1-5 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5121.

Thur, July 9: Life at Headquarters
Learn about daily life at Civil War headquarters and Henrico's role in Civil War history. Children's activities and tours will be offered. Dabbs House Museum. 1-4 p.m. Free. Info: 652-3411. *Event will also be held on Thur, July 30.*

Sat, July 11: Meet the Critters
Join us for a special up-close look at our farm animals to find out if a turkey has ears, which animal is a rare breed, where wool comes from and more. Meadow Farm Museum. 9-11 a.m. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Fri, July 17: Concert on the Terrace
Grab a blanket and bring the family for a concert on the lawn featuring Richmond's own Rachel Leyco Band. Confederate Hills Recreation Center. 6-8 p.m. Free. Call to register by July 2. Info: 737-2859.

Sun, July 19: Hawaiian Luau
For ages 3-5 with an adult. Enjoy games, crafts, snack time and tropical music. Confederate Hills Recreation Center. 2-4 p.m. Free. Call to register. Info: 737-2859.

Sat, July 25: Letterboxing
Learn the basics of this unique hobby. Letterboxing is part treasure hunt, art and exploration. The Armour House. 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Call to register. Info: 343-3506.

Mon, July 27: General Fire Safety
For ages 16+. Learn all about fire safety at this extensive lecture given by the Henrico County Division of Fire. Dorey Recreation Center. 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Call to register. Info: 795-2334.

Fri, July 31: Chinese Folk Dance Troupe
Accompanied by traditional music, the Chinese Folk Dance Club will perform a Red Ribbon Dance, Yang Ge Dances and more from various regions of China. Twin Hickory Recreation Center. 7-8 p.m. Free. Call to register. Info: 217-9061.

Tue, Aug 4: Community Night Out
Join us for an awesome evening of games and leisure activities in celebration of National Night Out. Hidden Creek Recreation Center. 6-8:30 p.m. Free. Call to register by July 31. Info: 643-8302.

Fri, Aug 7: Kamp Kreatures Performance
Enjoy a wacky evening of fun and laughter for the whole family. Twin Hickory Recreation Center. 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Call to register. Info: 217-9061.

Sat, Aug 8: Tours of the Tavern
Share in the history and stories of this beautiful 19th-century building by wandering the tavern on your own or joining a guide. Walkerton Tavern. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Info: 261-6898.

Tue, Aug 11: Bill Zickafoose and the Continentals
Enjoy the best of the big band sound as the Division presents its 38th annual summer concert featuring Bill Zickafoose and the Continentals. Hermitage High School. 7-9 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5115.

Sat, Aug 15: AHOY MATEY! It's a Pirate's Paradise!
You won't want to miss this pirate-themed day of fun! Deep Run Park. 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Free. Info: 290-0305.

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

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