



Meals tax starts June 1 in county Levy will increase funding for schools

A 4 percent tax on prepared meals will take effect June 1 in Henrico County after being authorized by voters and approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The tax will apply to meals purchased from restaurants and certain items from convenience stores, deli counters and other businesses. Snack items as well as beverages and desserts that are bought separately from a meal will be exempt.

Henrico voters authorized the tax in a Nov. 5 referendum after officials had proposed the funding be allocated to Henrico County Public Schools. The Board of Supervisors in February adopted a meals tax ordinance that set the June 1 effective date and the parameters for what types of purchases would be taxed.

Before and since the referendum, Henrico officials have

been working with restaurants and other businesses to answer questions and to prepare them to begin collecting the tax. Those efforts will continue beyond June 1, said Gene H. Walter, director

The additional funds — \$9 million for operations and \$9 million for capital projects — have been allocated for schools

quests for fund allocations on a project-by-project basis, County Manager John A. Vithoulkas said.

Businesses must be certified to collect meals tax

To prepare businesses to begin collecting the meals tax, the Department of Finance hand-delivered information packets to about 1,200 restaurants and other businesses that had been identified as possibly selling prepared food and beverages in the county.

Of those businesses, about 600 had identified themselves as a restaurant in applying for

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of the Department of Finance. “We’re looking to educate and for a sincere effort to collect the tax correctly,” he said. “There is going to be a learning curve, and everybody understands that.”

Meals tax to generate \$18 million annually

The meals tax, known formally as a food and beverage tax, will require diners to pay an additional 4 cents for every dollar, or 40 cents for every \$10, spent on prepared food and beverages. Diners also pay a 5.3 percent state sales tax on food purchases.

The meals tax is expected to generate \$18 million annually, with an estimated 50 percent of the tax to be paid by nonresidents of Henrico, such as business travelers, tourists and others who come to the county for work or pleasure.

in the approved budget for fiscal year 2014-15, which begins July 1.

The budget’s general fund contribution to schools will be \$430.8 million — an increase of \$20.5 million, or 5 percent, from the current year’s plan. The additional funding for operations will allow the school division to avoid laying off employees and raising its pupil-teacher ratio, Budget Director W. Brandon Hinton said.

The new capital funds will be placed in a meals tax education reserve for use in maintaining and rehabilitating the division’s 72 school facilities — half of which are at least 50 years old.

The Board of Supervisors will consider School Board re-

Henrico budget meets ‘most pressing needs’ Plan boosts schools, public safety, roads; curbs use of reserves

Henrico County’s next annual budget will increase funding for schools, public safety and roads, and ease the draws on cash reserves that helped to sustain services through the recession.

The Board of Supervisors on April 22 voted unanimously to adopt a \$1.1 billion budget for fiscal 2014-15, which begins July 1. The budget includes a general fund of \$767.4 million to support general government and school operations.

The real estate tax rate will

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a county business license. The remaining 600 businesses have a Health Department permit or other state license to sell food — a group that would include gas stations, convenience and grocery stores, and concession stands, Walter said.

“We wanted to have a personal touch, so they’d be able to ask questions,” he said.

Each of those businesses must either apply for a certification of registration to collect the meals tax or submit a county form explaining why meals tax collections are not applicable. A frozen yogurt shop would be exempt, for example, if it sells only desserts and drinks, not meals, Walter said.

As of late-April, 778 businesses had responded with the necessary paperwork or explanations of their situation. Finance officials will follow up with the remaining businesses.

Final training session set for May 27

The department has organized a series of eight training sessions to answer questions from business owners and provide information on collecting the tax and filing the necessary paperwork. The meetings will conclude Tuesday, May 27 with a meeting set from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Training Center, 7701 E. Parham Road. Advance registration is requested but is not required.

To register or for information, contact Susan Layne at (804) 501-7354 or lay@co.henrico.va.us or go to www.co.henrico.va.us/finance/meals-tax-information.

A recent session, held at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, attracted nearly a dozen representatives of businesses, including a hotel, a caterer, a concessionaire, a food truck and an expanding pizzeria.

Finance officials answered questions about filing forms and submitting tax receipts. They also listened to concerns about the challenges that businesses face determining whether particular food items will be taxable.

For example, should the meals tax apply to hors d’oeuvres served at a reception or banquet? It depends on the type of food provided, Finance officials said.

The tax would apply to a spread consisting of heavier or heated items, such as small sandwiches, chicken wings or meatballs, but not to lighter fare, like a fruit and cheese platter or a variety of fresh-baked cookies, officials said. They offered to review menus in advance of special events to guide businesses and to ensure that the tax is being applied as uniformly as possible and narrowly, in keeping with the county’s ordinance.

“Really, what we’re looking for from everybody is a good-faith effort” to collect the tax when appropriate, Susan Layne, a Finance management specialist, told the group.

Businesses allowed to retain portion of receipts

To offset some of the new administrative requirements, Henrico’s meals tax ordinance allows businesses to retain 3 percent of their meals tax receipts. By law, the remaining 97 percent of the collections must be remitted to the county.

For example, for every \$100 collected in meals taxes, a business could deduct and keep \$3 if it files and pays the tax by its due date.

A majority of the payments will occur monthly and be due on the 20th day of the month after the taxes are collected. Henrico aligned its payment schedule to match when businesses already submit their state sales tax receipts, Walter said.

“We’ve tried to make it as business friendly as possible,” he said.

For information on the meals

What will be taxed?

A 4 percent meals tax will take effect June 1 in Henrico County. Here’s an overview of the types of purchases that will and will not be taxed, according to the Department of Finance.

At a restaurant or café:

- A sandwich or entrée? Yes.
- A cup of coffee or other drink alone? No.
- A dessert alone? No.
- A drink with a sandwich or entrée? Yes.
- A dessert with a sandwich or entrée? Yes.
- A carry-out or home-delivered pizza? Yes.
- A salad alone? Yes.
- A cup of coffee and a bagel, muffin or doughnut? No.

Made to order or served from a convenience store or a grocery store’s deli counter:

- A slice of hot pizza? Yes.
- A hot dog, bag of chips and fountain drink? Yes, for the hot dog.
- A single-serving, pre-packaged salad? No.
- Salads or sliced fruit by the pound? No.
- Sliced deli meat or cheese by the pound? No.
- A whole rotisserie chicken? No.
- A hot three- or six-piece chicken dinner with a side item and a roll? Yes.
- A hot, ready-to-eat breakfast sandwich? Yes.
- A doughnut, muffin or bagel? No.
- A whole cake or pie? No.
- A slice of cake or pie? No.
- A hot or cold sandwich? Yes.
- A container of cookies? No.

tax, go to www.co.henrico.va.us/finance/meals-tax-information. The site includes links to Henrico’s training schedule; the application for a certificate of registration to collect the meals tax; the exemption form for businesses not required to collect the meals tax; the meals tax ordinance; and general guidelines on the meals tax.

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remain at 87 cents per \$100 of assessed value — the lowest among the 15 most populous localities in Virginia.

County Manager John A. Vithoulkas said the budget reflects the first true increase in local revenues in six years — a sign that the recession’s grip continues to loosen.

Still, he noted the gains are slight and outpaced by expense increases. The county’s mix of new and higher costs will necessitate additional cuts of \$10.6 million through improved efficiencies, Vithoulkas said.

That means Henrico will have trimmed its budget and absorbed additional costs totaling \$126.1 million over the past five years, he said.

Overall, the fiscal 2014-15 budget calls for a 3.8 percent increase in expenses over the current year plan. The \$1.1 billion plan supports general government and school operations, as well as capital projects and special revenue, enterprise, debt service and internal service funds.

The budget is supported by stronger local revenues associated with recovering real estate assessments and a new, voter-backed meals tax, as well as a boost in state gasoline tax allocations for road maintenance.

The budget provides additional funding “for the county’s most pressing needs — schools, public safety and roads — while addressing long-term structural concerns in the county’s budget,” Vithoulkas said in a memo in

March that kicked off the board's budget review.

The plan also provides performance-based pay raises of 3 percent or less for general government and school employees depending on their length of service.

Education needs take priority

The general fund of \$767.4 million represents an increase of \$20.2 million over the current year's plan. Henrico County Public Schools will receive an additional \$20.5 million, which means general government departments and agencies will collectively see their funding drop by nearly \$300,000.

Schools will account for 56 percent of the general fund, or a total of \$430.8 million. Public safety will represent the second largest funding block, at 20.9 percent, or \$160.5 million.

The money set aside for schools will address "structural requirements" for student safety and security, support academics and student performance, and maintain existing average class sizes, Vithoukals said.

The additional support "was not put forward lightly," he added. "It is recommended in recognition of the fact that the success of our local schools is critical to our economic development efforts, our bond ratings and our quality of life. Expectations are high with this level of support."

The 4 percent meals tax, which voters authorized in a referendum last November, will take effect June 1 and provide an estimated \$18 million in fiscal 2014-15.

Vithoukals noted that "every dollar" from the tax is allocated to schools — \$9 million for operations and \$9 million for capital expenses — as promised in the referendum.

Public safety, roads emphasized

The budget also will provide additional funding for public safety and roads. The Division of Police will get a total of \$69 million for operations, which will support the hiring of 10 addition-

al police officers recommended in fiscal 2014-15 by the department's five-year staffing plan.

In addition, the capital projects budget will provide \$2 million toward a permanent police station in central Henrico. The existing Central Station opened in December in renovated space at Virginia Center Commons. The division also operates from stations in western and southern Henrico.

The capital budget also will provide \$39.1 million in debt financing for the replacement of the county's 800 megahertz radio communications system. The new system is being coordinated regionally and will replace technology that is old and increasingly obsolete.

Overall, the capital budget for the upcoming year totals \$103.1 million and supports a variety of projects, including new roofs and mechanical systems for schools and other buildings, utility system improvements, informational technology equipment, parks initiatives, replacement fire apparatus and police vehicles, and repairs to roads and bridges.

Budgetary limits forced Henrico to restrict capital spending this year to \$30.2 million.

For road maintenance, the Department of Public Works will receive \$43.1 million from the state's gas tax, an increase of \$14.4 million, in fiscal 2014-15. The 2013 General Assembly boosted Henrico's allocation per lane mile to reflect more closely the costs of road repairs and maintenance.

Henrico is one of two Virginia counties that maintains its own roads, and it is responsible for the third largest road system, behind the state and the city of Virginia Beach. The county's funds for road maintenance have been critical, with the costs of snow removal exceeding \$3 million this winter.

The fiscal 2014-15 budget will support a net increase of 10 positions in general government — the result of 13 vacant positions being eliminated or

held open and 23 positions being added in key areas.

The new positions include the 10 additional patrol officers and 10 staff members for the planned Libbie Mill Area and Varina Area libraries, which will open in 2015 and 2016, respectively, as well as three positions

Henrico gradually built up its reserves during years of economic prosperity under a policy that limited year-to-year budget growth. The county was able to draw on those funds when the economy faltered beginning in 2008, causing property values to fall and revenues to lag.

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in Public Works to comply with new state stormwater regulations.

Budget curbs use of reserves

The plan for fiscal 2014-15 takes significant steps to restore Henrico's "budgetary fiscal structure," Vithoukals said, by reducing and, in some cases, eliminating the use of one-time funding sources to cover ongoing expenses.

The budget designates \$17 million of recurring revenues to cover expenses previously funded with reserves.

With the economy improving, Vithoukals said it's time to begin restoring the cash reserves, which have dropped from more than \$250 million in fiscal 2008-09 to a projected \$147 million in fiscal 2014-15.

For the first time in six years, Henrico's real estate reassessments have increased — up 2.8 percent based on sales information through Dec. 31, 2013. New construction valued at \$271.6

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General Fund Expenditures

Education	\$430.8 million	56.1%
Public safety	\$160.5 million	20.9%
General government administration	\$53.9 million	7.0%
Public works	\$47.7 million	6.2%
Recreation and culture	\$32.3 million	4.2%
Community development	\$20.8 million	2.7%
Miscellaneous	\$11.8 million	1.5%
Judicial administration	\$7.9 million	1.0%
Public health	\$1.8 million	0.2%
Total:	\$767.4 million	

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million also has bolstered the tax rolls.

Even with evidence of an improving economy, Henrico's finances remain well below their pre-recession levels, Vithoulkas said.

"While increased property values are a welcome sign, the overall increase in the real estate tax base of \$1.1 billion only partially offsets the \$4 billion in tax base lost since 2009," he said. "Further, despite this increase in the tax base, the overall real estate tax base remains below 2007 levels."

Budget supports pay raises, offers retirement incentive

The budget will provide performance-based pay raises to county government and school system employees depending on their length of service.

Eligible employees will receive a 3 percent raise if they have at least three years of service and a 2.4 percent increase if they have one to three years of service. The raises will take effect Dec. 13.

"This strategy appropriately rewards the county's hard-working, dedicated employees who have surpassed their one-year probationary period," Vithoulkas said, praising the staff's efforts during four years of cost cuts.

To seek additional reductions, the budget supports a voluntary

program that will provide eligible employees with incentives to retire.

A similar program offered in fiscal 2012-13 generated at least \$2.7 million in savings as 98 vacated positions were kept unfilled, were reclassified at lower levels or were filled by employees at reduced salaries. The program is projected to generate at least \$1 million in savings if 50 employees participate in 2014-15.

For more information on the budget or prior years' budgets, go to www.co.henrico.va.us/budget.

To Arms! To Arms! Volunteers needed for 150th anniversary of key Henrico battle

Henrico's Division of Recreation and Parks is looking for volunteers to help staff and support a reenactment of the Battle of New Market Heights, a fight significant for the role played by African-American soldiers serving in the U.S. Colored Troops (USCT).

At least 50 volunteers are needed for the reenactment, set for Friday, Sept. 26 through Sunday, Sept. 28 at the Runnymede property near the Malvern Hill site of Richmond National Battlefield Park, 8750 Willis Church Road.

County officials anticipate up

to 1,500 reenactors and 10,000 spectators for the event marking the 150th anniversary of the battle. The weekend's schedule will feature demonstrations and tours for school groups on Friday and a total of three battle reenactments on Saturday and Sunday. It also will offer live performances of period music, popular food and merchandise from the era and educational activities for children.

"We're excited to commemorate this historic battle that took place on Henrico soil and bring to life an important moment in the county's — and our nation's — history," said Neil Luther, director of Recreation and Parks. "We need the support of our community volunteers to help make it happen."

Volunteers will help guide school tour groups, provide line and crowd control, and assist children's crafts and games, among other duties. Volunteers can work single or multiple shifts. They should be 16 or older and able to work outdoors on field terrain.

Volunteers can sign up and get additional information at www.civilwarhenrico.com or by contacting Anna Truong at tru08@co.henrico.va.us and (804) 501-2130. The deadline to

register is July 25.

The Battle of New Market Heights took place the morning of Sept. 29, 1864, as part of a broader Union assault against Confederate defenses southeast of Richmond.

Several regiments from the USCT, which had crossed the James River at Deep Bottom the night before, spearheaded an attack on elevated, entrenched Confederate positions along New Market Road near Four Mile Creek. At the same time, additional Union forces moved against Fort Harrison a little more than 2 miles to the west. USCT units suffered heavy casualties in the attack but dislodged Confederate forces from New Market Road; simultaneously, Union troops captured Fort Harrison.

Fourteen African-American soldiers received the Medal of Honor — the nation's highest military honor — for their heroism in combat at New Market Heights (18 African-American soldiers received the Medal of Honor over the course of the Civil War). Their actions helped dispel the notion, widely held at the time, that African-American soldiers were unfit for combat.



Sgt. Maj. Christian A. Fleetwood, serving in the 4th Regiment USCT, rescued the regimental colors during the initial assault on Confederate positions along New Market Road. He was one of 14 African-American soldiers to earn the Medal of Honor for heroism in combat at New Market Heights. Henrico will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the battle with a reenactment and other activities Sept. 26-28. (Original painting by Joseph Umble.)

HCTV–Channel 17 schedule

For program descriptions or more information, go to www.co.henrico.va.us/pr.



Even Hours	Odd Hours
Midnight, 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.	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 19 through May 25	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Standing Tall: Native Trees of Henrico County — 25 mins	Virginia: The Mother of Presidents — 41 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Inside Henrico: Spring 2014 Edition — 18 mins	J.E.B. Stuart: Bold Cavalier — 35 mins
May 26 through Jun 1	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Frozen in Time: The Ruins of the James River Steam Brewery — mins TBD	Make It Happen: What It Takes to Become a Henrico County Firefighter — 52 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	John Randolph Tucker: A Heritage of Law — 17 mins	E Pluribus Unum: The Changing Face of Henrico County — 29 mins
Jun 2 through Jun 8	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Four Centuries of Conflict and Confusion: The History of Dutch Gap — 22 mins	Hidden Beauty: The Wildflowers of Virginia — 29 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	SWAT: Henrico’s Special Weapons and Tactics Team — 19 mins	Therapeutic Recreation in Henrico County — 23 mins
Jun 9 through Jun 15	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Taking Flight: Stories of Modern Virginia Aviation — 51 mins	Ready to Respond: Police and Fire Rescue at Richmond International Airport — 25 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Soaring Free: Bird Watching in Henrico — 24 mins	A Fresh Set of Eyes: Restaurant Inspections in Henrico County — 22 mins
Jun 16 through Jun 22	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Raymond B. Pinchbeck Biography — mins TBD	Henrico’s Wild Side: Living with Creatures Among Us — 16 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Henrico’s Iron: Ironclad Battles on the James River — 25 mins	Garden Retreats: Stopping to Smell the Roses — 31 mins
Jun 23 through Jun 29	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Arthur Ashe Biography — mins TBD	The Four Legged Force: Life in Henrico’s K-9 Unit — 34 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Living Among Us: A Closer Look at the Bugs to Beware — 25 mins	Lewis Ginter: A Quiet Contribution — 31 mins

Springfield Road landfill to close June 30

Public use area will remain open for residents

After a nearly 50-year run, the Springfield Road landfill — Henrico's last county-owned and -operated landfill — will close June 30.

The closure will affect only commercial waste haulers, who will deliver their loads to other landfills as of July 1. County residents still will be able to bring their own trash, yard waste and recyclables to the landfill's public use area.

"Nothing will change for Henrico residents who utilize the public use area," said Jon Clary, director of the division of solid waste and recycling. "The operating hours and fees will remain the same."

Residents can continue to bring trash to the public use area,

located at 10600 Fords Country Lane in northwestern Henrico, for \$3 per trip. Yard waste can be dropped off free of charge, and mulch will remain available at no cost. Recycling drop-off will continue to be free as well. The public use area is open 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days per week, with the exception of a handful of holidays.

Likewise, the county's 43,500 residential curbside trash-collection customers will not notice any changes to their service, Clary said.

Henrico will open a transfer station July 1 to receive waste from the public use area and from the county's curbside collection program. The waste then will be trucked to other landfills. The transfer station will not accept waste from commercial haulers, and it will not be open to the public.

Clary estimates the transfer station will handle about 50,000 tons of solid waste annually. The Springfield Road landfill has received an average of about 95,000 tons per year, he said, with some years exceeding

100,000 tons.

Over the years that waste has grown into a mound that would rival a 30-story building. The landfill, with more than 100 acres allotted for waste disposal, will soon reach its permitted capacity of about 3.5 million tons, Clary said.

Work to cap the landfill will begin in spring 2015. Crews will cover the remaining operating section with a 1½-foot layer of soil followed by a geomembrane liner — a tough and durable but flexible plastic sheeting. The liner then will be topped with another 2-foot layer of soil, seeded with grass and covered with straw, Clary said.

When it opened in 1966, the Springfield Road facility was located on the road that provided its name. Construction of Interstate 295 bisected Springfield Road, however, and separated the landfill from the road. Access to the landfill since has been available from Nuckols Road near its intersection with I-295.

Springfield Road was the second of Henrico's three sanitary landfills. The first, on Nine

Mile Road, operated from 1953 to 1978. The third landfill opened on Charles City Road in 1978 and was sold to a private company in 2004.

Clary said the county does not plan to open a new landfill.

"Due to siting, proximity to residential housing, environmental concerns and because there is sufficient capacity in proximity to the county, we chose not to develop another landfill," he said.

One operation at the Springfield Road landfill will continue for a number of years. Since 2010 a private company has contracted with the county to generate electricity using the methane gas produced naturally by the decomposing organic waste buried there. The landfill should continue to produce usable quantities of methane for at least another decade.

For more information about the Springfield Road public use area and Henrico's curbside trash-collection program, go to www.co.henrico.va.us/utility/solid-waste/.

New Firehouse 9 to be dedicated May 17

Henrico County will dedicate the new Regency Area Firehouse 9, at 9401 Quiocasin Road, on Saturday, May 17.

The ceremony, which is open to the public, will begin at 10 a.m. and feature remarks by county officials, refreshments, face painting, a children's safety house and fire truck demonstrations.

At 11,160 square feet, the facility is about three times larger than the station built on the site in 1964. Henrico voters approved funding for the \$4.9 million project through a 2005 bond referendum.

The new building houses an engine company, a fire medic unit and an attack pumper. It features three apparatus bays,



a larger dayroom and kitchen, a workout room, a training room and office space. A fire captain and 18 firefighters, working in groups of six in three rotating shifts, serve the station.

The Division of Fire moved into the station in September,

which allowed the former station — formally known as Fire Station 9 — to be cleared for a parking area. In opening the new facility, Fire has adapted the name slightly to reflect the station's service area.

Henrico designed the new

firehouse to meet energy-saving Silver standards of the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

Recreation Roundup

Sat, May 17: May Play Day

Take part in old-fashioned family fun including music, games, crafts and home and garden tours. Concessions available for purchase. The Armour House and Gardens. 2-5 p.m. Info: 343-3506.

Ice Cream Socials

Treat the family to free Bruster's ice cream, listen to the music of the Henrico Concert Band, play your favorite backyard games and tour the historic buildings. **Sun, May 18:** Clarke-Palmore House Museum, 4-6 p.m. Info: 652-3409; **Sun, Jun 15:** Walkerton Tavern. 4-6 p.m. Info: 261-6898.

Thu, May 22: Senior Party in the Park

Enjoy music, games, demonstrations, exhibits, food and more. *Ages 50 and above.* Eastern Henrico Recreation Center. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: 262-4924.

Sun, Jun 1: Art in the Afternoon

Take in art and history exhibits at

Virginia Randolph Museum, Walkerton Tavern, The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen and Meadow Farm. Door prizes will feature works by local artisans. 1-4 p.m. Info: 261-6898.

Tue & Wed, Jun 3-4: On-the-Air Radio Players

Be a part of the studio audience for a live performance and taping of "You Heard it Here First," featuring winners from the fourth annual script-writing competition. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. 7:30 p.m. Info: 501-5859.

Henrico Community Band in the Park

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy your favorite band music on Thursdays **Jun 26, Jul 31** and **Aug 28.** Nature Pavilion at Deep Run Park. 7 p.m. Info: 501-5859.

Sat, Jun 28: Pow Wow on the Landing

This special event will feature a traditional opening ceremony and

drum and dance performances by Youghtanund, an inter-tribal Native American drum group. Concessions available for purchase. Osborne Park and Boat Landing. Noon-6 p.m. Info: 270-2161.

Sat, Jun 28: Hidden Creek Community Day

Enjoy music, games, arts and crafts and other family-friendly activities. Hidden Creek Park. 1-4 p.m. Info: 290-0305.

Henrico Concert Band in the Park

Take in more live outdoor music on Mondays **Jun 30, Jul 28** and **Aug 25.** The lake at Dorey Park. 7 p.m. Info: 501-5859.

Fri, Jul 4: Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration

Celebrate America's independence at this annual Henrico favorite, with a variety of traditional patriotic entertainment. New in 2014: Kids can get wet in the Pirate Play Area. Concessions available for

purchase. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. 1-5 p.m. Info: 270-2161.

Tue, Jul 15: The Continentals Enjoy big band sound at the 43rd annual summer concert. Glen Allen High School auditorium. 7 p.m. Info: 501-5859.

Wed-Sat, Jul 30-Aug 2: Henrico Teen Theatre Co.

The whole family can enjoy this reimagining of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." *Reservations required.* The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Info: 501-5859.

Programs are free and open to everyone except where noted. For additional activities, see "At Your Leisure," our catalog of events and classes, available at www.henricorecandparks.com, Henrico libraries and by calling (804) 501-7275.

Library Lineup

Thu, May 22: Vegan Recipes

Jessica Schaudt, author and blogger on www.thefamilyvegan.com, will discuss eating and cooking vegan and demonstrate recipes from her cookbook, "Spring Vegan." *Registration required.* Twin Hickory Area Library. 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9200.

Mon, Jun 2: 2014 Summer Reading Club

Sign up begins at all Henrico public libraries. Participants who meet their goal will be eligible to win a mini iPad. *All ages.* Info: 290-9000.

Sat, Jun 14: Tracing Your Family Tree

Instructors from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will discuss resources and help you get started on your family research. Varina Branch Library. 2-4 p.m. Info: 290-9800.

Fizz, Boom, READ! Kickoff

Help launch the 2014 Summer

Reading Club with Hope Harris and her award-winning musical show. **Mon, Jun 16:** Dumbarton Area Library. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Info: 290-9400; and Fairfield Area Library. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Info: 290-9300. **Tue, Jun 17:** Tuckahoe Area Library. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Info: 290-9100; and Twin Hickory Area Library. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Info: 290-9200.

Sat, Jun 21: Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Enjoy drawings for prizes, games and refreshments. North Park Branch Library. 2-4 p.m. Info: 290-9700.

Taiko Drumming

Teens and tweens can "get their drumming on" with huge Japanese Taiko drums. Tampa Taiko will perform, followed by audience participation. **Mon, Jul 7:** Eastern Henrico Recreation Center. 1-2 p.m. Info: 290-9300; and Dumbarton Area Library. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Info: 290-9400. **Wed, Jul 9:** Tuckahoe Area Library. 3-4 p.m. Info: 290-9100; and Twin Hickory Area Library. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Info: 290-9200.

Tue, Jul 8: International Music Concert

Enjoy Arabic music performed by Variations. Twin Hickory Area Library. 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9200.

Mon, Jul 14: Rubber Band Bracelets

Teens and tweens can learn to make a basic rubber band bracelet. Materials provided. *Registration required.* Glen Allen Branch Library. 3-4:30 p.m. Info: 290-9500.

Thu, Jul 17: Music with Fred & Julie James

This mix of story-telling, traditional folk tunes and creative movement is designed to engage young audiences. Gayton Branch Library. 4-5 p.m. Info: 290-9600.

Sat, Jul 19: Origami Workshop

Learn about basic origami techniques and patterns, then make your own to take home. *Ages 5-12.* Fairfield Area Library. 2-4 p.m. Info: 290-9300.

Thu, Jul 31: Engineering Art with Lego

Participants will work with a partner to build a spin art machine with Lego and gears. *Ages 7-9; registration required.* Dumbarton Area Library. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Info: 290-9400.

Events are free and open to everyone. For more information go to www.henricolibrary.org, email library@henricolibrary.org, or call (804) 290-9000.

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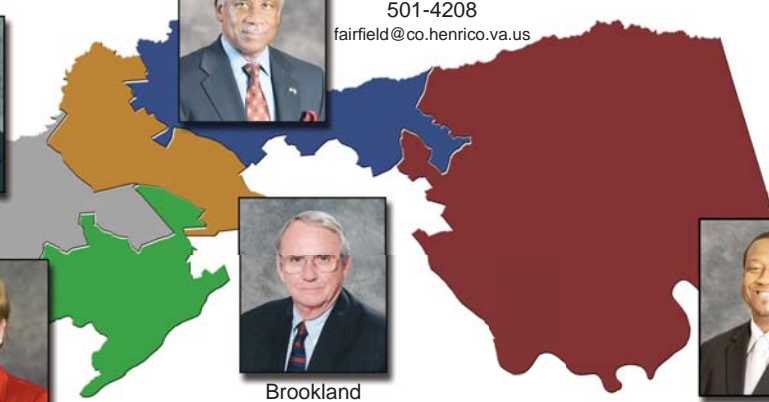
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Health Clinic - East.....	652-3190
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Human Resources.....	501-4628
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Recycling Collection (CVWMA).....	340-0900
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