



## Fighting the Asian tiger mosquito —Action needed to combat neighborhood menace

Henrico residents, it's time to meet the new guy on the block — *Aedes albopictus*, the Asian tiger mosquito.

Chances are pretty good, however, that you've already been introduced to your aggressive little neighbor, identifiable by its daytime-biting habits and the telltale bright white stripes on



The Asian tiger mosquito — note the white stripes — is making life miserable in many Henrico backyards this summer. Weekly inspections for pockets of standing water around your home can help control the pest.

its back and legs.

But you may not realize the tiger mosquito has moved onto your street because you — or someone else in your neighborhood — invited it. You're providing it a home and a safe place to reproduce. And, like it or not, you're feeding it.

"The Asian tiger mosquito is a backyard breeder," said Environmental Engineer Randy Buchanan, who heads the efforts of Henrico's Standing Water Initiative Team. "It has adapted to reproduce in artificial containers around our yards and take blood meals from humans."

Not surprisingly, the county receives more complaints about the tiger than any of the 15 species of biting mosquitoes found in Henrico, Buchanan noted. But the tiger typically stays within 300 yards of its birth site. If it is causing problems for a particular home or street, it most likely

is reproducing at that particular home or street.

The irony isn't lost on Buchanan.

"Our lack of attention to (the tiger mosquito) has allowed it to colonize our residential communities," he said. "It is currently reducing the quality of life in our neighborhoods, and it has the po-

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## Electric garbage —Henrico set to convert landfill methane into power, profits

Now here's a way to make use of a lot of hot air.

Henrico garbage — specifically, the methane gas that's

emitted when the garbage decomposes — will soon be generating electricity, enough to power hundreds of homes. That "green" energy will generate another kind of green for Henrico — a few hundred thousand dollars in extra revenue each year.

The county has contracted Henrico-based company Ingenco Distributed Energy to install and operate an LFG (landfill gas) power plant at the county's Springfield Road Landfill. The plant, which could be running within the next year, will generate up to 4 megawatts of electricity for Ingenco and between \$200,000 to \$400,000 annually for county coffers.

The project is cost-free for Henrico, one of several benefits noted by Solid Waste Director Steve Yob.

"This power plant will make use of methane — a source of green energy — which otherwise would be wasted," Yob said. "So we're making a beneficial product out of a waste product. But we're also earning additional revenue for the county. That will translate into enhanced services for residents."

Henrico County Energy Manager Jerry Walker pointed out another potential benefit and source of revenue — receiving greenhouse gas credits from the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Methane and carbon dioxide, which is also a byproduct of landfill garbage, are both powerful greenhouse gases that contribute to air pollution and global climate change.

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Henrico's Springfield Landfill will soon be the site of an LFG (landfill gas) power plant like this one in New Bern, N.C. The plant will use methane emitted by the landfill's garbage to generate electricity.

lose situation for the county," Walker said.

At the Springfield Road Landfill, 116 of the site's 190 acres contain organic waste — anything once living that bacteria can break down — that naturally produces landfill gas when it decomposes. Landfill gas is comprised of roughly equal parts methane and carbon dioxide; methane, the primary component of natural gas, is a significant, non-fossil fuel energy source.

The EPA reports that landfills account for nearly 25 percent of the nation's human-related methane emissions, but landfill gas generated at Springfield landfill is not released into the atmosphere. The county captures its LFG with a control system that reduces off-gassing and odors.

But this LFG, produced at a rate of 900 cubic feet per minute, currently goes unused — it is simply burned off in a flare.

That's where Ingenco comes in. The company would tap into the Springfield control system, re-routing the gas to an onsite power plant. The facility, a one-story steel frame building measuring approximately 50-feet by 100-feet, houses six refurbished diesel truck engines hooked to electric

generators. The engines use the methane in the LFG to run the generators and produce electricity; in the process, the remaining carbon dioxide is destroyed.

"It really isn't a complicated process," Yob said, adding that the facility is designed to start quickly to meet peak demand times.

Ingenco, which typically sells its electricity on the open market, currently operates six similar LFG power plants in Virginia and others in North Carolina, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Henrico conducted noise studies on one of Ingenco's existing facilities and found it had minimal impact on nearby neighborhoods.

"You won't see the plant, hear the plant or smell the plant unless you're standing next to it," Walker said. "It will be a non-entity as far as the local community is concerned."

An LSG plant at Springfield Landfill could be generating electricity — and revenue for the county — for a generation. The landfill, which is expected to reach capacity and be covered in 2011, should continue producing methane for 15 to 20 years thereafter.

## Fighting the Asian tiger mosquito — continued —

tential to be the vector of our next mosquito-borne disease outbreak.

"But we can control it with just a few simple, consistent steps."

### Transoceanic stowaway

The Asian tiger mosquito is a relative newcomer to Virginia and Henrico, first arriving in the early 1990s. It set down roots in the United States 25 years ago, traveling here from East and Southeast Asia as a stowaway in shipments of secondhand tires. The worldwide trade in used tires has facilitated the mosquito's ongoing expansion across the globe.

Old tires, whether in the hold of a transoceanic container ship or in a stack behind a shed, often collect small amounts of water. A small amount — only two tablespoons — is plenty for the tiger mosquito and its eggs, which require just seven days to hatch and mature. Many common backyard items, ranging from tires to plastic tarps to plant holders, can easily provide a reservoir for that seemingly insignificant amount of water.

"The Asian tiger only breeds in tree holes or artificial containers, not in puddles or anything with a dirt bottom," Buchanan said. "If residents are being bitten, it means the mosquito is breeding in containers nearby — containers they've made available to the mosquito."

Of course, being a neighborhood nuisance is different than posing a health threat, and entomologists and public health officials continue to debate the Asian tiger's potential for promoting disease. To this point, it has not proven to be an efficient vector of West Nile virus in central Virginia. But the mosquito has been associated with recent outbreaks in Italy and Indian Ocean islands of chikungunya, a potentially fatal disease that causes severe muscle and joint pain.

"(Chikungunya) is not here yet, but Asian tiger mosquitoes

are here, and they're biting," Buchanan said. "We need to control them while we have the chance."

### Backyard breeders

Controlling the tiger is more about public awareness and participation than the application of pesticide. A regular backyard survey for artificial sources of standing water during the April-October mosquito season is a good start.

"If you have a mosquito problem, the first place to check is your own property," he said. "A weekly inspection to eliminate hidden pockets of water — their breeding sites — can go a long way to diminishing the problem."

The list of the top breeding sites for the Asian tiger reads like an inventory of items common to any backyard:

- ◆ Corrugated drain pipes, downspout extensions and yard drains
- ◆ Plastic tarps hiding pockets of water in their folds
- ◆ Items often stored behind a shed or beneath a wooden deck or stairs, such as buckets, tires, flower pots and trays
- ◆ Roof gutters, uncovered trash cans and inverted trash can lids
- ◆ Children's toys, wading pools and sandboxes

Buchanan stressed the need for consistency.

"We encourage residents to pick one day each week to inspect their property and dump out any containers holding water," he said.

Standing water in some breeding sites, such as corrugated pipes and downspouts, can be more difficult to eliminate. Buchanan recommended treating those with an environmentally friendly larvicide found in hardware and garden stores.

### Spottswood success

Henrico's Standing Water Initiative Team is available to provide a free mosquito inspection and additional guidance for county homeowners. But because an Asian tiger infestation affects more than just individual properties, the team is spearheading the

Community Mosquito Awareness Initiative to address the problem at the neighborhood level.

"If you're inspecting your property, but your neighbor isn't, the problem won't be going away," Buchanan said.

Accordingly, the Community Mosquito Awareness Initiative depends on neighborhood-wide participation to be effective. After the team provides initial guidance and support, a local resident acts as leader, distributing information to neighbors and encouraging weekly property inspections.

The approach has worked well in Spottswood Park, near Ridge and Forest roads. Residents contacted Buchanan in 2007, seeking relief from an Asian tiger invasion.

"The mosquitoes were making life miserable for the neighborhood," he said. "Kids couldn't go outside to play; if they did, they would come home looking like they had chicken pox."

Buchanan and his team provided information and started Spottswood Park on the weekly inspection regimen. Strong leadership from within the community helped the neighborhood sustain the effort.

Two years later, the quality of life for Spottswood Park residents has improved dramatically. Trap counts taken by the Standing Water Initiative Team show the mosquito population has decreased by an estimated 90 percent. Young people report being able to play in their yards again.

Buchanan noted that pesticides were not used in Spottswood Park.

"Neighbors working together to remove standing water can eliminate or substantially reduce their problems with the Asian tiger mosquito," he said.

To request a free mosquito inspection of your property or a presentation for your neighborhood association or civic group, contact Henrico's Standing Water Initiative Team at 226-NILE (6453).



## Henrico programs lead the way in NACo competition

Tight budgets in fiscal year 2009 couldn't keep the creative juices from flowing for Henrico staff, as nearly two dozen programs developed by county employees last year have been recognized for their innovation by a national association.

Henrico County has received 23 Achievement awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo), more than any Virginia locality and third-most nationally, trailing only Los Angeles and San Diego counties. The awards were presented at the 2009 NACo annual conference, held July 24-28 in Nashville, Tenn.

The NACo Achievement Award Program recognizes groundbreaking county government programs annually in a broad range of service areas, including education, administration, parks and recreation, health and human services. The award program began in 1970 as part of a nationwide campaign to modernize county government and improve its level of service.

Henrico's total represents the most Achievement awards the county has garnered in 15 years. County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. noted that staff members excelled despite frozen departmental budgets county-wide.

"Henrico County never stops looking for exceptional ideas and new ways to serve our residents," Hazelett said. "This holds true whether the economy is strong or whether it is struggling, like now."

"Developing cutting-edge programs is always a key part of our mission to provide the best service possible for our residents," he said.

NACo honored Henrico programs developed and implemented by 11 county agencies

last year. The awards continue the county's tradition of providing innovative services to residents. Henrico programs have received 131 NACo Achievement awards since 2000. For more information, log on to [www.co.henrico.va.us](http://www.co.henrico.va.us) or [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org).

Programs receiving awards were:

- **"Address Change Initiative,"** Public Relations & Media Services; this public information campaign successfully encouraged residents to vote to change most county mailing addresses from "Richmond" to "Henrico" as part of an effort to stop the misdirection of millions of dollars each year in tax revenues mistakenly paid to the City of Richmond;
- **"Teen Job Preparatory Program,"** Mental Health and Retardation Services; designed to help youth ages 14-15 develop skills, attitudes and behaviors for the workplace, this program includes nine months of pre-employment training followed by a six-week summer job; it also features entrepreneurial training and an annual Teen Job Symposium;
- **"Individual Supported Employment Program,"** Mental Health and Retardation Services; this effort helps adults with intellectual disabilities obtain and maintain employment by teaching clients resume' writing, interview behavior and other job skills; in addition, the program provides on-site job training and support for clients;
- **"Publicizing the Real Estate Tax Relief Program,"** Fi-

nance; this outreach effort to eligible residents not participating in the county's Real Estate Advantage Program (REAP) used informational brochures, multi-media presentations at public meetings, Web site applications and a television program created by Henrico's HCTV to boost REAP applications by more than 50 percent over a three-year period;

- **"Development of a Formal Employee Training Program,"** Finance; to better manage a steadily increasing number of business and resident tax returns filed with the Revenue Division, this initiative assimilates new employees into the division's operations quickly and cross-trains existing staff to provide ongoing continuity and assistance;
- **"Back to Basics with Litter**



**and Recycling,"** Public Utilities; Keep Henrico Beautiful (KHB) created and implemented this school lesson plan and bulletin board kit to teach students in grades K-2 about litter, recycling and the environment; KHB presented the program to more than 4,600 students in 241 Henrico classrooms;- **"Case Management Model,"** Social Services; a new system designed to help the agency's Families and Children staff

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manage caseloads more efficiently and effectively;

- **“Books on Wheels,”** Public Library; as part of an outreach effort to join forces with other literacy organizations, staff at Twin Hickory Area Library held a book-and-bike donation drive for the nonprofit organization Books on Wheels; the effort raised more than 1,700 books, 31 bikes and 12 helmets;
- **“Linking Libraries, Communities & Cultures,”** Public Library; the “All Henrico Reads” annual literacy project featuring the work of author Julia Alvarez focused on stories of the Hispanic immigrant experience in the United States and was designed to reach out to Henrico’s Hispanic community while encouraging discussion on immigration and other topics;
- **“AHA Heartsavers First Aid, CPR and AED Certification,”** Recreation and Parks; aiming to certify its staff in the American Heart Association’s emergency-response techniques, the division created a team of certified instructors who subsequently trained other division employees; some 330 staff members were certified in the program’s initial seven months;
- **“Event Management: The ICS Way,”** Recreation and Parks; modeled after the Incident Command System used by Henrico Fire and other public safety agencies, this program helps Recreation and Parks manage its special events more efficiently;
- **“Playground Replacement and Accessibility/Inclusion Initiative,”** Recreation and Parks; the division used on-staff playground and recreation-therapy experts to guide the acquisition of new state-of-the-art playground equipment accessible to children with a wide range of disabilities;
- **“School Resource Officer/DARE Leadership Program,”** Police; designed to enhance the effectiveness of the division’s school resource officers, this effort provides additional training to help officers further develop leadership and mentoring skills;
- **“The Right Person in the Right Job for the Right Reason — Every Time!,”** Human Resources; a new hiring process, this program adopts a group format to train hiring managers and uses pre-screening questions to help managers evaluate job applicants;
- **“The Value of In-House Experts: Connecting the GIS Community,”** Human Resources and Public Works; two agencies combined resources to take advantage of experts already on staff to develop a customized training program in Geographic Information System applications for employees; the program saved the county nearly \$50,000 in its first year;
- **“Building Strength on Fathers Initiative,”** Schools; designed to increase the involvement of fathers and positive male role models in Henrico schools through targeted programs;
- **“Children’s Engineering for Elementary Schools,”** Schools; this program integrates STEM education (science, technology, engineering, math) into the elementary classroom through hands-on, age-appropriate, technology-based activities;
- **“Springer Day Care: Nurturing Today, Preparing for Tomorrow,”** Schools; high school students in the early childhood education program at Highland Springs Technical Center get real-world experiences, learn child develop-

ment and child-care concepts while working in the full-day Springer Day Care preschool lab;

- **“Recipe4Success,”** Schools; designed to address the nutritional, physical activity and family needs of students, this after-school program at Wilder Middle School provides math and homework tutoring, aerobic-fitness activities including swimming lessons and a chef academy that teaches math and cooking skills;
- **“Ride and Read Action-Based Learning,”** Schools; as part of a plan to incorporate physical activity throughout its curriculum, the new Harvie Elementary School provides stationary bike stations for student use in the library, hallways and physical education classes, while teachers and adult visitors have designated bike stations as well;
- **“Using Technology for Recruiting Teachers,”** Schools; this effort uses two-way video/audio conferencing with various universities to increase undergraduate awareness of teaching opportunities in technology education in Henrico schools;
- **“2010 Redistricting Project: A Community-Led Process,”** Schools; faced by years of enrollment growth and a need for systemwide redistricting, Henrico Schools adopted a community approach, forming a 70-member volunteer committee to guide a process that emphasized transparency and community engagement;
- **“Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) Program,”** Schools; part of a national safe-school initiative, this program at Hungary Creek Middle School features a father or father figure who supports school staff by greeting students, monitoring activity on campus, assisting in the classroom and hallways and mentoring students.

## Small steps, big gains —Program honors youth for completing foster care, probation

*(Editor’s note: The last names of many individuals referenced in this story have been omitted to protect their identities.)*

Success and redemption were abundant earlier this summer at the Stepping Stones award program, held each year by Henrico’s Probation and Social Services departments to celebrate Henrico young people who have overcome significant adversity in their lives.

### Leis

For Leis, problems with truancy produced poor grades in school but reflected larger issues of neglect and abuse at home. Placed in a Henrico foster home, she soon found a new interest in school and turned a corner. The rising senior at Hermitage High School is now thriving, a top student and a member of the Future



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# 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](http://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.

		Even Hours	Odd Hours
<b>Aug 10 through Aug 16</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Kanawha Canal/Bosher's Dam</b> — mins TBA	<b>Moving the Message: Public Relations &amp; Media Services</b> — 21 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Turning Point: Inside Henrico's Drug Court</b> — 37 mins	<b>A Community's Spirit: Historic Tales of Highland Springs</b> — 25 mins
<b>Aug 17 through Aug 23</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>The Coal Mines of Henrico</b> — 24 mins	<b>Voices from Mountain Road: The Historic Mountain Road Corridor</b> — 36 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Angels of Agriculture: The Plight of Henrico's Honeybees</b> — 20 mins	<b>Weathering the Economic Storm: How to Prepare for and Survive a Layoff</b> — 28 mins
<b>Aug 24 through Aug 30</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>While You Sleep, Henrico Works for You</b> — 25 mins	<b>4-H: Making the Best Better</b> — 26 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>No Way Back: Coping with Alzheimer's</b> — 29 mins	<b>R.I.S.E. – Recovery in a Secure Environment</b> — 30 mins
<b>Aug 31 through Sep 6</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Inside Henrico: Summer 2009</b> — mins TBA	<b>The Promise Fulfilled: The History of Henrico County Public Schools</b> — 31 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Southern Man of Mystery: Edgar Allan Poe</b> — 37 mins	<b>Battles with Parkinson's Disease</b> — 31 mins
<b>Sep 7 through Sep 13</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Infant Hearing Screenings</b> — mins TBA	<b>Soaring Free: Bird Watching in Henrico</b> — 24 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>At Your Leisure: What's New in Rec and Parks Programming?</b> — 27 mins	<b>Beyond the Palisade: Life in 17th Century Henrico</b> — 34 mins
<b>Sep 14 through Sep 20</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Greetings from Lakeside: Past, Present and Future</b> — 33 mins	<b>Henrico Police Athletic League</b> — 25 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Spruce It Up! Landscape Gardening Made Easy</b> — 31 mins	<b>Living with Autism</b> — 28 mins

## Small steps, big gains — continued —

Business Leaders of America, nominee to the Congressional Youth Council and varsity soccer player.

“My foster parents have helped me become who I am today,” she said. “I’ve learned everything is not about what people think of you — it’s what you make of what you have.”

### Rodney

After watching his mother and father abuse substances and alcohol as a boy, Rodney admitted he was an angry young man when he first met his foster parents. He soon became a “true member of the family,” however, and his outlook — and performance in school — changed.

The recent graduate of Henrico High School now has designs on a new future — literally. He plans to spend two years at a local community college before pursuing his dream of studying fashion design in London.

“These people stayed on me to finish my class work when I didn’t want to,” Rodney said, acknowledging his foster parents, social worker and others. “They pushed me through and fought for me. I know they will always be there.”

### Jacob

As a teenager, Jacob was living in a home with a substance abusing mom, failing school and frequently finding himself in trouble — a combination that made him a familiar face to the staff in Henrico’s juvenile probation office.

He knew he didn’t want to remain on probation, however, so he found the motivation to improve his grades and earn a high school diploma. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy, which he now serves as a recruiter; he also is married and raising a family of his own.

“I want to try to help other troubled young people improve their lives,” Jacob said.

Leis, Rodney and Jacob were

among nine young people honored by their case workers, probation officers, court officials, foster parents, family and friends at the sixth annual Stepping Stones program. The ceremony recognizes Henrico youth for “making stepping stones out of stumbling blocks” and completing their juvenile probation or foster care service plan goals.

Other honorees were Danny, Karen, Wayne, Melody, Shatoria and Shariay. Like Leis, Rodney and Jacob, they are completing their high school education, planning for college or career training; several are employed and living independently.

The ceremony combined the efforts of several county agencies, including the Community Corrections Program, James River Juvenile Detention Center, Henrico Juvenile Detention, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and the 14th District Court Service Unit. Henrico County Community Partners, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides fund-raising support for local criminal justice programs, sponsored the event.

The young people received savings bonds to help fund their tuition, apartment fees, savings or other future plans. They also were presented signed copies of “Big Stone Gap,” the acclaimed novel by Virginia author Adriana Trigiani, and baseballs autographed by Justin Verlander, the Goochland native and All-Star pitcher of the Detroit Tigers.

They also heard an inspirational message from Angel Bartlett, a Hampton-based motivational speaker who could empathize with their struggles, having grown up in Virginia foster homes herself.

“Everything in life is a step. Sometimes you take a step and you stumble,” Bartlett said. “But your job is to build yourself back up and be confident in everything you do.”

“There is so much more to life (than the juvenile justice system),” she said. “The world is waiting on you.”

## Henrico Harvest Fair is Sept. 19

**S**weltering in the summer heat? The Henrico Master Gardener Association (HMGA) can get you ready for the crisp mornings and shorter days of fall at the second annual Henrico Harvest Fair, set for Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Armour House and Gardens at Meadowview Park, 4001 Clarendon Road.



The second annual Henrico Harvest Fair, set for Sept. 19 at the Armour House and Gardens, will offer a variety garden-related products, demonstrations and hands-on activities for adults and children.

The Henrico Harvest Fair will feature an array of classes, products and demonstrations for the entire family. Activities include more than 20 classes on garden-related topics ranging from fall vegetable gardening, landscaping with native plants and gardening for butterflies to building a rain barrel and creating sustainable

landscapes. Classes for children grades K-5 also will be available. Horticulture experts from area businesses and service agencies will lead the classes.

In addition, the event will feature Brent Heath of Brent and Becky’s Bulbs and Varina District Supervisor Jim Donati, as well as demonstrations of beekeeping, pruning, composting and hands-on activities for children. HMGA will hold its Green Elephant Sale of garden books, tools and plants. Garden-related vendors will be on hand to display and sell their products and services. Lunch can

be purchased at the event, which will take place rain or shine.

Admission to the Henrico Harvest Fair is free. A \$10 pre-registration fee will cover all adult classes, which will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis; participants registering after Sept. 4 will pay \$12. Rain barrel and hypertufa workshops will include an additional charge for materials. Children’s classes cost \$8; pre-registration by Sept. 4 is required for children’s classes.

Registration forms, class listings and additional information can be obtained online at [www.co.henrico.va.us/extension](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/extension); at the Henrico County Extension Office, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive; at all Henrico libraries; or by calling 501-5160.

HMGA is presenting the Henrico Harvest Fair in cooperation with the Henrico Extension Office and the Division of Recreation and Parks.

# Recreation Roundup

## **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.

## **Sat, Aug 15: Blacksmithing: Too Many Irons in the Fire**

Watch and listen to the blacksmith as the iron gets red-hot and the smith pounds and bends it into useful objects. Meadow Farm Museum. 9-11 a.m. Free. Info: 501-5520.

## **Wed, Aug 19: Belmont Family Cinema**

Spend some family time together watching "Akeelah and the Bee" (PG). 6-8:30 p.m. Belmont Recreation Center. Free. Call to register. Info: 501-5990.

## **Thur, Aug 20: Skater Appreciation Night**

Catch some air at Laurel Skate Park, participate in skate contests and watch a professional BMX and skate demo by the Freecycle Action Sports Team. 6-8 p.m. Laurel Skate Park. Free. Info: 501-5134.

## **Thur, Aug 20: Fall Planting and Gardening**

For ages 18+. As summer turns to fall, extend your gardening season with fall crops and plants. Noon-2 p.m. Belmont Recreation Center. Free. Call to register. Info: 501-5990.

## **Sun, Aug 23: Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social**

Enjoy a tasty treat and tunes by The Company Store. 4-6 p.m. Antioch School Community Center. Free. Info: 501-5134.

## **Sun, Aug 23: Fire Safety Fun**

Learn all about fire prevention and smoke detectors. Explore a fire boat, search and rescue truck, and fire engine. 2-5 p.m. Dorey Recreation Center. Free. Call to register. Info: 795-2334.

## **Thur, Aug 27: The Taters**

Join us for an eclectic mix of roots-rock, pop, country, skiffle and Americana. 7 p.m. Henrico Theatre. \$6. Call for reservations. Info: 328-4491.

## **Thur, Aug 27: Henrico Community Band Summer Concert**

Bring a lawn chair or sit in the bleachers and listen to a variety of festive music. 7 p.m. Deep Run Park. Free. Info: 501-5115.

## **Sun, Aug 30: Henrico Concert Band Summer Concert**

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and spend a casual evening in the park listening to your favorite band music. 6 p.m. Dorey Park. Free. Info: 501-5115.

## **Sat, Sept 5: 2 Plus 2 Equals 4**

For ages 6+. Use slates and slate pencils or try out steel-nibbed pens as you do school work assigned by the teacher. Sessions at 1, 1:30, 2 and 2:30 p.m. Deep Run Schoolhouse in Short Pump. Free. Info: 501-5520.

## **Thur, Sept 10: Hunton Dedication and Family Night**

Come celebrate our newest recreational facility. Enjoy music, entertainment, food, activities, contests and exhibits. 5-8:30 p.m. Dedication ceremony at 7 p.m. Hunton Community Center. Free. Info: 501-5990.

## **Sat, Sept 12: Civil War Lantern Tours**

Through guided tours, experience a series of vignettes covering 1861-1865. 7:15-8:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

## **Sun, Sept 13: Civil War Days-The Other Half of the Story**

Visit with the women and men left behind during the Civil War to run the farm. Drill with Confederate soldiers and find out what they did between battles. Noon-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

## **Sun, Sept 13: The Sunday Scoop at Twin Hickory**

Bring the family for fun games, activities and dances. Treat yourself to some delicious ice cream while listening to cool melodies. 4-6 p.m. Twin Hickory Recreation Center. Free. Info: 217-9061.

## **Sun, Sept 13: Grandparents Day**

Celebrate National Grandparents Day with an old-fashioned picnic.

Enjoy games and reminisce with your family atop historic Marion Hill. 2-4 p.m. Clarke-Palmore House Museum. Free. Info: 652-3409.

## **Tue, Sept 15: Family Game Night**

Good old fashioned family fun, games and prizes. 7-9 p.m. Dorey Recreation Center. Free. Call to register. Info: 795-2334.

## **Thur, Sept 17: Bluegrass Coffee-house**

Musicians of all ages and abilities: come out for a jam session with fellow bluegrass musicians. 7-9 p.m. Dorey Recreation Center. Free. Info: 795-2334.

## **Sat, Sept 19: 2nd Annual Henrico Harvest Fair**

Watch demonstrations and visit with vendors. Hands-on programs include herbs, hypertufa and rain barrels. Register in advance to take a class at [www.co.henrico.va.us/extension](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/extension). Sponsored by the Henrico Master Gardener Association. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The Armour House. Free admission. Info: 501-5160.

## **Sat, Sept 19: "Bak N Da Day"**

Take a trip down memory lane with oldies vocal group "Bak N Da Day." Enjoy their dynamic sound and slick routines. 7 p.m. Henrico Theatre. \$10. Call for reservations. Info: 328-4491.

## **Sat, Sept 26: Bark in the Park**

Bring your furry friend and enjoy a day of family activities with Recreation and Parks and the Henrico Humane Society. Enjoy musical entertainment by the Atkinsons and an expo of local pet vendors, products and services. Register for a 2K for Paws Walk (\$25) through the Humane Society (262-6634). 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Deep Run Park. Free admission. Info: 501-5121.

## **Sat, Sept 26: Elko Community Day**

Celebrate the Elko community with live entertainment, children's activities, arts and crafts, storytelling and hayrides. 2-5 p.m. Windsor Club of Elko. Free. Info: 833-1016.

## **Sat, Oct 3: Glen Allen Day**

Hosted by the Glen Allen Ruritan Club in association with Henrico Recreation and Parks. The community parade begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by an arts and crafts fair from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment, good food and a car show. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. Free. (Rain date: Oct 10.) Info: 257-9605.

## **Sat, Oct 17: Harvest Festival**

The Harvest Festival will feature many hands-on activities and demonstrations depicting typical homemaking and farming tasks of the era. Noon-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. Free. (Rain date: Oct 18.) Info: 501-5121.

## **Sat, Oct 24: Meadow Farm's Hauntings and Spooky Stories**

Join in some fun around the campfire as storytellers spin tales of hauntings and strange happenings. 7 and 8 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Call for reservations. Info: 501-5520.

## **Fri, Oct 30: Monster Mash**

Celebrate the Halloween spirit with the ghosts of Dorey Park. Activities include a spooky trail, hair-raising arts and crafts, frightening contests and games and rocking monster music. 6-9 p.m. Dorey Recreation Center. Free. Call for reservations. Info: 501-5134.

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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