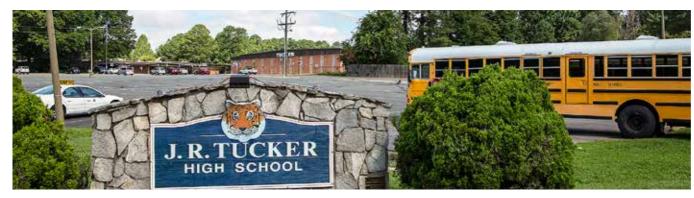
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Henrico voters will decide Nov. 8 whether to authorize \$419.8 million in improvements to schools, parks, fire stations, libraries and roads. A total of 26 projects would be funded, including a renovation of J.R. Tucker High School (top), a new Fairfield Area Library (above left) and a widening of Richmond-Henrico Turnpike (above right).

# \$419.8 million bond referendum heads to voters

Schools, parks, fire stations, library, road among recommended projects

enrico County voters will decide in November whether to authorize up to \$419.8 million in general obligation bonds to finance more than two dozen projects, including new and renovated schools, park and road improvements, new fire stations and a new Fairfield Area Library.

Five referendum questions will be placed on the Nov. 8 generalelection ballot, as requested by the Board of Supervisors. Voters will be asked to indicate "yes" or "no" on whether the county should issue debt in the amounts of:

- \$272.6 million for schools
- \$87.1 million for parks
- \$24 million for libraries
- \$22.1 million for fire stations and facilities

• \$14 million for roads Henrico officials have identified 26 projects that would be funded over six years if the referendum questions are approved.

Officials also have determined the county would be able to manage the new debt without any increase to the real estate tax rate, which stands at 87 cents per \$100 of assessed value and remains the lowest among Virginia's urban localities.

"We have studied carefully Henrico's needs for new and improved facilities, particularly schools, as well as its ability to pay for these projects," County Manager John A. Vithoulkas said. "We are confident the proposal being presented to voters will serve the public's needs

in a fiscally responsible manner."

Unlike cities, Henrico and other counties in Virginia are required by state law to get voter approval before issuing debt for capital projects. Henrico most recently held a bond referendum in 2005, when voters authorized a \$349.3 million package that improved schools, parks, libraries and fire facilities and built an extension of North Gayton Road.

The projects being recommended with this year's bond referendum would provide new and upgraded facilities in all five magisterial districts. The school projects are proposed to be funded over a five-year period, while the others would be funded over six years.

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# Officials look to **Election Day**

County readying for big turnout Nov. 8

s Henrico's election officials gear up for potential heavy turnout in the upcoming general election, they are asking county voters to do a couple of things before heading to the polls on Nov. 8.

"Please remember to bring a photo ID," said Henrico General Registrar Mark Coakley, referring to Virginia's two-year-old law requiring voters to show official photo identification before casting a ballot.

"We also are asking voters to be prepared before they head into the voting booth on Election Day," he said. "This will be a lengthy ballot, but voters will be able to move through it quickly if they are already familiar with the questions they will be voting

Henrico voters will decide whether to authorize the county to issue general obligation bonds to fund \$419.8 million in capital projects, such as

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the construction and renovation of schools, parks and fire stations. The bond referendum will be presented to voters in five questions, one for each category of projects.

The ballot also will include a pair of proposed amendments to the Virginia Constitution. In addition, voters will elect a representative to the U.S. House of Representatives as well as a new president and vice president.

Coakley anticipates turnout in Henrico will rival the general elections of 2008 and 2012, when nearly 80 percent of the county's registered voters cast ballots. Lines are likely at most precincts, he said, but wait times can be reduced if voters are able to do a little homework ahead of time.

#### Accommodating voters

The number of registrations of new voters is "through the roof" so far this year, Coakley said, surpassing the brisk pace of registrations in the run-up to each of the past two presidential elections. As of July 11, some 214,450 Henrico residents had registered to vote. The county's voter rolls should continue to swell, as residents have until Oct. 17 to register.

Newly registered voters may encounter for the first time the digital optical scanners and paper ballots the county implemented in June 2015, replacing touchscreen voting machines that had been in use for a decade. Voters mark their choices on the ballot with a pencil or pen, then insert the ballot in the scanner, which reads the marks and tallies the votes.

The new system has performed well in several elections over the past year, Coakley said.

"Poll workers are familiar with the equipment and like its ease of use," he said. "Voters like the security of having a paper backup for their votes."

To accommodate the increase in voters this year, Henrico is purchasing 10 additional scanners and will deploy a total of 115 of the machines across the county. Precincts with more than 4,000 registered voters are required to have two scanners, said Anne Marie Middlesworth, deputy general regis-

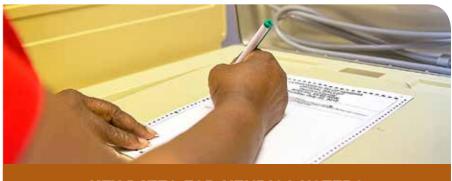
Training is underway for approximately 1,600 poll workers who will assist voters at county polling sites, Middlesworth said. The county is in the process of splitting the large Highland Gardens precinct in the Fairfield District and creating a new voting site at Essex Village.

Henrico's Board of Supervisors voted July 12 to approve creation of the Essex Village precinct. The board scheduled a public hearing for Aug. 9 to receive input from voters. With the addition of Essex Village, Henrico will have 93 precincts, Middlesworth said.

#### Absentee voting begins Sept. 23

Residents won't necessarily have to wait until November to cast a ballot. Voters who know they will be out of town or otherwise unable to go to the polls on Election Day can begin applying now for absentee ballots.

Absentee voting begins Sept. 23, Middlesworth said. Voters can cast an absentee ballot in person through Nov. 4 during regular business hours at the county's two Voter Registration and Elections offices. In addition, the



#### **KEY DATES FOR HENRICO VOTERS**

- Sept. 23: In-person absentee voting opens during regular business hours at the county's Voter Registration and Elections offices\*
- Oct. 17: Final day to register to vote, transfer registration or change

Oct. 29

- & Nov. 5: Saturday in-person absentee voting at Voter Registration and Elections offices\*
- Last day to submit absentee ballot application by mail and Nov. 1:
- Nov. 8: Election Day. Polls open 6 a.m.-7 p.m.
- \*Located at the Henrico Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road, and at the Eastern Government Center, 3820 Nine Mile Road.

Virginia law requires all voters to present an acceptable form of photo identification when voting in person at their polling place. Questions: henrico.us/registrar; (804) 501-4347.

offices will open for extended hours the two Saturdays prior to Election Day, on Oct. 29 and Nov. 5.

To cast an absentee ballot prior to Election Day, voters must cite a reason explaining why they cannot vote at their designated polling site on Nov. 8.

"This is not the same as early voting, which Virginia does not have," Coakley said. "Voters have to give a reason why they can't vote on Election Day to receive an absentee ballot."

Possible reasons range from business travel to being away at college, among others.

"There are 17 reasons a voter can provide for voting absentee," he said. "We encourage our voters to check the list if they know they will be away on Nov. 8." ■

For more information, contact Henrico's Voter Registration and Elections Office at (804) 501-4347 or go to henrico.us/registrar.

#### **BOND** continued from page 1 \$272.6 million proposed for schools

Henrico County Public Schools would receive the largest infusion of funds — \$272.6 million, or about 65 percent of the total.

A major portion would support the renovation of school facilities. Forty-one of Henrico's 72 schools — or 57 percent — are at least 50 years old.

The schools identified for renovations are:

- J.R. Tucker High School, \$55 million
- Tuckahoe Middle School, \$28.2 million
- Pemberton Elementary School, \$14.1 million
- Crestview Elementary School, \$12 million
- Skipwith Elementary School, \$13 million
- Adams Elementary School, \$19 million

- Chamberlayne Elementary School, \$14 million
- Seven Pines Elementary School, \$12.8 million

In addition, several new or expanded facilities would accommodate general enrollment growth as well as demand for seats in HCPS' technical centers.

In general, about 1,900 students apply for 950 seats available each year at the existing technical centers at Highland Springs and Hermitage high schools, according to the school system. The centers, which had a combined enrollment of 1,261 last year, provide students with the skills they need to continue their educations or pursue a wide range of careers in high-demand fields.

The new facilities proposed with the bond referendum are:

- Eastern Area Technical Center, a \$42 million facility that would be built in the Varina District
- Glen Allen High School Technical Center, a \$37 million facility that was envisioned but not constructed when the school opened in
- Glen Allen Elementary School addition of eight classrooms, \$5.5 million
- Brookland Area Elementary School, which would be built at a site to be determined, \$20 million

#### \$87.1 million for parks

Henrico's parks system would be the secondlargest beneficiary in the bond referendum, with \$87.1 million, or 20 percent of the total.

The recommended projects would provide new and improved facilities, rehabilitate and expand public access to high school athletic fields and support the county's tourism initiative, which promotes Henrico as a destination for regional and national tournaments.

The recommended park projects are:

- Greenwood Park, which would complete the park's second and final phase of construction and include additional athletic fields and a stadium, \$20 million
- Dorey Park, additional athletic fields, \$6.2 million
- Cheswick Park, renovation of Henrico's oldest neighborhood park, \$2.1 million
- Tuckahoe Park, additional athletic fields and a new entrance on Ridgefield Parkway, \$16 million
- Tuckahoe Creek Park, second phase of development with parking, \$5 million
- Three Lakes Park, renovations, \$2.3 million
- Taylor Park, a new 99-acre complex in Sandston, with athletic fields, trails and playgrounds, \$19 million
- Deep Run Park, a cricket field and other improvements, \$4 million
- High school athletic field rehabilitation, which would upgrade athletic fields at Henrico's high schools and open them for public use, \$12.5 million

#### \$24 million for libraries

The bond issue for libraries would provide \$24 million, or 6 percent of the total, for a new Fairfield Area Library. The facility would be built on North Laburnum Avenue across from the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center.

The library would be comparable to Henrico's other modern area libraries, including Twin Hickory and Tuckahoe, which have 40,000 and 53,000 square feet, respectively.

The existing Fairfield Area Library, 1001 N. Laburnum Ave., opened in 1976 and totals 24,000 square feet.

#### \$22.1 million for fire stations and facilities

The bond issue for fire stations would provide \$22.1 million, or 5 percent of the total, for:

- Staples Mill Firehouse, which would be built near Staples Mill Road and Glenside Drive, \$10 million
- Eastgate Firehouse, which would be built near Nine Mile Road and Laburnum Avenue. \$9.6 million
- Fire Training Center, which would expand and upgrade the Division of Fire's training

facilities on Woodman Road, \$2.5 million

#### \$14 million for road project

The bond referendum for roads would provide \$14 million, or 3 percent of the total, toward improvements to a 1.9-mile section of Richmond-Henrico Turnpike, near Richmond International Raceway.

The road is slated to be widened to four lanes from two lanes currently — between East Laburnum Avenue and the railroad crossing that's north of Azalea Avenue, near the Chickahominy River

The \$41 million project also would be supported with state and federal transportation funds.

In addition to widening the pavement, the project will provide a divided road with a multiuse trail for bicyclists and pedestrians on one side and a sidewalk on the other. The improvements are designed to improve safety and capacity as well as promote economic development in the area.

#### Retiring debt allows for reinvestment

Henrico officials began discussing the possibility of a bond referendum in the spring, during the Board of Supervisors' review of the fiscal year 2016-17 budget.

The School Board in May requested a bond referendum for schools. The Board of Supervisors followed up a month later, asking the Circuit Court to place all five referendum questions on the ballot.

Finance officials say a variety of conditions, including Henrico's highest-possible AAA bond rating, make this an opportune time to submit the proposal to voters.

First, according to officials, Henrico faces significant capital needs. These include new facilities to accommodate continued growth as well as aging schools and other infrastructure that require reinvestment. The Board of Supervisors has adopted a \$1.5 billion, five-year plan for capital improvements, but many of the projects currently do not have funding sources identified.

In addition, Henrico will be positioned to increase borrowing because it continues to pay off much of its outstanding debt, according to officials.

The county's overall debt totaled \$533.2 million in fiscal 2011-12 and is projected to dip to \$364.5 million in fiscal 2016-17 — a reduction of 32 percent.

Henrico could absorb the costs associated with the bond referendum while remaining safely within its debt-management guidelines through at least the next decade, according to county projections.

These guidelines include debt per capita (\$1,650), debt as a percentage of the assessed value of all property (1.49 percent) and annual debt payments as a percentage of general fund expenditures (7.75 percent).

Henrico's total debt would peak at \$526.3 million in fiscal 2021-22 — below the level from fiscal 2011-12, according to projections.

#### Information will be available to voters

Officials are taking a number of steps to provide information and answer questions about the bond referendum. A website with the ballot questions and project details is available at *henrico.us/bonds*. Also, a written explanation of each question will be available to voters at their polling places on Nov. 8.

Information also will be included in utility bills mailed in September and October as well as in a brochure that will be mailed to all county households. In addition, the brochure will be available at public meetings and county facilities, including libraries.

Henrico is organizing a speakers bureau of county representatives that will be available to meet with neighborhood and civic groups before the referendum. To schedule a meeting, call (804) 501-4257 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



High school athletic fields, like one at Hermitage High School, would be upgraded and opened for public use if voters approve the bond issue for park improvements.



Enhancements to sidewalks near the Henrico Government Center along Prince Henry Drive are among several projects underway across the county.

# Sidewalk projects hitting stride

Countywide effort will add 16 miles of walkway by 2019

enrico County is building sidewalks like never before, improving safety and accessibility for pedestrians, recreational users and others.

The Department of Public Works has begun to implement about two dozen projects that will provide a total of 16 miles of new sidewalk along county roads by the end of 2019.

The work will occur in all five magisterial districts and increase Henrico's 248 miles of existing sidewalk by 6 percent. Sidewalks along East Laburnum Avenue, near Richmond International Raceway, have been completed, and others are underway.

The extent of construction is unprecedented for Henrico, and it reflects a growing interest in morewalkable communities, said Steven J. Yob, director of Public Works.

Many residents want sidewalks for walking, jogging or bicycling, while others appreciate being able to get from one place to another safely without a car, Yob said.

Another factor, he said, is the appeal of recent developments — such as Libbie Mill-Midtown, West Broad Village and Rocketts Landing — that have incorporated sidewalks into their design.

"People are seeing the advantage of sidewalks and want connections to other places," he said.

For the most part, Henrico's sidewalk projects will provide relatively short sections of new or extended walkway along higher-traffic arterial or collector roads. About two-thirds of the projects will provide a halfmile or less of sidewalk.

The new walkways will improve access to public facilities, including David A. Kaechele Elementary School in Short Pump and the Henrico County Government Center on East Parham Road. They also will improve safety at key intersections, including at Richmond-Henrico Turnpike and Azalea Avenue, Huguenot and River roads, and North Parham Road and Patterson Avenue.

Some of the sidewalks are planned as stand-alone projects, while others are coupled with extensive road improvements. An overwhelming majority of the projects' \$83.2 million total cost is associated with road improvements, not sidewalks, according to Public Works.

To the extent possible, Henrico uses state and federal funds to cover the costs of construction. The county expects to contribute \$1.86 million toward the current slate of projects — about 2 percent of the total.

The costs of sidewalk construction can vary widely, from \$200 to as much as \$700 per foot, particularly if the site is challenged by slopes, poor drainage or utilities, Yob said. Sidewalks also must meet accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Henrico's sidewalk blitz is focused largely on improving safety and accessibility in areas where development has already occurred. The county's guidelines for new development call for private developers to build sidewalks along arterial and collector roads within one mile of a school, park or other public facility.

"We build as much as we have the money for," Yob said of sidewalks. "We're trying to build them all over the county, from one end to the other. We look to make connections where people are walking. We're just trying to connect the dots." ■

## Webpage highlights mosquito, Zika prevention

enrico residents can get tips on eliminating potential mosquito-breeding habitat on their properties and learn about the county's efforts to prevent local transmission of the Zika virus at henrico.us/zika.

The webpage features simple steps for controlling the Asian tiger mosquito, the most common nuisance mosquito in Henrico and the only local species potentially capable of spreading the Zika virus. Asian tiger mosquitoes only lay eggs in containers of standing water, such as buckets and corrugated pipe; a container holding as little as 2 tablespoons of water for seven days can allow the insect to reproduce.

Residents can learn simple steps for eliminating mosquitoes on their properties, such as checking and emptying containers once a week, preventing bites and choosing an appropriate repellent. They also can submit a form to request a mosquito inspection of their

*Henrico.us/zika* also provides information from the Virginia Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention describing Zika's symptoms, detailing regions impacted by the virus and offering advice for individuals traveling to a Zika-affected country. ■

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#### **Even 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.

#### **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.

AUG 8 THROUGH AUG 14	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Inside Henrico: Summer 2016 Edition — mins TBD	Still in the Game: Adult Sports in Henrico — 18 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	In the Hot Zone: Henrico's Hazardous Incident Team — 23 mins	<b>Douglas Southall Freeman: Voice of the Confederate Soldier</b> — 37 mins
AUG 15 THROUGH AUG 21	Mon Wed Fri Sun	The Story of Maude F. Trevvett: A Lifetime of Teaching — 21 mins	Alzheimer's Disease: The Longest Goodbye — 21 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Inside Henrico: Summer 2016 Edition — mins TBD	MONEY: The Evolution of Currency in America — 24 mins
AUG 22 THROUGH AUG 28	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Southern Man of Mystery: Edgar Allan Poe</b> — 37 mins	Soaring Free: Bird Watching in Henrico — 23 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Paving Ahead: Building & Maintaining Roads in Henrico County — 13 mins	Never Forget III: Schantz-Ripka Cold Case — 28 mins
AUG 29 THROUGH SEP 4	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>History of RF&amp;P Railroad</b> — TBD mins	The Decision: Aging Out of the Foster Care System — 22 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Water, Clean and Clear: Henrico's Water Treatment Facility — 17 mins	Ringing the Bell: Police and Fire Chaplains of Henrico County — 16 mins
SEP 5 THROUGH SEP 11	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Boston: Biography of a Race Horse — mins TBD	A Unified Plan: Behind the Scenes with Police and Fire at Richmond International Raceway — 19 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Connecting Communities: The Bridges of Henrico — 15 mins	Native Fish Species of the James River — 37 mins
SEP 12 THROUGH SEP 18	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Emergency Preparedness: Are You Ready? — 22 mins	A Safe Place to Learn: Henrico's School Resource Officers — 13 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Raymond Bennett Pinchbeck: The Good Neighbor — 27 mins	The Henrico Victim/Witness Assistance Program — 14 mins

### Residents throng to openings of new facilities

#### Varina Area Library

n estimated crowd of 2,500 people joined county officials on June 1 for a community celebration and dedication of the new Varina Area Library, at 1875 New Market Road. Visitors encountered a building designed to complement the rural character and heritage of the Varina District, with features such as wood siding, stonework and twostory windows for rear walls. Constructed on a sloping, wooded site with wetlands and walking trails, the library offers a collection of 40,000 items, 100 public-use computers, a digital media lab with 3-D printers, and dedicated spaces for patrons of all ages. Henrico voters approved funding for the \$28.1 million facility in the 2005 bond referendum.





#### Short Pump Park

new sprayground and its water jets were the main attraction for youngsters and their families at the June 25 dedication of an expanded and enhanced Short Pump Park. Located at 3401 Pump Road, the park has grown to cover 45 acres and now offers a dog park, large

shelter and restroom facility, walking trail, plaza and the ever-popular sprayground. The park has featured football and softball fields and a concession building since it first opened in 1983. Funding for the \$3-million expansion was approved by voters in the county's 2005 bond referendum. ■

## **Henrico wins National Association of Counties** awards for 28 programs

Two initiatives recognized as Best of Category

enrico County departments and agencies earned 28 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo), plus two Best of Category honors, for a series of home-maintenance workshops and a firefighter wellness program.

The NACo Achievement Awards Program recognizes groundbreaking programs and initiatives in 21 service categories, including children and youth, county administration and management, libraries, emergency management and response, and human services.

Henrico's 28 awards, which stemmed from 35 entries, are the most of any county in Virginia for the 11th consecutive year and the sixth most nationally, behind Maricopa County, Ariz.; Los Angeles County, Calif.; San Diego County, Calif.; San Bernardino County, Calif.; and Montgomery County, Md. Each of those counties has 1 million to 10 million residents; Henrico has about 325,000 residents, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

"Henrico County's departments and employees provide outstanding service for residents and others in the community every single day," County Manager John A. Vithoulkas said. "Our continued success in the NACo awards program affirms the strong work ethic and culture of excellence that has long been a hallmark of Henrico government. Our employees are challenged to identify and solve problems, to innovate and to find better ways to meet the needs of our dynamic community."

The Department of Community Revitalization won an Achievement Award and a Best of Category honor for "Home Maintenance Workshops," a series of free classes that targeted low-income homeowners and provided money-saving tips for property upkeep.

The workshops, held in 2015-16, covered such topics as weatherization, basic plumbing and electrical repairs, patching holes in walls and ceilings, landscaping and yard maintenance, and hiring a contractor. The effort was designed to help homeowners remain in their homes as they age and to

decrease the demands on public and nonprofit service providers.

The Department of Human Resources won an Achievement Award and a Best of Category honor for "Fire Fit: An Intensive Focus on Firefighter Wellness."

The program was developed with the Division of Fire to help more firefighters pass an annual evaluation of the physical requirements needed to perform their duties. The number of firefighters who satisfied the benchmark increased 15 percent in 2015, after the wellness program was introduced.

Henrico has earned 576 NACo awards since 1985. The awards in 2016 recognize the efforts of 11 general government departments and Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS). HCPS collected nine awards, while Henrico County Public Library and Human Resources each earned or shared three awards — more than any other Henrico department or agency. Human Resources also earned at least one award for the 30th consecutive year, a feat unmatched by any other human resources agency in the country.

For information on the award-winning programs, go to henrico.us/manager/programs/nacoawards.■

# RECREATION ROUNDUP

#### Wed, Aug 10: Jesse the Juggler

See the Richmond native who can juggle just about anything — including a running chainsaw. Henrico Theatre. 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. Info: 652-1460.

#### Fri, Aug 19: **The Taters in Concert**

Tickets \$5; purchase at henricolive. com. Henrico Theatre. 7 p.m. Info: 652-1460.

#### Sat, Aug 20: Art Splash!

See real artists at work, check out the student exhibit and complete your own project at this art showcase. Deep Run Recreation Center. 2-4 p.m. Info: 652-3411.

#### Sun, Aug 21: BUGSTOCK 2: Déjà vu!

Return again to the 1960s and enjoy a groovy afternoon of family fun at this cruise-in show featuring Volkswagen Beetles and Buses and Richmond Region AACA classic vehicles. Concessions available for

purchase. Twin Hickory Park. Noon-4 p.m. Info: 652-3407.

#### Mon, Aug 29: Henrico Concert **Band in the Park**

Take in an outdoor concert by the lake. Dorey Park. 7 p.m. Info: 501-5138.

#### Sat, Sep 17: Glen Allen Day

Enjoy one of Henrico's largest outdoor festivals, featuring a Mountain Road parade, arts and crafts. Miss Sheri the Clown. a business fair and live music. Concessions available for purchase. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. 9:30 a.m-3 p.m. Info: 652-1434.

#### Sat, Oct 1: Bark in the Park

Bring your best furry friend for the 9th annual edition of this event, featuring a vendor expo. live music and a 5K Dog Walk (registration fee required at henricohumane.org). Concessions available for purchase. Deep Run Park. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Info: 652-1434.



Vintage vehicles will be on display Aug. 21 at Bugstock 2.

#### Sat. Oct 15: Harvest Festival

Celebrate the fall harvest at this annual favorite at historic 19thcentury Meadow Farm. Activities include candle dipping, apple pressing, tractor rides, live music and the "punkin chunkin" contest.

Concessions available for purchase. Meadow Farm Museum/ Crump Park. Noon-4 p.m. Info: 652-1434.

#### Fri, Nov 4: Virginia's Taverns and Ordinaries

Learn about these buildings and their historical role from historian and author Dr. Agnes Gish. Walkerton Tavern. 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 652-1428.

#### Tue & Wed. Nov 15 & 16: **On-the-Air Radio Players**

Join the studio audience for a live performance and taping of "Turkeys on the Radio," featuring stories from the golden age of radio. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. 7:30 p.m. Info: 501-5859.

Programs are free and open to everyone except where noted. For additional activities, events and classes, please see "Program Guide" available at henrico.us/rec, Henrico libraries and by calling (804) 501-PARK (7275).

# LIBRARY LINEUP

#### **Summer Reading Finales**

Thu, Aug 11: Gayton Branch Library. 1-2:30 p.m. Info: 290-9600; Sat, Aug 13: Varina Area Library. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Info: 501-1980; Sat, Aug 13: Tuckahoe Area Library. 2:30-3:30 p.m. Info: 290-9100; Sat, Aug 20: Sandston Branch Library. 10 a.m.- noon. Info: 290-9900; Sat, Aug 20: Glen Allen Branch Library. 2-3 p.m. Info: 290-9500; Tue, Aug 23: Twin Hickory Area Library. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Info: 290-9200; and Libbie Mill Library. 3-4:30 p.m. Info: 290-9400; Wed, Aug 24: Fairfield Area Library. 2-4 p.m. Info: 290-9300; Sat, Aug 27: North Park Branch Library. 3-4 p.m. Info: 290-9700.

#### **Publishing Family Stories**

Local author Bill Farley discusses how to publish stories from your family tree. Sat, Aug 13: Tuckahoe Area Library. 10 a.m.-noon. Info: 290-9100; Mon, Aug 15: Varina Area Library. 7-8 p.m. Info: 501-1980: Sat, Sep 17: Libbie Mill

Library. 2-3 p.m. Info: 290-9400; Sat, Nov 5: Glen Allen Branch Library. 10 a.m.-noon. Info: 290-9500.

#### **Teen Tech Coaches**

Adults can get tips about their devices from tech-savvy teens. Sat, Aug 13 & 27, Sep 24, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 5: North Park Branch Library. 2-4 p.m. Info: 290-9700.

#### Sat, Sep 10:

#### Form & Function: **RVA Architecture**

Learn about area architecture from the Valentine Museum. Gayton Branch Library. 2-3 p.m. Info: 290-9600.

#### Thu, Sep 22: **Beer's Golden Age**

Author Lee Graves will discuss the brewing arts. Tuckahoe Area Library. 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 290-9100.

#### Sat, Sep 24: Navigating **Difficult Financial Decisions**

Learn from LINC volunteer

attorneys and financial planners about preparing for a loved-one's long-term illness. Sandston Branch Library. 2-5 p.m. Info: 290-9900.

#### **Nature Study: Intro to Birdwatching**

Registration required online or by calling your library. Ages 4-8. Sat. Oct 1: Libbie Mill Library. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Info: 290-9400; Sat, Oct 8: Varina Area Library. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Info: 501-1980; Mon, Oct 10: Twin Hickory Area Library. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Info: 290-9200; Sat, Oct 15: Tuckahoe Area Library. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Info: 290-9100.

#### **Death Cafes**

Bereavement counselor Alane Miles will lead a discussion of death, dying, grief and funeral practices. Mon, Oct 3: Twin Hickory Area Library. 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9200; Mon, Oct 17: Libbie Mill Library. 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9400: Mon, Nov 14: Fairfield Area Library. 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9300.

#### **Friends of the Library Used Book Sales**

Fri & Sat, Oct 7 & 8: Glen Allen Branch Library. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. & 10 a.m.-4 p.m., respectively. Info: 290-9500; Fri & Sat, Nov 4 & 5: Twin Hickory Area Library. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 290-9200.

#### **Celebrate Halloween** at the Library

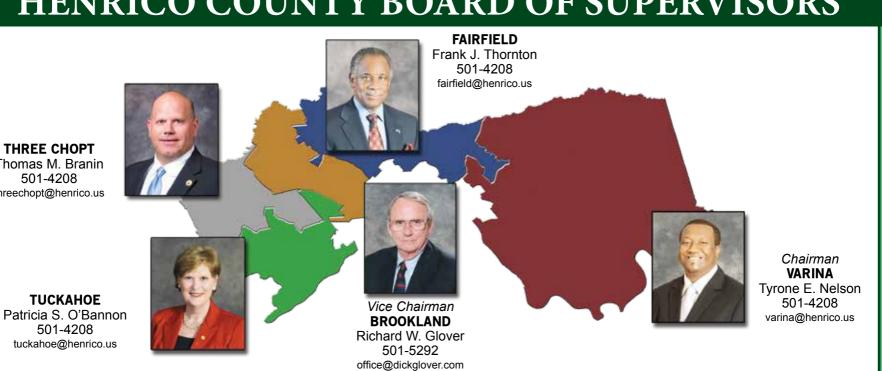
Thu, Oct 27: Libbie Mill Library. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Info: 290-9400; Sat, Oct 29: Twin Hickory Area Library. 3-4 p.m. Info: 290-9200; and Gayton Branch Library. 3-4 p.m. Info: 290-9600.

#### Sat. Nov 5: VHDA **Home-Buying Workshop**

North Park Branch Library. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 290-9700.

Events are free and open to everyone except where noted. For more information go to henricolibrary.org or call (804) 290-9000.

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