



## Construction starts on Cobbs Creek Reservoir

*14.8-billion-gallon lake will boost flows on James River, Henrico's growth*

After 15 years of planning, Henrico has approved the start of construction on the Cobbs Creek Reservoir — a massive project that will help the county meet its demand for public water for perhaps a half-century.

In late June, Henrico issued to MEB Haymes Joint Venture LLC a notice to proceed on the 1,117-acre lake in northern Cumberland County.

The company had submitted a \$137.4 million construction bid that was lower than county estimates and six other bids. Those bids ranged from \$140.3 million to \$209.4 million.

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously April 25 to approve the contract with MEB Haymes, which is comprised of MEB General Contractors of Chesapeake and Haymes Brothers Inc. of Chatham.

The reservoir project has a \$280 million budget and is being paid for by the Department of Public Utilities' enterprise fund — the fees paid for water and sewer service in the county. If other localities join as partners, their customers also will assume a share of the costs.

The reservoir is a major undertaking and the largest utility project in Henrico's history, but the county's future and prosperity depend on it, said Chip England, director of Public Utilities.

"Localities are always looking for source water," he said. "This will definitely secure Henrico's for decades, depending on how quickly we grow."

### Virginia's largest utility-owned reservoir

The lake is expected to be operational in 2022 — two decades after a historic drought in Virginia spurred regional and state officials to consider building a facility that could augment flows on the James River.

Henrico and Cumberland forged an agreement in 2010 that allowed Henrico to build and own a reservoir on Cobbs Creek, which spills north into the James about 45 miles west of Henrico's intake near South Gaskins Road.

In lieu of taxes, Henrico agreed to



Crews cleared portions of the reservoir site to relocate utility lines.

make annual payments of \$1.13 million to Cumberland for 50 years.

With a capacity of 14.8 billion gallons, the reservoir will be the largest in Virginia owned by a public utility.

To prepare the site, crews will excavate and place nearly 3.5 million cubic yards of soil and build a pair of earthen dams — a 25-foot-tall auxiliary, or "saddle," dam and a 160-foot-tall main dam. The latter will stretch 3,850 feet across the reservoir's northern end.

Workers also will install the intake structure and piping, and construct a pumping station and an operations building.

Crews will focus initially on clearing land and preparing concrete outlet piping that will measure 84 inches in diameter and extend under the main dam, said William "Ed" Overmann, Public Utilities' capital projects manager.

A valve in the drain vault will

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## New initiative targets house fires

*Program will install home smoke alarms throughout county*

A new Henrico County effort aims to place at least 2,000 smoke alarms annually in county homes as part of a goal to eliminate residential fire fatalities.

The Smoke Alarm Initiative is spearheaded by the Henrico Division of Fire but draws on the efforts of several county agencies, including the departments of Information Technology and Social Services, the Sheriff's Office and the Police Division. The Richmond office of the American Red Cross is a key partner as well.

Capt. Taylor Goodman, public information officer for Henrico Fire, noted that for many years the division has provided and installed smoke alarms for residents upon request. The new initiative is taking a more direct approach.

"This is an active effort," he said. "In addition to continuing to respond to requests, we are actively approaching homes that we have identified as potentially being at risk for fire. We are knocking on doors

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*Henrico's Smoke Alarm Initiative aims to install at least 2,000 smoke alarms annually in county homes.*

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and leaving doorhangers when no one is home.

“We want to ensure that there is at least one working smoke alarm in every home.”

Although the initiative will launch formally in October in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, Goodman said a trial effort has been underway since late June.

### **Data-driven process**

The initiative relies on county real estate data and other information to identify potentially vulnerable homes. Qualifying factors include whether a home is privately owned and a single-family residence or a duplex; was built before 1970; has not been sold since 1980; and has no obvious external heating source, such as an oil tank or a heat pump.

Those criteria generated an initial list of about 3,500 homes considered at high risk for a potential fire. Goodman pointed out that these homes are located throughout the county and can be found in each of Henrico Fire's response districts.

Fire personnel are visiting these homes and, with residents' permission, are installing a smoke alarm on each level of the home, focusing especially on the bedrooms.

“Smoke alarms should be located closest to the areas where people are sleeping,” Goodman said. “We are working to place them in the most appropriate location in each home.”

Once the installation is complete, the date and address are logged in a database developed for the initiative by Henrico's Information Technology Department.

The alarms are 10-year sealed units that won't require new batteries, unlike the models with 9-volt batteries that need regular upkeep and are still common in many residences.

When the alarms are nearing the end of their operating life, Henrico Fire plans to return to the home and replace them.

### **Multi-agency effort**

The Richmond office of the American Red Cross is donating the smoke alarms for the initiative. Goodman noted the significant financial commitment by the organization — the 10-year sealed units cost about \$20 each. The alarms are installed at no cost for Henrico residents.

While Fire personnel are placing alarms in a home, they will share emergency-preparedness materials and other information from the Red Cross with the residents and track the interaction in the initiative's database.

“This is a true partnership,” Goodman said. “We have developed a robust program that is sustainable and designed to serve county residents for years to come.”

Additional frontline county agencies are helping expand the initiative's reach.

Personnel from Police, Social Services, the Sheriff's Office and other departments that regularly interact with residents in their homes are being trained to look for damaged, outdated and misplaced smoke alarms.

When these employees are making a routine visit and they determine circumstances are appropriate, they will ask to examine the home's smoke alarms and assess if they should be replaced. Using a data-reporting system developed for the initiative, employees will provide this information to Henrico Fire and generate a call for service. In most cases, Fire personnel will be able to install new alarms within 24 hours.

### **Eliminating fire fatalities**

Goodman said the initiative's target is a minimum of 2,000 smoke alarms installed in homes each year, with the goal of eliminating residential fire deaths in Henrico.

The initiative's genesis traces to the winter of 2016-17, when a series of home fires in the county over a five-week period resulted in the deaths of five residents. A majority of those homes had working smoke alarms, Goodman said, or the toll could have been higher.

Nationwide, three out of five home fire fatalities occur in homes without a working smoke alarm, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Goodman also noted that fires often are spreading more quickly than previously, as contemporary homes often contain furnishings made from petroleum products.

“Having a working smoke alarm doubles your chance of getting out safely,” he said. “Early notification is essential.” ■

*Residents can request help with their smoke alarms by following the link for Smoke Alarm Assistance at [henrico.us/fire](http://henrico.us/fire) and by calling Henrico Fire at (804) 501-4900.*

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ensure that water continues to feed Cobbs Creek to keep it healthy.

### **Feeding the James**

The reservoir's primary purpose will be to augment river flows, as needed, particularly in the drier months from June through November. The lake also will draw water when flows are high, typically in the wetter months of December through May.

Overmann emphasized that river levels ultimately will determine when draws and releases are made. “This year's been a wet year, so we probably wouldn't have released at all,” he said.

For utility customers, the reservoir likely will provide some relief from the voluntary and mandatory curbs on water use that are needed during periods of drought, England said.

“Our water-use restrictions are triggered by river levels, and the purpose of the project is to provide off-stream storage to be used to supplement the river during low levels,” he said.

### **Providing water for customers**

In exchange for building the reservoir, Henrico has received approval from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to increase the amount of raw water it can take from the river each day.

The new limits are 75 million gallons on average and 132 million gallons as a maximum. The previous amounts were 45 million gallons on average and 80 million gallons as a maximum.

The higher limits will allow Henrico to serve water customers as the county grows.

Henrico's water treatment facility has a current capacity of 80 million gallons per day. In the past 12 months, the plant has drawn an average of only 21 million gallons per day and a maximum of only 35 million gallons, England said.

“Essentially, we will be able to more than double our current maximum day production at our water treatment facility with the additional supply once the Cobbs Creek Reservoir project is completed,” he said.

Because of the reservoir, even more water could be pulled from the James if needed.

On top of the draw amounts already allotted to Henrico, additional average-day capacity totaling 17 million gallons is available under the county's permit and could be claimed by either Henrico or potential partner localities in the region.

All draws and releases will be controlled by Public Utilities and based on readings from United States Geological Survey gauges near Cartersville and other sites upriver. They will be gradual and likely will go unnoticed by those in and along the river, Overmann said.

“Basically, it'll be filling all the low spots in the river, keeping the fish happy,” he said.

## Construction to take 4 years

The project's schedule calls for the reservoir to be fully constructed in 2021. Filling will occur gradually to promote soil compaction and avoid harmful effects on the river.

"They anticipate up to a year to a year-and-a-half to fill, based on the historical river flows," Overmann said.

In addition to providing additional water capacity, the lake will be open for recreational use, with a double-ramp boat access slated for its northeastern corner.

Henrico acquired more than 1,800 acres as part of the project, and will own about 19 miles of shoreline.

For the past two years, crews prepared for construction by relocating 2.6 miles of Colonial Pipeline Co. and Dominion Virginia Power utility lines to the western side of the site. ■

For more information on the Cobbs Creek Reservoir project, go to [henrico.us/utility](http://henrico.us/utility) and click the "projects" link.

## COBBS CREEK RESERVOIR TIMELINE

- 2002:** With Virginia in a historic drought, Henrico, Cumberland and others discuss potential reservoir to augment flows in the James River
- 2005:** Powhatan agrees to participate, later withdraws
- 2006-07:** Key state and federal permits approved
- 2010:** Henrico and Cumberland approve memorandum of understanding
- 2011:** Engineering begins
- 2015-17:** Gas and electrical utilities relocated on site
- 2016:** Design of dam and facilities substantially completed
- 2017:** Construction on dam and facilities begins
- 2021:** Reservoir is expected to begin filling
- 2022:** Reservoir could begin releases to augment flows in the James River



Children's Services Supervisor Chris Holliman arranges books in one of the neighborhood collections for children at Libbie Mill Library. The Henrico County Public Library has found that neighborhood collections help attract young readers, because the books are organized by theme, instead of by the author's last name.

## Themed collections attract young readers

Experiment at Gayton spreads to all Henrico libraries

As the Gayton Branch Library thinned its shelves before renovations in 2011, children's librarian Erin Lovelace created several displays of picture books to see how young readers would respond.

She grouped titles based on theme, setting aside the usual method of organizing by the author's last name. The books also were arranged so their colorful covers would command attention.

"They did really well," said Lovelace, whose displays took inspiration from the Darien Library in Connecticut. "Just about every collection we created was almost empty."

The displays, now-called neighborhood collections, proved such a hit that Gayton adopted them after reopening in 2012. Henrico County Public Library (HCPL) expanded the collections at Gayton in 2014 and introduced them in all nine branch and area libraries in 2016.

The National Association of Counties recently recognized HCPL's neighborhood collections in its 100 Brilliant Ideas at Work competition (see story, p. 4).

Organizing books by subject makes sense, particularly when targeting young readers, because it feeds their interests, Lovelace said.

Parents agree. "I love the displays! Makes trips to the library very easy!" a patron at Gayton said in a survey. "I recognize it's more work, but it is really helpful! Thank you!"

Depending on the library, as many as 17 neighborhood collections are now offered for young readers, on such topics as "Bugs," "Bedtime," "Monsters" and "Space." Each location has

at least the three core collections — "Dinosaurs," "Transportation" and "Dress Up."

An analysis of the displays' impact on circulation at Gayton found that the "Dress Up" collection was the most popular, with an average of 81 percent of its titles checked out at any given time during a six-month period.

In addition, the collections have reinvigorated titles that previously weren't circulating well, said Patty Conway, community relations coordinator for HCPL.

"It helps maximize the library's collection and gets more bang for the buck," Conway said.

The organizing concept also has caught on with another group of readers.

Varina Area Library opened in 2016 with neighborhood collections geared for teens and young adults. These collections, also available at Twin Hickory Area Library, are based on the emotion they elicit.

For example, the popular category "Ugly Cry" features deeply moving books that produce "tears and the red face," Lovelace said, laughing. The reader "can barely hold it together."

Other categories include "Get Away," "Laugh Out Loud," "Fear Factor" and "Find Your Bliss."

"Our teens legitimately do read based on the emotion they're feeling or want to feel," she said.

Lovelace, who now works as children's supervisor at Varina Area Library, said she's thrilled to see the neighborhood collections catch on.

"Probably the best part is watching kids use it and the ease of it," she said. "I just love that they love it." ■

# Henrico earns NACo awards for 28 programs

*Two named Brilliant Ideas at Work*

Henrico County departments and agencies have earned 28 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for innovative programs. Two of the programs also were recognized in the new 100 Brilliant Ideas at Work category.

The County Manager's Office received an Achievement Award and a 100 Brilliant Ideas at Work honor for an initiative to offer virtual town halls.

The effort, led by Board of Supervisors Chairman Patricia S. O'Bannon, of the Tuckahoe District, allows residents to watch and participate in public meetings via a live stream over the internet. Meetings are accessible through Henrico's channel on *youtube.com*, which can be reached by searching "Henrico County, Virginia channel" on the site.

The Henrico County Public Library collected both honors for a program that gives young library patrons an intuitive way to find books of interest.

The Children's and Teen Neighborhood Collections effort organizes librarian-recommended books by subject matter in the children's section and by emotion and mood in the teen section, reflecting how those young users tend to browse for titles.

"Henrico is recognized across the country as a great place to live, and it's no accident that the county's general government also stands among the best," County Manager John A. Vithoulkas said. "Each day, our employees accept the challenge to do all they can to improve the quality of services to our residents. NACo's annual awards program gives us a chance to gauge how well we are innovating and adapting to the needs of our dynamic community."

Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Frank J. Thornton, of the Fairfield District, accepted the awards July 22-23 at the 2017 NACo annual conference in Columbus, Ohio.

The NACo Achievement Awards Program recognizes groundbreaking programs and initiatives in 18 service categories, including children and youth, county administration and management, libraries, risk and emergency management, and human services.

Henrico's 28 awards, which stemmed from 33 entries, are the most of any county in Virginia for the 12th consecutive year and the seventh most nationally.

Henrico trailed only San Diego County, Calif.; Maricopa County, Ariz.; San Bernardino County, Calif.; Miami-Dade County, Fla.; Los Angeles

County, Calif.; and Montgomery County, Md. Those counties have between 1 million and 10 million residents; Henrico has about 326,000 residents, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

With two programs recognized in the Brilliant Ideas at Work category, Henrico tied Loudoun County for the most in Virginia.

Henrico has earned 604 NACo awards since 1985. The awards in 2017 recognize the efforts of

nine general government departments and Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS).

HCPS collected nine awards, while Henrico County Public Library earned four awards — more than any other Henrico department or agency. The Department of Human Resources earned at least one award for the 31st consecutive year, a feat unmatched by any other human resources agency in the country. ■



## HENRICO'S AWARD-WINNING PROGRAMS AND DEPARTMENTS



- *Field of Dreams*, Henrico County Public Schools
- *Loving: A School's Behind-the-Scenes Role in a Major Motion Picture*, Henrico County Public Schools
- *Springer Preschool Academy: Summer with Friends*, Henrico County Public Schools
- *The "One Lunch" Menu: Improved Learning, Collaboration and Community*, Henrico County Public Schools
- *Local Government 101: Youth Educational Program*, County Manager's Office
- *The Zika Working Group and Pick-a-Day to Fight-the-Bite Initiative*, Department of Public Works
- *Crisis Intervention Team Mentoring Program*, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services
- *Fire Command Officer Exchange Program*, Division of Fire
- *Pre-Sentencing Jail Diversion Program*, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services
- *Residential Fire Risk Identification*, Division of Fire
- *Streamlined Business Tax Non-Filer Resolution Process*, Department of Finance
- *The Role of the LPN in Community Education*, Henrico County Public Schools
- *Client Art Project — An Initiative of the Health and Wellness Committee*, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services
- *Coding for Success: Web Development and Programming Collaboration*, Henrico County Public Schools
- *Digital Citizenship Program*, Henrico County Public Schools
- *Schoolology*, Henrico County Public Schools
- *Students Giving Back: Technology Training and Refurbishment Program*, Henrico County Public Schools
- *Virtual Town Halls: Government at Your Fingertips*, County Manager's Office
- *Children's and Teen Neighborhood Collections*, Henrico County Public Library
- *Community Authors Showcase: Library Promotes Local Authors With "Self-Serve" Events*, Henrico County Public Library
- *Heritage Wall: A Personal Interaction with Local History*, Henrico County Public Library
- *Nature Study: Connecting Families to the Outdoors Through the Public Library*, Henrico County Public Library
- *Creating a Culture of Leadership: Public Works Leadership Discussion Group*, Department of Public Works
- *Employee Academy: Engaging Employees at All Levels of the Organization*, Department of Human Resources
- *Unified Workforce Environmental Awareness Training*, Department of Human Resources
- *Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive Transportation Report Process Improvements*, Department of Planning
- *A Focus on Customer and Employee Safety — Critical Incident Response Program*, Police Division
- *Fire Apparatus Diesel Particulate Filter Reprocessing*, Division of Fire

\* For more information, go to [henrico.us/manager/programs/naco-awards](http://henrico.us/manager/programs/naco-awards).

Comcast  
channel 17

# HCTV SCHEDULE

Verizon  
channel 39

Watch HCTV programs streamed live at [henrico.us](http://henrico.us). For program descriptions or more information, go to [henrico.us/pr](http://henrico.us/pr).



### 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.

		Even Hours	Odd Hours
AUG 7 THROUGH AUG 13	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Inside Henrico:</b> Summer 2017 Edition — mins TBD	<b>SWAT: Henrico's Special Weapons and Tactics Team</b> — 19 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Never Forget:</b> Arianna Davis Cold Case — 11 mins	<b>Alzheimer's Disease: The Longest Goodbye</b> — 21 mins
AUG 14 THROUGH AUG 20	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Lewis Ginter: A Quiet Contribution — 30 mins	<b>Never Forget:</b> Marshall Ray Butler Homicide — 22 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Inside Henrico:</b> Summer 2017 Edition — mins TBD	<b>On Board with the Henrico Marine Patrol</b> — 18 mins
AUG 21 THROUGH AUG 27	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>The History of New Market Road: Connecting the Past to the Future</b> — mins TBD	<b>Signs, Lines and Signals: On the Road with Henrico's Traffic Engineering Division</b> — 15 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>When Food Can Kill You: Living with Food Allergies</b> — 17 mins	<b>Airwaves of Yesteryear: Early Television in Central Virginia</b> — 29 mins
AUG 28 THROUGH SEP 3	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Mercer Hugh Cosby Farm — mins TBD	<b>Emergency Preparedness: Are You Ready?</b> — 22 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Nature's Artwork: Wildflowers of Central Virginia</b> — 20 mins	<b>Gaining New Territory: Gang Awareness in Henrico</b> — 13 mins
SEP 4 THROUGH SEP 10	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Dr. William C. Boshier, Jr.: The Man Behind the Bow Tie</b> — 34 mins	<b>Early Intervention in Action: The Henrico Parent Infant Program</b> — 19 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>A Unified Plan: Behind the Scenes with Police and Fire at Richmond International Raceway</b> — 19 mins	<b>Underage Drinking: Adult Consequences</b> — 16 mins
SEP 11 THROUGH SEP 17	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Babe Ruth World Series/ RF&amp;P Park</b> — mins TBD	<b>Connecting Communities: The Bridges of Henrico</b> — 15 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>The History of Gravel Hill</b> — 15 mins	<b>John Randolph Tucker: A Heritage of Law</b> — 16 mins



Improvements planned for the Richmond-Henrico Turnpike include new traffic signals, crosswalks and pedestrian signals at its intersection with Azalea Avenue (above), as well as additional traffic lanes, a multi-use path and sidewalks from Laburnum Avenue to the Buckingham Branch railroad crossing (top).

## Plans for Richmond-Henrico Turnpike moving forward

County sets design, construction schedules for improvement project

**W**ith funding secured, design work will begin this fall on a \$30 million project that promises to enhance safety for drivers and pedestrians along the Richmond-Henrico Turnpike.

Improvements to about a 2-mile stretch of the turnpike, which skirts the western edge of the Richmond Raceway complex and borders several neighborhoods, will also boost access for two nearby schools and a Henrico fire station and support economic development in the area, officials say.

In late June Henrico's Department of Public Works (DPW) received Commonwealth Transportation Board approval for \$11.6 million in SMART SCALE funds from the Virginia Department of Transportation for the Richmond-Henrico Turnpike Improvement Project. Henrico voters previously approved \$14 million in funding as part of November's bond referendum.

Those sources will fund the lion's share of the turnpike work, which will be supplemented by other money from the county.

Additional work to improve a pair of nearby intersections and sidewalks on Azalea Avenue will be completed as part of a separate project and funded through a federal transportation program.

### More space for vehicles, people

The improvement project will widen Richmond-Henrico Turnpike from two to four lanes — adding a second lane for both northbound and southbound traffic — between Laburnum Avenue and the Buckingham Branch railroad crossing north of Azalea Avenue. The interior lanes will be separated by a raised, 14-foot-wide median, which will be curbed and landscaped.

Drivers may benefit from the expanded travel space. A DPW traffic study indicated there were 76 vehicle crashes, resulting in 39 injuries, in this 2-mile stretch of the turnpike from January 2011 to December 2015.

The project includes features to benefit pedestrians as well.

A shared-use path, 10 feet wide and designed to accommodate

walkers and bicyclists, will be installed on the eastern side of the turnpike. Sidewalks will be added to the western side, which fronts several neighborhoods.

Rick Schwartz, assistant division director of transportation development for DPW, said that residents in the area as well as visitors attending events at Richmond Raceway currently walk in the grassy shoulder or on the road itself.

"These changes will provide a tremendous safety improvement for pedestrians," he said, noting that Laburnum Elementary School, Henrico High School and year-round events at the raceway produce a lot of foot traffic.

The improved turnpike will benefit the efforts of Division of Fire personnel stationed at Firehouse 1, located just to the east on Azalea Avenue. It also will allow drivers better access to nearby Interstate 295 and to 2 million square feet of warehouse space on Carolina Avenue, off the eastern edge of the raceway complex.

"The project has the potential to promote economic development and employment for the area,"

Schwartz said.

Engineering design will start in the fall, Schwartz said, and continue into 2020. Construction is expected to begin in 2021.

### Sidewalks and signals

The turnpike improvement ultimately will link into a sidewalk project that is currently underway.

Design work has begun for a 900-foot portion of sidewalk on the western side of Richmond-Henrico Turnpike, from Laburnum Avenue north to Pinalto Drive. The work will fill in gaps in the existing sidewalk and enhance handicap-accessible ramps to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The \$400,000 project includes \$200,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation and a \$200,000 match from the county. Construction is expected to begin by fall 2018.

Another companion project to the Richmond-Henrico Turnpike improvements will upgrade traffic signals and install crosswalks at two intersections on Azalea Avenue and install about 1,500 feet of sidewalks in the area.

Azalea's intersections at the turnpike and at Wilkinson Road will receive fixed, mast arm signals, replacing the existing span wire signals. Crosswalks with handicap-accessible ramps and pedestrian signals will be installed at each intersection. Sidewalks will be built between the intersections along both sides of Azalea as well.

Additional sidewalks will be constructed on the north side of Azalea near Henrico High and nearby on the west side of Wilkinson. Both sections will link to existing sidewalk and will tie into the turnpike improvement project.

"There is heavy pedestrian activity in this area," Schwartz said, noting the schools, homes and businesses nearby. "This work will help residents walk safely in their community."

The work on Azalea, totaling about \$1.6 million, will be funded separately by the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality program. Design is underway, with construction anticipated to begin in spring 2019. ■

# RECREATION ROUNDUP

**Thu, Aug 10:**

## **S'more Summer Fun**

Celebrate National S'mores Day! Play s'mores games, sing campfire songs, learn about the treat's history and sample a few as well. Concessions available for purchase. *Dunncroft/Castle Point Park. 6-8 p.m. Info: 652-3409.*

## **Sun, Aug 13: BUGSTOCK 3 — VDubs for Me!**

Return to the '60s and enjoy music, games and Volkswagen Bugs and Buses at this VW-only cruise-in and show. Concessions available for purchase. *Twin Hickory Park. Noon-4 p.m. Info: 652-3407.*

**Tue, Aug 15:**

## **Fall Vegetable Gardening**

Learn to grow cool-season crops such as kale, turnips, mustard and broccoli. Ages 18 and older. Registration required. *Deep Run Recreation Center. 7-8 p.m. Info: 652-1437.*

## **Fri, Aug 18: The English Channel in Concert**

Dance to pop tunes from the 60s and 70s by this British cover band.

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

## **Sat, Aug 19: Art Splash!**

See artists at work, view student creations and purchase an original piece for your collection at this art showcase. *Deep Run Recreation Center. 2-4 p.m. Info: 652-3411.*

## **Mon, Aug 28: Henrico Concert Band in the Park**

Take in an outdoor concert by the lake. *Dorey Park. 7-8 p.m. Info: 501-5138.*

## **Wed, Sep 13 & Oct 4: Short Pump W.O.W.**

Enjoy music and food trucks, take the kids to the playground and let the pets run in the dog park. Concessions available for purchase. *Short Pump Park. 5-7 p.m. Info: 652-1441.*

## **Sat, Oct 7: Bark in the Park**

This annual event features dog contests, a vendor expo, music and children's activities. Concessions available for purchase. *Deep Run Park. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: 652-1422.*

**Tue & Wed, Oct 17 & 18:**

## **On-the-Air Radio Players**

Join the studio audience for a live performance of "A Night of Suspense," featuring stories and effects from the golden age of radio. *The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. 7:30 p.m. Info: 501-5138.*

**Sat, Oct 21:**

## **Harvest Festival**

Celebrate the fall harvest at this annual favorite, featuring a farmer's market, live music, hands-on demonstrations, candle dipping, pumpkin decorating and other seasonal activities. Concessions available for purchase. *Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. Noon-4 p.m. Info: 652-1422.*

**Fri, Oct 27:**

## **Monster Mash**

Aliens have landed and transformed the park into a spooky site! Enjoy the creepy nature walk, costume contests and monster music. Concessions available for purchase. *Three Lakes Park. 5-8 p.m. Info: 652-1422.*



*Bark in the Park, Oct. 7.*

## **Sat, Oct 28: Henrico Theatre Anniversary**

Celebrate 10 years since the reopening of the historic theater with music from Heritage Bluegrass and a showing of "Bee Movie." Concessions available for purchase. *Henrico Theatre. 1-4 p.m. Info: 652-1460.*

*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](http://henrico.us/rec), Henrico libraries and by calling (804) 501-PARK (7275).*

# LIBRARY LINEUP

## **NASA @ MY LIBRARY EVENTS**

### **Robot Programming & Ozobot Workshops**

Ages vary depending on workshop; call for details. **Wed, Aug 9:** *Libbie Mill Library. 3:30 p.m.* **Thu, Aug 10:** *Varina Area Library. 2:30 p.m.* **Thu, Aug 24:** *Fairfield Area Library. 2:30 p.m.* **Wed, Sep 27:** *Fairfield Area Library. 5:30 p.m.*

### **Solar Eclipse Parties**

**Mon, Aug 21:** Experience a rare astronomical event — the so-called Great American Total Solar Eclipse. Viewing glasses available while supplies last. *Varina Area Library, Twin Hickory Area Library, Libbie Mill Library, North Park Branch Library, Glen Allen Branch Library. 2-3:30 p.m.*

### **Night Sky Astronomy**

View the Moon and other celestial objects with telescopes and assistance from the Richmond

Astronomical Society. **Thu, Sep 28:** *Libbie Mill Library. 7 p.m.* **Mon, Oct 23:** *Varina Area Library. 6:15 p.m.*

### **ESL Conversation Café**

Practice speaking English in an informal setting. Participants should be able to speak some English. Ages 16 and older. **Thu, Aug 17, Sep 21 and Oct 19:** *Varina Area Library. 7 p.m.* **Tue, Sep 5 and Oct 3:** *Libbie Mill Library. 7 p.m.* **Wed, Sep 13 and Oct 11:** *Tuckahoe Area Library. 7 p.m.*

**Wed, Sep 20:**

### **"Philip Johnson, Diary of an Eccentric Architect"**

Enjoy a screening of this documentary about the life and work of the influential architect as part of Modern Richmond Week activities. *Varina Area Library. 7 p.m.*

## **Theatre for the Very Young: SPACE BABY!**

Presented by Virginia Repertory Theatre, this interactive performance is part of the Talking is Teaching campaign. Ages infant to 5 years. **Mon, Oct 16:** *North Park Branch Library. 10:30 a.m.* **Tue, Oct 17:** *Sandston Branch Library. 10:30 a.m.* **Wed, Oct 18:** *Glen Allen Branch Library. 10:15 a.m.* **Thu, Oct 19:** *Varina Area Library. 10:30 a.m.* **Mon, Oct 23:** *Twin Hickory Area Library. 10:30 a.m.* **Tue, Oct 24:** *Tuckahoe Area Library. 9:30 a.m.* **Wed, Oct 25:** *Fairfield Area Library. 10 a.m.* **Thu, Oct 26:** *Libbie Mill Library. 9:30 a.m.*

## **HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS @ HCPL**

### **Halloween Tales**

**Thu, Oct 26:** Enjoy Halloween stories, activities and crafts. Wear

a costume for trick-or-treating in the library with the Northwest Teen Advisory Board. *Glen Allen Branch Library. 6:30 p.m.*

### **Halloween Hoot**

**Sat, Oct 28:** Watch "Scooby-Doo" and celebrate Halloween with treats and spooky books. Costumes encouraged. *Sandston Branch Library. 10:30 a.m.*

### **Halloween Fair**

Families can enjoy this safe and fun indoor celebration hosted by the Teen Advisory Board. Costumes encouraged. **Sat, Oct 28:** *Tuckahoe Area Library. 3 p.m.* **Mon, Oct 30:** *Libbie Mill Library. 6:30 p.m.*

*Events are free and open to everyone except where noted. For more information go to [henricolibrary.org](http://henricolibrary.org); email [pconway@henricolibrary.org](mailto:pconway@henricolibrary.org); or call (804) 501-1900.*

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