



## Kaechele, O'Bannon to lead board in 2013

The most experienced member of Henrico's Board of Supervisors has been chosen to wield the chairman's gavel in 2013.

At its Jan. 8 meeting, the board elected Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele to lead the body for the upcoming year. Kaechele will serve a one-year term as chairman, a position he held most recently in 2009. This year will mark his ninth term serving as chairman.

In addition, the board voted Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon to the vice chairman's post for 2013. She will serve a one-year term as well.

The fiscal challenges Henrico has confronted since 2008 will not

abate in 2013, Kaechele said. He noted that the county is entering the fifth year of a revenue pinch brought on by slow state, federal and global economies.

"This will be another tough, challenging year for Henrico County's general government and school system," he said. "We can't yet sing 'good times are here again' but will have to offer another chorus of 'tight times are here again.'"

Henrico is ready to meet the challenge, Kaechele added.

"The Board of Supervisors is committed to keep the past record of no layoffs and no major service cuts and to continue the county's low real-estate tax rate," he said. "We're going to be working hard to make that happen."

Kaechele paid tribute to Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., who served his final meeting as county manager

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Patricia S. O'Bannon

analyst in 1997. He also served as budget director and director of Finance.

Vithoukaskas sat down with Henrico Today to discuss his appointment as county manager, his goals for Henrico and his style of leadership.

**Q: What are your thoughts as you begin your work as county manager?**

**Vithoukaskas:** I'm excited. I think the future we have as a county, as a community is so bright. Obviously, we are in an economic period that will pass. The thing that we have to keep in mind in times like this is that our community has been around for 402 years. When you look at Henrico County government, one of the things that comes to mind is stability. That stability, going forward, is key. I am the eighth county manager going back to 1934. I think that, as well as the stability we've had on the Board of Supervisors, is the ultimate validation that the community believes Henrico is doing something right.

I am stepping into a situation where there is no chaos. We have a solid team in place. We have department heads who truly understand the concept of customer service. My challenge is to continue to maximize the efficiencies that we have as a county, to provide the

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## With 'wind in my sails,' Vithoukaskas takes reins as county manager

John A. Vithoukaskas became the eighth county manager to serve Henrico County on Jan. 17, following the retirement of Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E.

Vithoukaskas previously served as deputy county manager for administration and was a special economic advisor to the county manager. A graduate of J.R. Tucker High School, Vithoukaskas began his work for Henrico as a budget



David A. Kaechele

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on Jan. 8. Hazelett retired on Jan. 16 after a career of 21 years as county manager and more than 40 years as a county employee.

The chairman also recognized John A. Vithoukcas, who took the reins as county manager on Jan. 17.

"You have already obtained the confidence and trust of the Board of Supervisors," Kaechele said, addressing Vithoukcas. "You have a big job ahead of you, and we're looking forward to working with you."

Kaechele is the longest-serving member of Henrico's Board of Supervisors since the county adopted the county manager form of government in 1934. First voted Three Chopt District supervisor in 1979, he has been re-elected to represent the district eight times. He is embarking on his 33rd year on the board in 2013.

Kaechele is active in a variety of national, statewide and regional organizations, including the National Association of Counties (NACo), Virginia Association of Counties (VACo), Virginia Municipal League (VML), Capital Region Airport Commission (CRAC), Richmond Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau and Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (RRPDC).

A retired senior development engineer with the research and development division of Reynolds Metals Co., Kaechele is a graduate of Michigan State University and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

O'Bannon is serving her fifth term as Tuckahoe District supervi-

sor, a position to which she was first elected in 1995.

She holds appointed positions with NACo, VACo, VML, CRAC, RRPDC, the Greater Richmond Partnership, Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and the State Building Code Technical Review Board. She is a past recipient of the Patrick Henry Award for Government Service to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

A graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, O'Bannon is a former English teacher, news editor for a local publication and development associate for public television.

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*Board meetings typically are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and can be watched live online by following the "Video of Meetings" link on the board's web page listed above.*

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absolute best services, to ensure that we put the lion's share of the resources toward public safety and education and focus on business attraction and retention because those are key principles. They are part of our formula.

**Q: What led you to a career in public service?**

**Vithoukcas:** As I went through college, I started to see areas in the career world where you can make a difference. I had the fortune of

interning with the City of Richmond as a senior in college. I worked with the budget office and the city manager's office. I saw the type of work that was occurring and was able to pick up the morning paper and see something that I had worked on, even if it was in some small way. Understanding that you could make a difference motivated me initially. The longer I worked, the more I realized that serving the customer — the taxpayer — is what matters most.

**Q: What prepared you to be county manager?**

**Vithoukcas:** Several things. First, that I have served as the county's finance official through some very difficult times and how we reacted to that with poise. We

did not take the approach that was taken in other places, which was to initially panic and overreact. We've been calm. We've taken measured, consistent steps that have brought us to the point where we are today. That is the largest difficulty that I have faced in my career.

But also what has prepared me to serve as county manager is understanding this county's culture. The employees refer to it as the "Henrico way." There is a passion about this place, and it's a passion for each other. But more so, it's a passion about the work and a passion about the customer. I've never been in a place where so many dedicated people understand the focus or the reason that they come to work each day. I've come from



John A. Vithoukcas became county manager on Jan. 17. A county employee since 1997, he previously worked as a budget analyst, budget director, director of the Department of Finance, special economic advisor to the county manager and deputy county manager for administration.

within that environment.

We kid that we are the “ungovernment,” and there is truly a belief within the organization that we don’t want to operate and perform as just any other government.

**Q: What are your short-term and long-term goals for Henrico?**

**Vithoukias:** Short-term goals are obviously, within the next 24 months, to deal with budget difficulties that are largely the result of the economy.

In addition, we have been given the full liability for the retirement cost of teachers. This is being passed on by the state. That liability is in excess of \$500 million. That number is very close to the total debt that this county is carrying. We have managed our debt very carefully. We have been very prudent, and, in one fell swoop, we have been notified that our debt has been doubled.

Right now, Henrico faces a shortfall of \$18.5 million for fiscal year 2013-14. That comes on top of more than \$96 million that Henrico has cut in expenses or absorbed in additional costs in the past three years. So short term, the budget is a concern.

Long term, Henrico is becoming more urban, and one of the characteristics of urban government, if you look throughout America, is decaying infrastructure. Henrico has been able to beat that trend. We have been consistent in our infrastructure, both maintaining it and, as needed, adding new infrastructure.

This has made a huge difference in education. You look at our transportation infrastructure. You look at our parks system. You look at our fire stations. Longer term, we have to make sure that we maintain our infrastructure within that fiscal backdrop, that fiscal conservatism that we have.

Also, within the world of economic development, we used to fish in a little pond. We were looking for companies within the region or the United States. We need to continue this focus and, in fact, expand on it. We need to be worldwide as far as our efforts. Companies that choose to relocate are looking at the whole quality-of-life aspect, the whole tax-structure aspect.

We have to keep this focus on economic development if we are able to achieve this balance of 70-30 (an overall real estate tax base supported 70 percent by residential properties and 30 percent by commercial and industrial properties), this low tax-rate environment. Our corporate citizens are so important to what makes Henrico different.

**Q: How do you view Henrico’s role in the region and state?**

**Vithoukias:** I do think that as Henrico County goes, so does the region. Within the region, I firmly believe that a strong inner core is key to it, and the region is an area that encompasses much more than one locality. But my job is to focus on the fiscal well-being and the services that are provided in this locality.

I can tell you when I look at our regional partners, there is a lot of dialogue that occurs and a lot of sharing of information and ideas, and that must continue going forward.

When you look at the fund-



*Surrounded by family members, John A. Vithoukias (above) on Jan. 16 was sworn in as county manager by Chief Judge L.A. Harris Jr. of the Henrico Circuit Court. Vithoukias (right, appearing left to right) celebrated the start of his tenure as the eighth county manager in Henrico’s history with immediate predecessors William F. LaVecchia, P.E., who served as county manager from 1984 to 1992, and Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., who held the post from 1992 to 2013.*



ing that is provided for regional efforts, this locality provides the most funding of any outlying jurisdiction. Had it not been for Henrico and its hotel revenues, the convention center wouldn’t be downtown. We provide the lion’s share of the funding for the convention center. We provide significant funding for regional economic-development efforts. We provide funding for the Richmond Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau. We provide significant funding for mass transit.

**Q: How would you describe your style of leadership?**

**Vithoukias:** It’s changed over the years, and I didn’t really fully understand leadership until I had children. For me, the light switch of being selfless came with the birth of my kids. For me, kids ultimately made me realize there is more than self.

I struggle sometimes with this whole notion of leadership. Hu-

mility, for me, is my grounding rod. I would describe my style of leadership more along the lines of servant leadership.

I am also someone who believes in giving the underdog an opportunity. In my career, I’ve had a lot of success in bringing on employees who didn’t have the highest credentials but had demonstrated or seemed to demonstrate just a desire within, and many of those employees are within Henrico’s upper ranks now. I was one of those employees. There’s a budget director in Gaston County, N.C., who did the same thing with me.

**Q: How do you plan to interact with residents, the business community and county employees?**

**Vithoukias:** I have always been someone who is comfortable being out, whether it’s in the hallway or at a local association meeting or business council

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meeting. I plan to be accessible. I plan to be out there within the community because, again, it goes back to Henrico's customer-driven approach. Our businesses need to know that Henrico County's stability continues. Maintaining low tax rates is a focus going forward.

It goes back to one of the things that has helped me prepare to be county manager. In 2008, when everything started to get out of kilter with the economy, one of the first things we did was get out in the community. We took the approach that we are going to go out and explain, here's where we are as your county. And we've been doing it consistently since 2008. I think residents knew that we were always on top of things financially. This constant communication, constant effort to provide up-to-date information, I think, has validated some of their feelings and thoughts.

As far as employees, I have always been a hallway manager of sorts. I feel like I have wind in my sails because of the employees of this county. I have felt that way throughout my career whether it was in the budget office or in the Department of Finance or since coming to the County Manager's Office. That's because the employees of this county understand what we're about and they know that I have deep empathy for each and every one of them. I am an employee who has come up through the ranks. You can't change that. That's part of my DNA, what my belief system is.

## Henrico urges residents to register phones, devices for new alert system

Henrico County has launched a new emergency alert system to replace a hybrid system that was introduced in 2007.

The Henrico County Community Emergency Notification System allows emergency officials to send audio, text and email alerts to residents and others in the community faster and more efficiently than before, Fire Chief Anthony E. McDowell said.

The new system is already equipped to distribute audio messages to landline phones at homes or businesses because each is associated with a physical address through the county's 911 system.

But that's not the case with wireless phones and computers.

As a result, emergency officials are encouraging everyone who lives, works or routinely travels through Henrico to sign up to receive alerts on their mobile devices, either as audio recordings, text messages or emails.

To register, go to [www.HenricoAlert.org](http://www.HenricoAlert.org). Standard messaging fees apply.

### Mobile devices provide vital link in emergencies

Across Henrico, an estimated 172,000 wireless phones and other mobile devices are in use, compared with more than 145,000 landline phones.

"More and more, people are turning to their mobile phones during emergencies, and some are even disconnecting their landlines," McDowell said. "As a result, Henrico must take a comprehensive approach to providing timely information to the community. Likewise, residents should take steps to ensure they can receive this information."

Residents and others in the community are encouraged to sign up for the new alert system even if they registered to receive messages from the county's previous system.

Reaching people on their mobile devices is vital to the system's success because they are widely used and a primary means of com-



Hurricane Isabel caused extensive property damage and power outages in Henrico County in September 2003. Officials recently launched the Henrico County Community Emergency Notification System to help the county respond to storms and other emergencies.

munication during a power outage, McDowell said.

Only about 6,000 users and 13,700 devices were registered to receive email and text alerts under Henrico's previous alert system.

"It wasn't hitting the population as we wanted it to," McDowell said. "There's a lot of opportunity to expand the reach on the digital side."

### Messages can be targeted geographically

The new system allows officials to send messages countywide or to a selected geography, which

could be preferable in the case of a localized emergency, such as an escaped fugitive or a spill of hazardous material.

A call from the system will appear on an ID display as "Emergency Comm" with the number, 1-866-419-5000. If the initial call is missed, a person will be able to dial the number to hear the message in its entirety.

Any messages sent by the county using the 911 system in reverse are restricted to actual emergencies. However, greater leeway is available for messages that residents sign up to receive on their mobile devices and computers. As a result, those messages may provide important information, such as details of significant

road closings, that wouldn't classify as an emergency.

Officials are developing protocols for use of the system, balancing the need to inform without overloading the community.

"We don't want to make the citizens apathetic by sending out non-vital information," McDowell said, "but we want to make sure they know where to go in an emergency or that something big is coming."

### System delivers early results, savings

Henrico's new system is powered by CodeRED, a system hosted by Emergency Communications Network LLC. The system was in place before Hurricane Sandy barreled up the East Coast in late October, but no alerts were issued as the storm largely bypassed central Virginia.

However, the system proved

# HCTV–Channel 17 schedule

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		<b>Even Hours</b> 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.	<b>Odd Hours</b> 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.
<b>Feb 18 through Feb 24</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>J.E.B. Stuart: Bold Cavalier</b> — mins TBA	<b>Breaking Through: The Women of Henrico Police</b> — 23 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Digging the Truth: Archaeology In and Around Henrico</b> — 21 mins	<b>Henrico's Legacy: Commemorating 400 Years</b> — 53 mins
<b>Feb 25 through Mar 3</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Social Services Fatherhood Program</b> — mins TBA	<b>The Fourth Estate: The Story of the Richmond Times-Dispatch</b> — 34 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Inside Henrico: Winter 2013 Edition</b> — mins TBA	<b>An Evolving Legend: The Story of Robert E. Lee</b> — 38 mins
<b>Mar 4 through Mar 10</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Driving Force: Henrico's Traffic Safety Unit</b> — 27 mins	<b>Opening Doors: Henrico County Public Library System</b> — 23 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Virginia: The Mother of Presidents</b> — 41 mins	<b>Crystal Clear: Henrico County Water Reclamation Facility</b> — 21 mins
<b>Mar 11 through Mar 17</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Too Smart 2 Start</b> — 19 mins	<b>A Community's Spirit: Historic Tales of Highland Springs</b> — 25 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Reinvest: Commercial Investment Tax Abatement Program</b> — 22 mins	<b>According to Plan: New Home Inspections in Henrico County</b> — 22 mins
<b>Mar 18 through Mar 24</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>The History of Henrico Theatre</b> — mins TBA	<b>Between the Lines: How Reconstruction Redrew the Map of Henrico</b> — 22 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Henrico's View of the James River and Kanawha Canal</b> — 21 mins	<b>The Four Legged Force: Life in Henrico's K-9 Unit</b> — 34 mins
<b>Mar 25 through Mar 31</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Standing Tall: Native Trees of Henrico County</b> — 25 mins	<b>Hermitage Enterprises: Staffing and Labor Services</b> — 30 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Never Forget: Andrea Michelle Taylor Cold Case</b> — 25 mins	<b>Taking Flight: Stories of Modern Virginia Aviation</b> — 51 mins

## Alert system launched (continued)

its worth about a month later, when an elderly man went missing from his home in western Henrico. Emergency officials sent out a description of the man to about 7,000 phone lines within 1.6 miles of his home.

A woman who had received the message was driving in Goochland County when she spotted a man who matched the description walking along the road. She called 911, which allowed emergency responders to safely reunite the man with his family.

"Without the citizen partnering in it, the situation could have had a very different outcome," said Anna M. McRay, deputy coordinator of emergency management for the Division of Fire's Office of Emergency Management.

Henrico used its previous emergency alert system about a dozen times over five years. The system proved to be slow and expensive to operate because it required the dedication of 48 local phone lines.

The new system costs \$53,234 per year, about half the cost of the previous system. By switching to the new system, the county also avoided spending about \$30,000 to replace computer servers. CodeRED operates remotely from Florida, with backup servers in Georgia, Texas and Nevada.

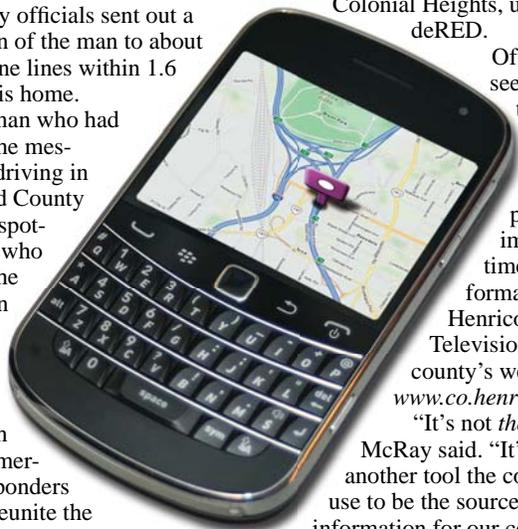
As an additional feature, any-

one who downloads the CodeRED app on their iPhone or Android device can receive other localized messages if they are traveling in areas covered by the service. In Virginia, 25 other localities, including Goochland and the city of Colonial Heights, use CodeRED.

Officials see the system as supplementing efforts to provide important, timely information on Henrico County Television and the county's website, [www.co.henrico.va.us](http://www.co.henrico.va.us).

"It's not *the* tool," McRay said. "It's just another tool the county can use to be the source of vital information for our community."

For information on Henrico's new alert system, call the Office of Emergency Management at (804) 501-4900.



## Henrico's new emergency alert system

To get messages on wireless phones, mobile devices, computers:

Go to [www.HenricoAlert.org](http://www.HenricoAlert.org); registration is optional but strongly encouraged.

To get messages on landline phones:

No registration is needed; Henrico's 911 system already matches phone numbers with physical addresses.

## Free tax help available for residents

Eligible Henrico taxpayers can receive free help preparing and filing their 2012 tax returns and applying for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

Henrico County and MetroCASH — a coalition of nonprofit, business and government organizations — have launched their annual efforts to help working families get the most out of their tax returns. This year marks the 11th year for the free service.

The EITC is a refundable credit aimed at helping working families and individuals who file a tax return and meet income requirements. Designed to reduce the tax burden and supplement wages, the credit could increase a federal refund by as much as \$5,891 for families with three or more children and \$475 for individuals.

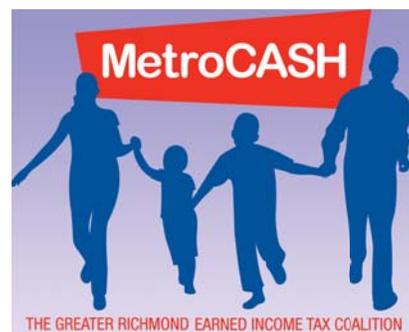
"These credits can help Henrico families make ends meet, but they must file a tax return to claim the credits," said Extension Agent Kim Edmonds, who helps coordinate Henrico's participation in MetroCASH. "Our goal is to help more families learn about the benefits of these tax credits, so they don't miss out."

To qualify for the EITC, residents must meet the following income requirements for 2012 (the incomes listed are for married couples filing a joint return; in each category, the income limit is \$5,210 less for single-parent families):

- ❖ Earned less than \$50,270, with three or more qualifying children;

- ❖ Earned less than \$47,162, with two children;
- ❖ Earned less than \$42,130, with one child; and
- ❖ Earned less than \$19,190, with no children.

Volunteers are helping eligible taxpayers prepare and file electronic returns at 14 MetroCASH sites throughout the metropolitan area, including two in Henrico: **Dumbarton**



**Area Library**, 6800 Staples Mill Road, 4-8 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays through April 11, and **Fairfield Area Library**, 1001 N. Laburnum Ave., 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturdays through March 9.

Last year, MetroCASH volunteers helped area residents file 2,133 tax returns, generating \$859,804 in EITC funds and a total of \$2,443,248 in federal refunds. The free service saved its clients an estimated \$426,000 in preparation fees.

The additional funds benefit the local economy as well: more than 80 percent of EITC refund dollars remain in the community where they are received, according to the organization.

Many area residents miss this opportunity, however. MetroCASH estimates that up to 25 percent of eligible taxpayers fail to claim the EITC.

Additional information is available at [www.metrocash.org](http://www.metrocash.org) or by calling 211.

## Recreation Roundup

### **Sun, Feb 17: Theatre IV presents “Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad”**

This drama and musical history lesson tells the story of the former slave who worked to free hundreds from the bonds of slavery. Henrico Theatre. 2:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. *Reservations required.* Info: 328-4491.

### **Sat, Feb 23: A Hidden History: African-Americans at Dabbs House**

Learn about the role African-Americans played in the life of this historic building. Tours focus on Dabbs’ family slaves; Robert E. Lee’s slave, Perry Parks; the Battle of New Market Heights; and African-Americans at the almshouse. Dabbs House Museum. 1-3 p.m. Info: 652-3409.

### **Sat, Mar 2: Kite Festival**

Enjoy kite flying and demonstrations, exhibits, children’s activities

and more. Free kites to the first 300 kids! Concessions available for purchase. Dorey Park. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (rain date Mar 3). Info: 501-5134.

### **Tue & Wed, Mar 5 & 6: On-the-Air Radio Players present “Radio Goes to War”**

Performed and taped live before the audience, the show will feature music, sound effects and radio stories direct from World War II. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. 7:30 p.m. Info: 501-5138.

### **Sun, Mar 10: Richmond Ballet’s “Minds in Motion”**

Experience the high energy and intricate choreography of Minds in Motion Team XXL. Henrico Theatre. 4 p.m. *Reservations required.* Info: 328-4491.

### **Sun, Mar 17: Paws in the Park**

Bring your dog and enjoy an afternoon at the Dorey Dog Park. Activities include an agility trainer demonstration, pet education and

St. Patrick’s Day parade. Dorey Park. 3-5 p.m. Info: 795-2334.

### **Sat, Mar 23: The Trials and Tribulations of the Lee Family**

Learn how rarely discussed family tragedies affected Robert E. Lee. Dabbs House Museum. 2-3 p.m. *Ages 12 and older.* Info: 652-3409.

### **Sat, Mar 30: 24th annual Henrico 5K Run/Walk**

The first 200 registrants receive a T-shirt. Pre-register for \$10 by Mar 22 or \$15 on race day. Shoppes at Innsbrook. 7:30 a.m. (registration); 9 a.m. (start). Info: 501-5134.

### **Sat, Apr 20: Earth Day Celebration**

Learn how to go green and protect the environment. Displays feature dinosaurs, birds, sharks and “Baby T-Rex.” Concessions available for purchase. Three Lakes Park and Nature Center. 1-4 p.m. Info: 501-5134.

### **Sat, Apr 27: Henrico Theatre 75th Anniversary Celebration**

Enjoy tours and displays, see the first movie shown in the theater, “Thin Ice,” at 2 p.m., or “An American Tail: Fievel Goes West” at 4 p.m. Bak N Da Day will perform in concert at 7 p.m. Movies cost \$1. *Reservations required for concert.* Info: 328-4491.

### **Sat, May 4: KidFest**

Carnival row, inflatable slides, art exhibits, the Children’s Farm and other activities designed with kids in mind. Concessions available for purchase. Deep Run Park. 1-4 p.m. Info: 501-5808.

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

## Library Lineup

### **Mon, Feb 18: Anansi Party**

Celebrate the African spiderman — who is full of tricks — with a story, spider crafts, games and more. Dumbarton Area Library. 2-2:45 p.m. Info: 290-9400.

### **Tue, Feb 19: CommonHelp: Social Services Help Session**

Representatives from Henrico Social Services will demonstrate the CommonHelp website, which connects users with assistance for food, child care, energy, medical and financial needs. Fairfield Area Library. 5-7:30 p.m. Info: 290-9300.

### **Fri & Sat, Feb 22 & 23: Used Book Sale**

Huge variety of books at bargain prices! Sales benefit Friends of the Library. Tuckahoe Area Library. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 290-9100.

**Tue, Feb 26: Henry Box Brown** Jeffrey Ruggles, former curator for the Virginia Historical Society, traces the journey of the man who

escaped from slavery by shipping himself in a box from Richmond to Philadelphia. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Tuckahoe Area Library. 2-3 p.m. Info: 290-9100.

### **Mon, Mar 4: My College Fit**

College admissions professional provides insight into the admissions process. Twin Hickory Area Library. 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9200.

### **Mon, Mar 4: Richmond’s Civil War Railroads**

National Park Service Ranger Bert Dunkerly discusses how the Union and Confederacy managed their railroads. Varina Branch Library. 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9800.

### **Wed, Mar 6: Scouting the Postmodern Film Frontier**

Trent Nicholas from Virginia Museum of Fine Arts explains post-modernism in film and presents short examples. Twin Hickory Area Library. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Info:

290-9200.

### **Wed, Mar 6: NAACP-Nominated Authors Visit**

Book signing with Reshonda Billingsley Tate, author of “The Secret She Kept,” and Victoria Christopher Murray, author of “Destiny’s Divas.” Fairfield Area Library. 7-8:15 p.m. Info: 290-9300.

### **Tue, Mar 12: Paws to R.E.A.D.**

Read a story to a therapy dog! Improve your reading confidence and make a new friend. *Registration required.* Dumbarton Area Library. 2:30-4 p.m. Info: 290-9400.

### **Sat, Apr 13: Poetry Fun**

VCU theater students present great poetry with an interactive spin! *For ages 5-11 with an adult.* Gayton Branch Library. 3-4 p.m. Info: 290-9600.

### **Wed, Apr 17: Don’t Let the Pigeon Go to the Party**

Celebrate author Mo Willems and his “Pigeon” books through stories, games and activities. Glen Allen Branch Library. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Info: 290-9500.

### **Wed, Apr 24: ALL HENRICO READS with Adriana Trigiani**

Join the best-selling author as she discusses “The Shoemaker’s Wife.” Book signing follows the program. Glen Allen High School. 7-8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:15). Info: 290-9038.

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Building Permits & Inspections .....	501-4360
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Child Protective Services.....	501-5437
Community Maintenance.....	501-4757
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Fire, Non-emergency.....	501-4900
Food Stamps.....	501-4001
Health Clinic - East.....	652-3190
Health Clinic - West.....	501-4651
History/Historic Preservation.....	501-5736
Human Resources .....	501-4628
Human Resources 24-hour Jobline .....	501-5674
Libraries.....	290-9000
Magistrates.....	501-5285
Marriage Licenses.....	501-5055
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Planning & Zoning.....	501-4602
Police, Non-emergency.....	501-5000
Real Estate Assessment.....	501-4300
Recreation & Parks.....	501-7275
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Schools.....	652-3600
Sheriff.....	501-4571
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Trash/Bulky Waste/Leaf Collection.....	501-4275
Vehicle Licenses/Personal Property.....	501-4263
Volunteer Program .....	501-5231
Voter Registration .....	501-4347
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