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Officials from Henrico, NOVA Aquatics, Regency announce plans for aquatics center at mall site

Henrico County, NOVA of Virginia Aquatics and Regency will partner to develop an indoor aquatics center, repurposing space that currently is vacant at the mall while supporting water-safety and healthy lifestyle initiatives for county students and others.

Officials announced plans today during a work session of Henrico's Board of Supervisors at the former Macy's South building, the proposed project site. The indoor aquatics center will feature an eight-lane, 50-meter pool and two three-lane, 25-yard pools, as well as spectator seating, locker rooms, a swim shop and other amenities. Overhead viewing would be accessible from a mezzanine level.

Officials estimate the cost of the project to be about \$18 million, including a mix of private and public funding. Henrico will contribute \$1.75 million over five years. In addition to a cash contribution, Regency will provide the building and will modify it to support the pools and related infrastructure. NOVA will construct and pay for the pools and will cover the facility's operating costs.

Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon, whose Tuckahoe District includes Regency mall, applauded the private investment and the "imagination that's breathing new life in this area."

"The future here is exciting because it's being shaped by creative, out-of-the-box thinking," O'Bannon said. "This is another strong public-private partnership that will be transformative for our community."

Mark Slusher, senior vice president of Thalhimer Realty Partners, noted that Regency is well positioned to host the aquatic center. The mall is owned by Thalhimer Realty Partners and The Rebkee Co.

"We are thrilled NOVA chose Regency to be the home of its new initiative," Slusher said. "The retail landscape is ever-changing and Regency is changing with it. Regency's location is ideally positioned close to area high schools and major highways, making it the perfect community gathering place."

O'Bannon said the proposed facility will benefit Henrico's high school swim teams as well as the county's sports tourism efforts. She also noted that it will further support the Board's initiative of making Henrico "drown-proof" by offering another site where students can learn to swim. Last fall, county officials announced plans for the Henrico Aquatics Center on Laburnum Avenue, featuring a program to provide swimming instruction for Henrico County Public Schools students; site work for that center is set to begin in the next few weeks.

Superintendent Dr. Amy Cashwell noted the potential lifelong impacts the swimming initiative and aquatic centers will have for HCPS students.

“We are excited about the opportunities the aquatic centers present for our students from second grade into high school,” Cashwell said. “These projects further strengthen our mission to prepare our students to be life-ready and develop the critical skills that will serve them throughout their lives.”

Ann McGee, executive director of NOVA of Virginia Aquatics, said the new center will expand access to swimming for the area’s young people and others.

“NOVA is extremely excited about the opportunity to build and operate an aquatics center at Regency in partnership with Henrico County, Thalheimer Realty Partners, and the Rebkee Company,” McGee said. “Additional water will result in greater community access to swimming, a lifelong sport that is growing in popularity because of its many health and social benefits. Teaching children to swim is a critical element of NOVA’s mission and we look forward to joining the regional effort to provide lessons to all school-aged children.”

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Varina meetings to provide updates on ‘State of Varina,’ General Assembly session

Henrico County Board of Supervisors Chairman and Varina District representative Tyrone E. Nelson will hold a series of community meetings in April to provide updates on the “State of Varina” and the 2019 session of the Virginia General Assembly.

The Community Conversations meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 1 at the Varina Area Library, 1875 New Market Road; 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 4 at the Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nine Mile Road; and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4 at Elko Community Center, 6216 White Oak Road.

Nelson will be joined by County Manager John A. Vithoulkas and members of the General Assembly. Residents who are unable to attend may participate via a livestream on the Henrico County Government channel on YouTube.

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March 22, 2019

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*My Henrico Academy to help immigrant residents access county services
Applications for free program accepted through April 12*

Henrico County, in partnership with the Asian & Latino Solidarity Alliance of Central Virginia (ALSACV), is offering a free new program designed to help residents — particularly those from immigrant backgrounds — learn about their local government and how they can access and navigate its services and resources.

My Henrico Academy will launch Wednesday, June 5 and will be held the first Wednesday monthly through Jan. 8. Sessions will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at various county facilities and will be led by county officials and staff. Topics will include federal, state and local governance; Henrico County Public Schools; healthy living; doing business in Henrico; roads and utilities; Police and Fire operations; and opportunities available through Henrico’s recreation centers, parks and libraries.

The academy will also offer tours of county facilities and the opportunity for participants to interact with county officials and other community leaders. Course materials and lunch will be provided.

There is no cost to participate in My Henrico Academy, though individuals must apply and be admitted to the program. The academy is designed for members of Henrico's Asian, Latino and immigrant communities; applicants should be 21 or older and be active, engaged members of their community. Preferred applicants are those who are already involved in their communities, have shown leadership abilities, and who are willing to disseminate the information they learn throughout their communities. Upon graduation, My Henrico Academy participants will be able to help their communities to better understand and access government services. Graduates also will have the opportunity to interact with residents from other communities through the My Henrico Academy alumni network.

Applications are available online at My Henrico Academy and at henrico.us/pr. Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 12. Selected participants will be notified in early May.

My Henrico Academy has been developed in response to the growing Asian, Latino and immigrant communities in Henrico. The county's immigrant heritage population was 15.6 percent in 2016, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, with expectations for continued growth in the next decade.

"By helping new immigrants develop the skills and contacts necessary to navigate the governmental and social service systems independently, effectively, and efficiently, they become active participants in improving the overall well-being of our communities," said May Nivar, ALSACV's founding chair, who also chairs the Governor's Virginia Asian Advisory Board. "We're excited to be partnering with Henrico County and look forward to bringing this program to other localities in the region and state."

Henrico County Manager John A. Vithoulikas added, "Henrico welcomes the opportunity to partner with the Asian & Latino Solidarity Alliance of Central Virginia to present My Henrico Academy. This innovative program will play a critical role in introducing new residents to their local government and, in turn, will provide a spark for civic engagement that will only make our community stronger."

Funding for My Henrico Academy will be provided through corporate sponsorships, grants and donations to ALSACV, a nonprofit 501(c)3.

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March 21, 2019

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Henrico to celebrate Earth Day with Spring Energy Fair at eastern recreation center

Henrico County will celebrate Earth Day on Monday, April 22 with a free energy fair at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Avenue.

The Spring Energy Fair will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. and is open to the public. The event will provide information on energy and sustainability and will offer refreshments, giveaways of free portable power banks for the first 100 attendees and opportunities to test drive an electric car from Drive Electric RVA.

More than 20 vendors will be on hand to highlight sustainability, green building, energy efficiency, LED lighting, solar power and recycling. Tech for Troops will collect used electronics, such as

mobile phones, tablets, laptops and flat screen monitors, in any condition for refurbishment and donation to veterans. Soles for Souls will collect used shoes and textiles in any condition for those in need.

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March 20, 2019

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Tuckahoe Town Meeting to feature State of the County, proposed budget

Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will host a Tuckahoe Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 27 to provide updates on the State of the County and Henrico County's proposed budget for fiscal 2019-20.

O'Bannon will be joined by County Manager John A. Vithoukias, who presented the State of the County address in December.

The meeting will be held with sessions at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive. Residents who are unable to attend may participate via a livestream on the Henrico County Government YouTube channel, youtube.com/c/henricocountygovernment.

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March 19, 2019

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Oughton named chief of Division of Fire

Henrico County has appointed Alec W. Oughton to serve as chief of the Division of Fire, effective immediately.

Oughton joined the division in 1999 and served most recently as its deputy fire chief for operations. He has been acting chief since December, when Anthony E. McDowell was promoted to deputy county manager for public safety. McDowell had served as chief since 2012.



As chief, Oughton will oversee an agency responsible for fire prevention and suppression, emergency medical services (EMS), technical rescue, hazardous materials mitigation and disaster preparedness in Henrico.

Fire has an approved budget of \$61.5 million and 595 employees in fiscal year 2018-19. The division responds to more than 52,000 calls for service each year and operates 21 firehouses, with two additional stations planned, along Staples Mill and East Nine Mile roads.

Henrico holds the highest-possible Class 1 rating from the Insurance Services Office, which is based on a comprehensive review of the county's fire response, including its fire department capabilities and training.

Oughton began his fire service as a volunteer with the Virginia Tech Rescue Squad and the Manassas Park Volunteer Fire Department before taking a staff position with Spotsylvania County Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management in 1996. He joined Henrico Fire in 1999 as firefighter/paramedic and held station operations leadership positions before transitioning into administration in 2014.

Oughton served in 2018 as chairman of the Central Virginia Operations Chiefs subcommittee, which is part of the Central Virginia Fire Chiefs Association. He holds associate degrees in fire science and emergency medical services from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Liberty University. He is scheduled to graduate in August from the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy.

March 18, 2019

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*Henrico to host job fair March 30
Fair will highlight opportunities with county government, schools*

Henrico County's general government and Virginia Career Works-Capital Region will host a job fair Saturday, March 30 to highlight opportunities to serve the community.

The fair, which is free and open to the public, will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Henrico County Training Center, 7701 E. Parham Road.

Attending will be representatives of at least 20 county departments and agencies, including the Police, Recreation and Parks, Information Technology, Community Revitalization, Public Utilities, Public Works, Social Services, Sheriff's Office, Voter Registration, Human Resources, Capital Region Workforce Partnership, Henrico County Public Library, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services and Henrico County Public Schools.

The fair will feature workshops, including one on how to make your application stand out in the recruitment process. To review current job postings, go to henrico.us/services/jobs or follow the Department of Human Resources on Twitter, at [@HenricoHR](https://twitter.com/HenricoHR) using #HenricoJobFair, #ApplyHenrico and #HenricoJobs. Information also is available at henrico.us/hr.

March 13, 2019

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Henrico Extension to offer water-testing clinic for residents on private wells

The Henrico County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension will offer a three-part clinic to help residents test their private wells, springs and cisterns for contaminants.

A meeting to distribute testing kits and to provide an overview of the Well Water Testing Clinic will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, June 3 in the Multipurpose Room at the Eastern Henrico Government Center, 3820 East Nine Mile Road.

Participants will drop off their water samples between 8 and 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 5 at the Extension office in the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive.

A meeting to provide residents with a copy of their confidential test results and to share information on water-system care and maintenance will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, July 8 in the Community Room at the Eastern Henrico Government Center. Staff also will be available to discuss the results privately after the meeting or by phone.

The water-sample tests will be conducted at Virginia Tech and will include an analysis of the presence of iron, manganese, nitrate, lead, arsenic, fluoride, sulfate, pH, total dissolved solids, hardness, sodium, copper, total coliform bacteria and E. coli bacteria.

“Wells and other private water supplies are not regulated in Virginia,” said Ed Olsen, Henrico’s Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources. “Homeowners are responsible for testing the water quality, maintaining the water system and addressing any problems that arise. Henrico Extension is pleased to offer affordable, confidential water tests and information to our residents.”

The cost to participate in the clinic is \$60 per water sample, with payment and registration due by Monday, May 20. For more information, call (804) 501-5160. For information on the Virginia Household Water Quality Program and private water systems, go to wellwater.bse.vt.edu.

March 12, 2019

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Henrico budget would provide largest amount for capital projects in county history

Proposal retains 87-cent real estate tax rate, emphasizes support for schools, public safety

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday received a proposed budget for the upcoming year that retains the current real estate tax rate while increasing operating support for schools and public safety and establishing the largest one-year total for capital spending in the county’s history.

The proposed budget for fiscal 2019-20 totals \$1.3 billion across all operating funds, an increase of 5.7 percent from the current year’s plan. The proposed general fund, which supports most governmental operations, totals \$918.7 million, an increase of 5.4 percent. The plan provides \$322.7 million for capital projects, including a new J.R. Tucker High School and a new Highland Springs High School. Henrico has not constructed more than one high school at a time since the 1960s.

“One of the best measures of a community is the quality of its public facilities,” County Manager John A. Vithoukas said. “I’m proud that Henrico continues to see the value of reinvesting in its schools, parks, libraries and other public facilities. These critical infrastructure projects — exemplified by what we’re planning for the Tucker and Highland Springs communities — are unprecedented for the county and will help fuel its continued growth and success for decades to come.”

Highlights of the proposed budget include:

- No change to the real estate tax rate of 87 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Henrico’s rate has not increased in more than 40 years;
- A \$515 million operating budget for Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS), which represents the largest increase — more than \$29 million — in general fund support for the system in the past 13 years. The budget would support additional positions to allow planning periods for elementary school teachers, boost special education staffing and

- provide for smaller class sizes. The budget also would continue to support the Achievable Dream Academy and the CodeRVA Regional High School, as well as set aside \$4 million for school bus replacement;
- Additional funding for public safety to support 13 new positions for the Division of Fire, Police Division and Emergency Communications Center; the new medic unit focusing on low-urgency calls; expanded professional development and training for first responders; new monitors with cardiac capabilities for enhanced emergency medical services; a program to refresh firehouses with new appliances, carpet and other upgrades; and two additional positions in the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office to address the increased workload associated with Police's use of body-worn cameras;
 - A capital budget that continues to fund projects planned as part of the 2016 bond referendum, which include a new Brookland area elementary school, an advanced career education center at Glen Allen High School and the Staples Mill Fire Station. In addition to those school projects and the new Tucker and Highland Springs high schools, the budget provides an additional \$2 million for the development of the Henrico Aquatics Center, as well as funding for a Police evidence storage facility; classroom resources at the Police range facility; and a variety of other facility maintenance and improvement projects for general government and HCPS;
 - Increasing to \$400,000 the threshold for exemption from BPOL (Business, Professional and Occupational License) taxes. Currently, businesses do not pay BPOL taxes on the first \$300,000 in gross receipts. With a \$400,000 exemption, more than 14,000 businesses would not pay BPOL taxes;
 - Additional funding of \$302,450 for the Real Estate Tax Advantage Program (REAP), which provides tax relief to residents who are at least 65 years old or totally and permanently disabled. To qualify, residents can have a maximum income of \$75,000 and a maximum net worth of \$400,000;
 - A 3-percent, merit-based raise for all general government and HCPS employees. In addition, \$5.7 million would be set aside to reduce salary compression within general government and schools, and support would be provided to HCPS to establish a career development track for teachers;
 - A consolidation of the internal audit functions of general government and HCPS;
 - Various initiatives to strengthen the county's "fiscal structure," which include additional support for the technology and risk management funds, minimized use of reserves for Central Automotive Maintenance operations and an additional \$1 million for a reserve fund to offset potential losses in revenues provided by the state;
 - Transportation improvements, including \$5.2 million for Oakley's Lane; \$1.8 million for an extension of Woodman Road; \$2.5 million for sidewalks; \$2.3 million for stormwater pollution reduction initiatives; and full-year funding for the GRTC Transit System route enhancements that were initiated last year;
 - Continued support for sports tourism, including \$10 million for a second phase of development at Glover Park; \$4.2 million for Dorey Park renovations; and operating funds associated with the installation of synthetic turf fields at county high schools;
 - A new Housing Advisory Committee, which would provide expertise and advice on a variety of housing issues; and
 - An average increase in water and sewer rates totaling \$2.88 per month for residential customers to continue to meet service demands.

The Board of Supervisors will begin its review of the proposed budget during legislative work sessions scheduled March 18-21. All meetings will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except for the session Tuesday, March 19, which will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. The sessions will be in the County Manager's Conference Room on the second floor of the Administration Building at the Henrico County Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road.

The board will hold a public hearing on the budget at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 in the Board Room at the Henrico Government Center. A vote to adopt the budget is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23. Once approved, the budget will guide operating and capital spending for the year beginning July 1.

Copies of the proposed budget are available at Henrico libraries, the Office of Management and Budget in the Henrico Government Center and at henrico.us.

March 11, 2019

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Fairfield meeting March 18 to provide updates on legislative session, transportation

Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton will hold a constituent meeting Monday, March 18 to provide an update on the 2019 General Assembly session and to discuss trends and technology initiatives in transportation.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave.

Thornton will be joined by U.S. Rep. A. Donald McEachin, of Virginia's 4th District; members of the General Assembly; and Robb Alexander, of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

For information, call (804) 501-4208.

March 11, 2019

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*Henrico CASA seeks volunteers to serve as child advocates
Information session set for March 21, training starts April 29*

Henrico County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will hold an information session Thursday, March 21 for people who may be interested in volunteering to work in the court system on behalf of abused or neglected children.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the CASA offices in suite A of the Hungary Spring Office Park, 3001 Hungary Spring Road. To reserve a seat, contact Rebecca Kalman-Winston at (804) 501-1670 or kal001@henrico.us.

Henrico CASA is recruiting volunteers for a free, three-week training course that will begin Monday, April 29. Classes will be held three days per week and last about six hours per session. The classes will be held during the daytime for the convenience of retirees, stay-at-home parents or others with evening obligations.

Henrico CASA is a private, nonprofit organization that has worked closely with the court for more than 24 years. Working typically 10 to 15 hours per month, volunteer advocates gather information on a child's circumstances to supplement information provided to the court. Henrico CASA volunteers served 333 children by donating 14,473 hours during fiscal year 2017-18.

Prospective volunteers must apply by Friday, April 12, be at least 21 years old, have regular access to a computer and attend all training sessions. All applicants will be interviewed, fingerprinted and undergo criminal background and reference checks.

Anyone interested in applying but unable to attend the information session is asked to contact Jeannine Panzera at (804) 501-1673 or pan01@henrico.us. For an application or more information, go to henricocasa.org.

March 6, 2019

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Henrico's Student Government Day offers 'spark' for civic engagement



Students from Henrico's high schools got a firsthand look at their local government and public schools administrations Wednesday during the county's 62nd Student Government Day.

The program matched 122 students from all nine high schools and The Academy at Virginia Randolph with elected and appointed officials, including members of the Board of Supervisors and School Board, the county manager, superintendent, judges and

department directors. Students spent the day learning how Henrico general government and Henrico County Public Schools work on behalf of residents and others to provide services and to address needs of the community.

"Local government works best when citizens are informed and fully engaged in the decision-making," County Manager John A. Vithoukaskas said. "For more than six decades, Student Government Day has given Henrico County youth a seat at the table. We hope this experience provides a spark that encourages our students to think critically, to ask questions and to participate in their community in ways they may not have thought were possible. This vibrant program, which is supported by dozens of outstanding teachers and other staff, reinforces Henrico's commitment to its youth, and it demonstrates the amazing partnership that exists between the county government and Henrico County Public Schools."

Student Government Day opened Tuesday with an investiture at Hermitage High School in which 33 students swore the oaths required for their assigned positions. Students spent Wednesday with their designated departments and agencies. Some also toured Henrico's Jail West and registered to vote.

For students who worked at the Henrico Government Center, the day included a student-run, mock work session and mock meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The students reviewed proposals to allow the installation of solar panels on several county buildings and to develop an aquatics center in partnership with the YMCA of Greater Richmond. They also learned about Henrico County's new mobile app and the county's internship program.

The Kiwanis clubs of North Richmond and Tuckahoe are sponsors of Student Government Day.

Attached photo: Students from Henrico high schools work alongside county officials during a mock meeting of the Board of Supervisors as part of Henrico's 62nd Student Government Day.

March 1, 2019

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Richmond and Henrico residents are urged to take precautions after popular stray cat in Bryan Park tests positive for rabies

The Richmond City Health District and Henrico County Health Department are reminding residents of Richmond and Henrico to take precautions to reduce the risk of people or pets contracting rabies from domestic and woodland animals.

Recently, a stray cat (*Adult female, Domestic Shorthair, black fur with white paws and chin*) that was a popular fixture at Bryan Park tested positive for rabies. Richmond Animal Care and Control took custody of the cat on February 19th after a park visitor was bitten while interacting with the usually friendly feline. The bite victim is a Henrico resident whose Post Exposure Prophylactic (PEP) treatment is being supervised by the Henrico County Health Department.

Visitors to Bryan Park who may have been exposed to this cat between the dates of February 9th to 19th are at possible risk for rabies and are advised to contact their public health department. Richmond residents should call the Richmond City Health District at 804-482-8020. Persons who live in Henrico should call the Henrico County Health Department at 804-501-4656.

Exposure is defined as any bite, scratch or other situation where saliva or central nervous tissue of a potentially rabid animal enters an open, fresh wound or comes into contact with a mucus membrane by entering the eye, nose or mouth.

Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system. Once symptoms in humans develop, the infection is usually fatal. Administering preventive treatment following an exposure and before symptoms develop is critical in preventing the disease. It is important to seek medical attention promptly after a possible exposure.

The public is advised not to approach wild or stray animals either in urban or wooded areas or if they wander onto your property, especially if the animal is acting strangely. Take the following steps to prevent family members and pets from being exposed to rabies:

- Don't attract wild animals into your yard by leaving out pet food or uncontained garbage
- Vaccinate all cats, dogs and ferrets against rabies and keep their shots up to date
- Don't allow your pets to roam freely through the neighborhood; keep them on a leash when walking them
- Report stray animals to your local animal control agency

If you or your pet is attacked or bitten, report it to the health department or animal control authorities. Get a good description of the animal that you can provide to authorities.

For more information about rabies and animal bites, talk to your veterinarian, health department, or visit <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/DEE/Rabies/>

March 1, 2019

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Henrico plant sale underway to support Extension programs

The Henrico County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension is selling varieties of berry and asparagus plants to support local 4-H Youth Development programs.

Blackberry and raspberry plants are available for \$5 each. Blueberry plants and a bundle of 10 asparagus plants are \$6 each. A bundle of 25 strawberry plants is \$8.

[Order forms](https://henrico.us/extension) are available at henrico.us/extension. For more information, call (804) 501-5160. Orders received by Thursday, March 14 will be filled. Those received later will be filled while supplies last.

Plants will be distributed from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 at the Virginia Randolph Recreation Center, 2175 Mountain Road.