



Let your fingers do the voting —Henrico set to implement touch-screen voting technology

Effective Tuesday, Nov. 8, Henrico voters can permanently remove a few items from their election toolbox: No need for that stylus. Nor for those punch card ballots. And by all means get rid of the chads, whether hanging, pregnant or otherwise.

In fact, when they next head to the polls, residents already will have on hand the only tool they'll need to cast a ballot: their own index finger.

The upcoming general election will mark Henrico County's official entry into the brave new world of touch-screen voting. WINvote, a wireless, stand-alone "ballot station" produced by Advanced Voting Solutions, will replace the long-serving Votomatic punch card system.

Some five to 10 WINvote machines, which have a 15-inch screen, weigh about nine pounds and resemble a laptop computer, will be deployed to each of the county's 91 polling places. Henrico has purchased 800 units, at a total cost of \$2.9 million; the county is paying \$850,000, with the federal government covering the rest.

"This November will be the first time since 1776 that the federal government has helped pick up the tab for an election," said General Registrar Mark Coakley, adding that elec-

tions have always been the responsibility of local and state governments.

Accuracy, speed, efficiency

Coakley said the touch-screen technology should enhance the Election Day experience, improving the accuracy, speed and efficiency of casting a ballot—a voter takes three minutes, on average, to use the new machine—while reducing the chance for human error in the voting process.

The implementation of WINvote is the county's response to the Help America Vote Act of 2002, federal legislation created to upgrade the nation's voting systems following the problematic presidential election of 2000. Henrico is one of 48 Virginia localities using the WINvote system, which has been approved by the State Board of Elections and the U.S. Department of Justice.

The voting equipment also complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Coakley noted, thus marking a significant moment—the extension of the secret ballot, for the first time, to certain disabled voters.

"The WINvote machine comes equipped with a special audio unit, so our blind citizens will finally get to vote in privacy and cast an actual secret ballot," he said.

The registrar sees the advent of the high-tech equipment as less of a revolutionary change than as part of the ongoing, inevitable process to extend voting rights to all Americans, tracing through the women's suffrage movement to the voter-registration drives, elimination of poll taxes and other advances of the Civil Rights movement.

"Our disabled and handicapped citizens can't be disenfranchised any more than women or African-Ameri-

cans once were," Coakley said. "We now have the opportunity to remove another barrier and improve voting for the disabled. This new equipment allows us to do that."

'Voter-proof' equipment

Touch-screen voting will remove the confusion voters frequently experienced with the punch card system. There will be no paper ballot to insert in a slot, notch over a set of tabs and align properly; no multiple-page ballot booklet to flip through to locate candidates and races; no possibility to improperly punch through the punch card ballot and over-vote on one race while omitting another race; and no need to carry a completed ballot to a separate machine for counting.

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County saluted for top programs

Innovation isn't just limited to computer technology, rocket science or similar cutting-edge fields. Henrico has shown again that there's plenty of innovation in county government as well.

The county has received seven awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award Program, honoring groundbreaking programs implemented by the county last year.

"Henrico County is continuously searching for good ideas and creative new ways to serve our residents," said County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. "Developing innovative programs is an essential part of our mission to provide the best service possible for Henrico residents."

NACo honored Henrico programs developed and implemented

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in 2004 by seven different agencies. The awards continue the county's tradition of serving residents with top-quality programs: since 1995, Henrico programs have garnered 147 NACo Achievement awards.

Programs recognized were:

- "Make Dollars from Cents with an Energy Management Program," Department of General Services; a comprehensive plan to reduce energy cost and use in all county facilities, featuring an energy-awareness campaign for county employees and students;

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“Over the years, voters have proven themselves quite adept at finding problems while using the equipment,” Coakley said. “The touch-screen technology should prove to be a good adversary for them; it eliminates a lot of the chances for human error. It greatly simplifies the process and increases the likelihood that a ballot will be properly cast and counted.”

When residents go to their polling places on Nov. 8, they will first have their names checked against the registered-voter lists, as usual. They will then be ushered directly to a ballot station with a WINvote unit.

“The first thing voters will see on the screen is the name of their precinct,” Coakley said. “They will then touch a box on the screen to begin, and the ballot pages with the different offices and candidates will come up.”

The individual races with their candidates will appear in distinct boxes on the screen. To select a candidate for a particular race, voters will simply touch the candidate’s name, which then will be clearly marked. They can then move to the next office. When the races on the screen have been completed, voters will touch a box labeled “next,” and a new screen with any remaining races will appear.

The touch-screen system provides for write-in candidates as well—voters can touch a “write-in” box, which will summon a keyboard to the screen. They can then type in the candidate’s name.

Once the entire ballot has been finished, a review screen will appear, showing each of the voter’s choices; he or she will then have the chance to go back to previous screens and make changes or corrections. After the voter has completed the review screen, a “cast vote” box will come up on the screen. Once this box is touched, the voter’s ballot has been cast, and the process completed.

“The review screen should help the voters’ confidence level—it will give them additional assurance that they voted for all the candidates and races they intended,” Coakley said. “There was no review process with the punch card system.”

Each touch-screen unit will tabulate the votes cast on it throughout the day; the units are equipped with three memory cartridges to provide extra backup should one cartridge fail. When polling ends for the day, the votes from the individual units are fed into a master unit, which gives a composite count for the polling place.

In addition to removing the potential for paper jams, misaligned ballots and similar problems, use of the WINvote machines will save costs associated with the paper ballot.

“There was a lot of waste with the punch card system,” Coakley said.

For each primary and general election, more ballots were printed than needed, in case voter turnout was greater than expected. The additional punch cards could not be saved and reused from one election to the next, however. They also required significant storage space and were awkward



to move in preparation for Election Day.

“The touch-screen technology greatly reduces the chances for paper-related errors and eliminates the costs associated with printing and maintaining the punch card system,” he said.

‘Black-box’ secure

As much of Virginia and the nation adopt touch-screen and other electronic voting systems, concerns have been aired in the popular media as well as the halls of Congress regarding the security of the systems.

Some express fears that computer hackers will break into a system and compromise its vote count; others suggest that a “paper trail” is needed to verify computer counts and serve as a backup in the event of power outages and other problems.

The concerns are misplaced, Coakley said, comparing the system to the all-but- indestructible flight recorders used on commercial airliners.

“It would be very difficult to compromise this system,” he said. “It would be like trying to hack into the black box on a passenger jet—you couldn’t do it from a remote location; you’d have to be on the plane, with direct access. Our system is similar.”

The WINvote units are dummy terminals, Coakley explained, and can’t be programmed individually. The units only can receive the program for a particular election from a removable computer card, which only can be programmed on a master terminal. This master terminal is stored in a separate location, has no links to the Internet or county computer network, and is only loaded with election software.

“To compromise the master terminal, you’d essentially have to break into the secure warehouse where it is stored and access it directly,” he said.

The system also has safeguards against more mundane problems. During an election, the WINvote units will run on local electricity, but they are also equipped with backup batteries should a precinct suffer a power outage.

Although the system is designed to be as paper-free as possible, it has the capability of reproducing each ballot, if needed.

“Each machine takes a virtual snapshot of every ballot that is cast, so a copy of each ballot can be printed, should a recount or other situation demand it,” Coakley said.

Ideally, however, Henrico’s future elections will require the bare minimum of paper.

“At the close of voting, each precinct will print a single composite tape reflecting its vote totals,” he said. “And hopefully that’s all the paper we will have, other than the mailed absentee ballots. It’s much easier to corrupt paper than a computer.”

Henrico voters can get a firsthand look at the touch-screen voting

machines at the Voter Registration offices at the Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road, and the Eastern Government Center, 3820 Nine Mile Road. In addition, a number of demonstrations are planned prior to the general election; for times and locations, see the sidebar on page 6 or log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/registrar. For more information, call 501-4347.

County saluted

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➤ **“Opiate Recovery Program!,”** Mental Health and Retardation Services; this program partners with private providers to improve treatment and recovery for users of heroin and other opiates;



➤ **“Outreach Storytime at Hilliard House,”** Public Library; the popular “storytime” program is delivered onsite to homeless children at Hilliard House;

➤ **“Community Participation in the Redistricting Process,”** Schools; public meetings were held to provide information and receive public input regarding school redistricting;

➤ **“Ensuring Professional Development: An Integrated HR Strategy,”** Human Resources Department; a professional development effort targeting all county employees;

➤ **“2004 Growth Retreat,”** Planning Department; a series of meetings examining current and future growth and its impact on the county; and

➤ **“Healthy Marriage Initiative,”** Department of Social Services; workshops designed to help individuals and families improve communication skills, resolve conflicts and build successful relationships.

For more information about Henrico’s award-winning programs, log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/manager/naco05.htm.

Making-over Henrico homes —Thanks to Operation Paintbrush

Call it Henrico's version of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," minus the network camera crews and big-dollar ad campaigns.

Long before the home-repair reality program became a hit, dozens of Henrico homes were getting a much-needed makeover, thanks to the county's Operation Paintbrush. And unlike the popular TV show, Henrico's program gets its labor for free.

Operation Paintbrush locates homes that need painting or minor repairs whose owners—whether due to age, disability or financial hardship—can't do the work themselves. The program also recruits volunteer groups—church youth groups, civic organizations, school groups and others—to do the work.

Since its inception in April 2000, Operation Paintbrush has scraped, scrubbed, primed and painted some 70 Henrico homes, enlisting the support of more than 1,100 volunteers who have performed at least 11,000 hours of labor. The program is administered by Community Maintenance, a division of the county's Department of Community Revitalization.

"Operation Paintbrush is designed to help rehabilitate and maintain Henrico's older areas, to prevent homes and neighborhoods from deteriorating," said Community Planner Melvin Slough, who oversees the program. "It also gives us a chance to lend a hand to some of our needy residents, whose homes may fall into further disrepair without our assistance."

The program aims to refurbish at least 10 homes per year, Slough said, depending on the availability of homes and volunteers. Community Maintenance personnel, building inspectors, police officers and other county staff identify potential homes; they are also referred by neighbors, friends and family members. Slough then reviews prospective homes to make sure they qualify for the program.

The work season runs from April through October, weather permitting. The typical project doesn't call for professional home-building skills—generally, rotten boards are replaced and homes may be power-washed before they are scraped, primed and painted; if needed, yards are cleaned and mowed as well. The county supplies all materials except for ladders, Slough said.

"Most of the homes can be completed in a day or less," he said. "When we have a large group of volunteers, we can take advantage of the power of numbers."

The Three Chopt Church of Christ put that well-tested rule into practice in July, when it hosted a summer work camp for teenagers from around the state. More than 80 young people from churches in Fairfax, Falls Church, Waynesboro and the local area joined forces with Operation Paintbrush to work on four homes on Azalea and Winnetka avenues.

Cory Jones, youth minister for Three Chopt Church of Christ, said this year's work camp marked the second time he had coordinated with the county to locate suitable homes.

"Last year, we planned our first work camp but didn't know how to find houses to paint," he said. "Then we learned about Operation Paintbrush, which located the homes and helped us get started."

The houses that Jones' sweaty, paint-spattered group tackled included one owned by a 90-year-old World War II veteran who was struggling to maintain the property.

"We want these young people to learn about service and to get them thinking about the importance of helping others, especially those who may not be able to help themselves," he said. "We also want to lend a hand to our community and show that we care."

Another Henrico makeover accomplished.

For more information about Operation Paintbrush, log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/maint/operationpaintbrush.html.



Volunteers Gloria Gay, 15, primes a fascia board while Alex Craig, 14, examines the flashing on the chimney of an Azalea Avenue home.

Is your group or organization interested in volunteering for Operation Paintbrush? Do you know a qualified home that could benefit from the program? Contact Melvin Slough at 501-7628.

Henrico youth honored for overcoming adversity

Natalia Herbert has encountered more than her share of stumbling blocks.

A native of Colombia, she was adopted by American parents when she was 8 years old. She struggled to adapt to her new homeland and the challenges it posed: a foreign language and culture, a new family and peers.

By the time Herbert, now 21, reached her early teens, she had been placed in the care of Henrico's Department of Social Services and

its foster care program, and was living in a group home.

"Foster care was a difficult time for me, but I always had the support of my parents and Social Services," she said.

She persevered and earned her diploma from J.R. Tucker High School. She now lives on her own and is a student at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College.

Herbert's was one of several success stories celebrated earlier this summer at the second annual "Stepping Stones" awards ceremony. Henrico's Probation Department and Social Services honored eight young people for overcoming significant adversity in their lives—for making "stepping stones out of stumbling blocks"—and excelling in their foster care, supervised probation or parole plans. Like Herbert, they are now headed for college or post-high school career training, or are employed and living independently.

The ceremony combined the efforts of several county agencies, including Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Detention and Community Corrections. It was sponsored by Henrico County Community Partners, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides fund-raising support for local criminal justice programs.

Each of the eight honorees received a \$350 savings bond to help fund their tuition, apartment fees or savings. They heard motivational messages from Richmond resident Garway Brite, a survivor of the civil war in Liberia and founder of EN-Spire International, and from Tyrese Rice, the 2005 Richmond Times-Dispatch metro high school boys basketball player of the year.

Surrounded by their families and mentors, the young people were saluted by their social workers, probation officers and a variety of county officials.

"You've had a hand of cards dealt to you from a deck that was a bit askew," said Probation Director Kay Frye. "But you've been able to get the cards in order and do good things. That's why we're honoring you tonight."

Juvenile Court Chief Judge A. Elisabeth Oxenham encouraged them to continue believing in themselves.

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“We all have made mistakes and negative decisions at some point,” she said. “But we all have it within us to do something well and make a success of our lives.”

For Herbert, the ceremony was an opportunity to thank her parents, Social Services, Juvenile Court and “everyone else who has helped me through.” It also represented a stepping stone toward a new phase in her life—she is studying to become a nurse.

“I want to work with kids,” she said. “I know from my own experiences that they go through a lot—sometimes they feel abandoned, they may have behavioral problems or their families may not be able to provide what they need. I want to give them lots of love and affection.”



Henrico County Manager Virgil Hazelett, P.E. signs the Five Star Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve. Looking on are, from left, Human Resources Director George Cauble, Jr.; Senior Human Resources Manager Joyce Shanko; Virginia ESGR Committee member Robert Jacobs; Regional Public Affairs Coordinator for Virginia ESGR Jeanne Walls; and Employer Outreach Chairman for Virginia ESGR William Duff.

Serving those who serve —Henrico honored for supporting its military employees

Henrico County has received Five Star Recognition from the Central Virginia Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)—the organization’s top award—for the county’s ongoing support of employees called to military duty.

County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. accepted the honor on behalf of the county during a recent ceremony. He also signed the ESGR’s Five Star Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve, affirming the county’s commitment to continue its exemplary treatment of employees deployed for military service.

ESGR recognition means Henrico has met and exceeded the requirements of the Uniformed Services Employment Rights and Re-employment Act (USERRA) of 1994, which prohibits discrimination against activated employees and requires employers to hold open their

jobs. ESGR is an agency of the Department of Defense.

Currently, 18 Henrico employees are deployed for military duty. A total of 60 county workers have been activated for service in the National Guard and Reserves since Sept. 11, 2001.

“Henrico County is very proud of our employees—our citizen soldiers—who have left behind their families and careers to serve and defend their country,” Hazelett said. “We have an obligation to honor and support them in every way we can. We are very proud to receive this recognition.”

In addition to complying with USERRA, Henrico has taken a number of measures to support staff called to active duty. The county enacted a supplemental pay program in September 2001 to ensure that activated employees would not suffer a loss of pay during their military service. The county has sent care packages and letters to deployed workers and recognized them publicly at Board of Supervisors meetings, on the county Web site and in other locations. Individual county agencies have supported their activated staff in a variety of ways, such as providing help with yard work and other household projects for families.

Human Resources Director George Cauble noted that Henrico has always supported its employees called to military service.

“The Five Star Recognition from ESGR is an honor that further contributes to Henrico’s reputation as an employer-of-choice,” Cauble said.

“Henrico County certainly deserves recognition as a Five Star employer,” said William Duff, employer outreach chairman for the Central Virginia Committee of ESGR. “The county has developed policies and provided a level of support for its employees that go above and beyond that required by law.”

Project Lifesaver under way in Henrico —Locates individuals who wander from home

Henrico residents can now protect loved ones suffering from Alzheimer’s disease, autism and similar ailments with Project Lifesaver, a unique program launched earlier this summer by the county’s public safety agencies.

The Henrico Sheriff’s Office and the divisions of Fire and Police have joined forces to offer Project

Lifesaver, an electronic tracking system designed to quickly locate individuals suffering from a dementia-related disorder who may have wandered from their homes or caregivers.

“There is a growing need for the program, and we wanted to make it available to Henrico residents,” said Sheriff Michael L. Wade. “This can give families an extra sense of security, knowing their loved ones could be easily found if they wander away from home.”

Project Lifesaver participants wear a wrist or ankle bracelet equipped with a radio transmitter that broadcasts a signal at a specific frequency. Personal information—height, weight, hair color and other identifying traits—is entered in a databank, along with the individual’s transmitter frequency. Should a participant become disoriented and lost, specially trained public safety personnel use a receiver and antennae to locate, identify and rescue him or her.

Henrico purchased the initial equipment with a grant from the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

The program, which currently is used in several Virginia localities and more than 30 states, claims an average rescue time of 30 minutes and more than 1,160 rescues nationwide. In addition to improving response time, the program promises to reduce the need for costly, large-scale rescue efforts.

Residents approved for Project Lifesaver will pay a one-time administrative fee of \$313 and a monthly battery-replacement charge of \$10. Sheriff’s personnel will visit participants to explain the program and to replace the battery each month.

For an application form or additional information, contact Jennifer McIntyre in the Sheriff’s Office at 501-4094.



Equipped with a radio transmitter, these simple bracelets can become lifesavers.

HCTV-Channel 17 summer schedule

For program descriptions or more information go to www.co.henrico.va.us/pr



		Even Hours 12 a.m., 2 a.m., 4 a.m., 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.	Odd Hours 1 a.m., 3 a.m., 5 a.m., 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m.
Aug 15 through Aug 21	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Until the Cows Come Home: A History of Dairy Farming in Henrico County - 51 mins	Keeping the County Rolling: Central Automotive Maintenance - 18 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Step Into the Real World - 7 mins	Planning for Henrico's Future - 23 mins
Aug 22 through Aug 28	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Magazine 17 - Edition 1	Inside the Firehouse - 25 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Taking Care of Business: Economic Development in Henrico County - 22 mins	The Twilight of Life - 16 mins
Aug 29 through Sept 4	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Henrico Sheriff Department	Taking Flight: Stories of Early Virginia Aviation - 53 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	A Road Through History - 32 mins	Henrico: Employer of Choice - 12 mins
Sept 5 through Sept 11	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Project Exile	Smart Lawns - 25 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Voices from Mountain Road: The Historic Mountain Road Corridor - 36 mins	Working for All of Us: Hermitage Enterprises - 19 mins
Sept 12 through Sept 18	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Gardening	Your Baby's Health: Preventing Infant Mortality - 10 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Building Our Future Together - 17 mins	Safe Waters Ahead: Henrico's Marine Patrol - 33 mins
Sept 19 through Sept 25	Mon Wed Fri Sun	R.I.S.E.: Recovery in a Secure Environment - 30 mins	Henrico H²O - 8 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Magazine 17 - Edition 1	Our Changing Libraries - 24 mins

HCTV gets new digs —County station's new home is channel 17

Just in case you haven't received the change-of-address card, HCTV—Henrico County Television—now has a new home: channel 17.

The county's television station has broadcast its award-winning programming from the new channel since July 30, when it was moved due to Comcast Cable's channel realignment. HCTV, which is staffed and operated by the Department of Public Relations and Media Services (PR/MS), previously aired on channel 37.

"HCTV will still be the first place for Henrico residents to turn when they're looking for timely information and entertaining programming about their county," said PR/MS Director Tamra McKinney. "We want to make sure they know to tune in to channel 17 to find us."

The only around-the-clock source for information dedicated to Henrico, HCTV offers a variety of news that affects residents' daily lives, such as emergency bulletins, road closings, public meetings, recreation programs and special events. The station features an Associated Press newswire ticker and local weather updates as well.

HCTV also airs full-length programming, produced entirely by PR/MS staff, about county programs and services, local history and other topics of community interest.

"The move to channel 17 will not affect the quality of HCTV's programming nor our principal mission—to provide timely information and compelling programming for Henrico's residents," McKinney said.

That quality was acknowledged earlier this year. The same film festival that has honored the work of Hollywood heavyweights Steven

Spielberg, Ridley Scott and the Coen Brothers recently cheered the efforts of HCTV as well.

Four programs produced by HCTV received awards at the 38th annual WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival, a premier awards competition for independent film and educational programming from around the world. Henrico's programs won a total of seven awards, including three Platinum awards, the top honor given in an individual category.

"To be recognized by a leading competition such as WorldFest is a tremendous accomplishment for HCTV and our staff," said McKinney. "These awards symbolize our commitment to provide top-quality programming for Henrico's residents."



The award-winning programs were:

- ☐ **"Attack Transport: Remembering the USS Henrico,"** a feature-length documentary about the landing craft, its crew and their role in World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars; Platinum award and three Silver awards;
- ☐ **"Step into the Real World,"** a detailed look at law enforcement career opportunities in Henrico; Platinum award;
- ☐ **"Drug Court: Transforming Lives,"** a documentary about the daily lives and struggles of participants in Henrico's Drug Court

program; Platinum award;

☐ **"Working for All of Us: Hermitage Enterprises,"** an in-depth look at the unique county program and the special people and local businesses it serves; Silver award.

Watch for these programs on HCTV—log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/pr for a schedule of upcoming shows.

It's quick, easy and secure

As a result of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA) passed by Congress, consumers are entitled to receive a disclosure copy of their credit file once every 12 months under federal and state law. Beginning Sept. 1, Virginians can order a free copy of their credit report from each of the nationwide consumer credit reporting companies: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

A credit file disclosure provides all of the information a consumer reporting company maintains in a person's file that can be reported to a third party, such as a lender, as well as a list of everyone who has received a consumer report from that company within a certain period of time.

Consumers should periodically review their credit report for accuracy; it is an effective tool in fighting identity theft. It's also important for consumers to monitor their credit because good credit can save thousands of dollars in interest on loans and can impact consumers' ability to obtain insurance, housing or jobs.

The Henrico County Extension Office is a valuable resource that can assist residents with this process. They will be conducting free workshops on September 8 and 13 called "Accessing Your Free Credit Reports." The workshops are open to the public; however, pre-registration is encouraged. Call 501-5160 to register or to obtain additional information.

To request a free credit report, log on to the Web site, www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-332-8228.

Touch-screen voting demonstrations

For additional dates and sites, log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/registrar

- **Sunday, Aug. 28, 4-6 p.m.** Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social, Antioch School Community Center, 5650 Elko Road
- **Saturday, Sept. 10, 9-11 a.m.** Ukrop's Super Market, Laburnum Park Shopping Center, 4346 S. Laburnum Ave.
- **Monday, Sept. 12, 1-3 p.m.** Glen Allen Public Library, 10501 Staples Mill Road
- **Tuesday, Sept. 13, 5-7 p.m.** Wal-Mart Super Center, 7901 Brook Road
- **Thursday, Sept. 15, 2-4 p.m.** North Park Public Library, 8508 Franconia Road
- **Saturday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.** Glen Allen Day, Meadow Farm, 3400 Mountain Road
- **Monday, Sept. 19, 3-5 p.m.** Beth Shalom Lifecare Community at The Woods, 2027 Lauderdale Drive
- **Monday, Sept. 19, 6-8 p.m.** Dumbarton Public Library, 6800 Staples Mill Road
- **Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2-4 p.m.** Fairfield Public Library, 1001 N. Laburnum Ave.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 21, 6-8 p.m.:** Gayton Public Library, 10600 Gayton Road
- **Thursday, Sept. 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.:** Virginia Center Commons Mall, Food Court Gazebo Area

Recreation Roundup

Sat, Sept 3: Civil War Lantern Tours. Experience a series of vignettes from 1861-1865. Guided tours leave from the Orientation Center every 15 minutes. 7:15-9 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free, call to register. Info: 501-5520.

Sat, Sept 4: Civil War Days-The Other Half of the Story. War affects the civilian population as well as the soldier. Visit with the women and the men that were left behind to run the farm. Talk to and drill with Confederate soldiers and find out what they did between battles. Noon- 4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Sun, Sept 11, 18 & 25: Sunday in the Park with Jazz. Join us for four outdoor concerts with some of Richmond's premiere jazz musicians. Sept 11: No Chaser Band, Sept 18: Tom Briner Quartet, Sept 25: Dan Sandidge Trio. 3-4 p.m. Deep Run Park Nature Pavilion. Free. Info: 501-5515.

Sat, Sept 17: Glen Allen Day. This year's theme is "Glen Allen Saluted Our Heroes Then...Glen Allen Salutes Our Heroes Now." Features live music, arts and crafts show, business expo and family fun and games. Local community service organizations will be selling a variety of delicious food. Community parade begins at 9:30 a.m.; fair will be held from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. Free. Info: 257-9605 or www.glenallennuritan.org.

Sun, Sept 18: Punt, Pass & Kick. For ages 8-15. The NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass, & Kick program is a lively and engaging forum for boys and girls to compete separately against their peers in punting, passing and placekicking skills. 1-6 p.m. Dorey Park Football Field. Free, call to register. Info: 501-5808.

Sat, Sept 24: Christmas in September Arts and Craft Show. Attend the 21st annual Christmas in September Arts and Crafts Show sponsored by the Division of Recreation and Parks and the North Central and North Richmond Kiwanis clubs. A variety of artwork and

unique handcrafted items from over 100 artists and craftspersons. Rain date: Sept 25. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Dorey Park. Free. Info: 501-5121.

Sun, Oct 2: Amulets and Talismans-The Origins and History of Hex Signs. For all ages. German and Swedish immigrants brought to America the custom of using hex signs for good fortune and protection. Hex signs have special meaning in rural communities. Join us as we explore their significance and create our own designs using these charms of the past. 2-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Orientation Center. Free. Info: 501-5736.

Wed, Oct 5: Brown Bag Lecture "Henrico County Field of Honor." Henrico County citizens bore witness to more major battles during the Civil War than any Virginia locality. Dr. Louis Manarin's latest book chronicles in meticulous detail every significant battle fought within the county's borders. Meet the author and hear about the years of research and documentation that went into the production of this two-volume, lavishly illustrated study of the Civil War in Henrico County. Noon. Henrico Human Services Building. Free. Info: 501-5736.

Fri, Oct 7: Preschool Fire Safety Festival. For ages 2-5 with an adult. Join us, along with the Henrico County Division of Fire, as we present a morning of fun, fire safety activities, exhibits, prizes and more. 10-11:30 a.m. Deep Run Park. Free. Info and reservations: 501-5809.

Thur, Oct 13: Nature Photography Series-Let's Talk Pictures! For ages 16+. Bring five to seven photos that you'd like evaluated, either slides or prints, for this open critique where everyone can see, hear and comment. Instructor: Lynda Richardson. 7-9 p.m. Hidden Creek Recreation Center. \$20, register by Sept 30. Info: 501-5147.

Sat, Oct 15: Harvest Festival. Hands-on activities and demonstrations depicting typical homemaking and farming tasks of the era like cider making, quilting, candle dipping, basket and wood weaving, beekeep-

ing, corn husking, corn shelling, blacksmithing, woodworking and coopering. Children ages 3-12 can select an autumn treat in the pumpkin patch. Enjoy a variety of exceptional live musical performers. Other featured entertainment will include Zendiva on the children's stage and storytelling with Harold Wood. Rain date: Oct 16. Noon-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. Info: 501-5134.

Sun, Oct 16: Corn Husk Doll Making. Although stores sold them in 1860, children often made whole families of cornhusk dolls. Learn the technique and make your own cornhusk doll. 1-3 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Wed, Oct 19: Brown Bag Lecture-Walkerton Tavern: From Rooming House to Farmhouse. During the 18th and early 19th centuries, towns and cities were few and scattered. Taverns were important social, economic and political centers in Colonial Virginia. Come hear the unique and varied history of this one-of-a-kind historic landmark. Noon. Henrico Human Services Building, 3rd floor Board Room. Free. Info: 501-5736.

Sat, Oct 22: Jack-O-Lanterns. Learn the history of Jack-O-Lanterns as staff carves pumpkins for spooky stories. Bring your own pumpkin and knife and join us in the fun and leave the mess with us. 1-3 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Tue & Wed, Oct 25 & 26: Old-Time Radio Show. The On-the-Air Radio Players present an old-time radio show taped before a live audience. Be a part of the studio audience for this hour-long taping, featuring live music, live sound effects, old commercials and authentic scripts from the "golden age of radio." 8 p.m. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Free. Info: 501-5115.

Thur, Oct 27: A Spooktacular Concert. The Henrico Community Band presents a fun and spooky

evening of Halloween music for the entire family! Bring the kids in costume and everyone walks away with a bag of treats. 7:30 p.m. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Free, call for reservations beginning Oct 10. Info: 501-5115 or 501-5859.

Fri, Oct 28: Monster Mash. Celebrate the Halloween spirit with the ghosts of Dorey Park and enjoy freaky family fun! Brave your way through the Spooky Trail coordinated by the Varina High School Key Club or enjoy ghoulish arts and crafts, screeching contests and games and rocking monster music with Manny Green Entertainment! Win great prizes in the costume contest at 8 p.m. 6-9 p.m. Dorey Park. Free, call for reservations. Info: 501-5121.

Sat, Oct 29: Hauntings and Spooky Stories. Join us around the campfire as storytellers spin tales of hauntings and strange happenings. 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free, call to register. Info: 501-5520.

Sun, Nov 6: Native American Tales and Totems. For all ages. Bill Young, historian and wood carver, will discuss American Indian culture and lore, offering demonstrations and examples of hand-carved miniature totems. 2-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Orientation Center. Free. Info: 501-5736.

For additional programs, please see a copy of "At Your Leisure," our catalogue of events and classes. Copies are available at your local library, or call the Division of Recreation and Parks at to be put on our mailing list.

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