



Henrico County assists area devastated by Hurricane Katrina

We've often heard that Mother Nature is the deadliest, most unpredictable terrorist we face. Although Henrico County was spared her wrath through this past year, many of our fellow countrymen — as well as friends abroad — did not fare as fortunate.

The 2005 hurricane season was one of the most active on record. Time and again, we watched the storms form, swell and spin their way toward various points along the eastern seaboard and Gulf Coast. But none of us imagined what Katrina had in store. A Category 5 at her peak, Katrina tore through the coastal states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, making a name

for herself as the most destructive, expensive hurricane to date.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Hurricane Center, "Katrina will likely be recorded as the worst natural disaster in the history of the United States . . . producing catastrophic damage and untold casualties . . . the extent of the physical and human devastation from this hurricane cannot yet be estimated."

As we watched the tragedy unfold in the media, Henrico County's response was immediate and deliberate. We wanted to help.

"Henrico County officials and staff were deeply moved by the plight of our fellow citizens along the Gulf Coast who were devastated by Katrina," said County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. "The county was committed to helping our friends in the affected areas as they rebuild their lives and their communities."

Immediately after the hurricane, some off-duty Division of Fire personnel volunteered to load supply

trucks headed to the Gulf Coast. The Division of Police began talks with state officials to organize deployment to the region. General Services, Social Services, Public Health and Mental Health and Retardation all kicked into gear to offer their assistance any way they could. Henrico County employees launched a fund-raising campaign to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina, with funds to be distributed to the Greater Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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2026 Comprehensive Plan taking shape —Public input sought for key Planning document

Hit the fast-forward button and imagine your life 20 years from now.

Where will you live? How large will your family be? How much household income will you have? What will you use for transportation, and if you drive, what roads will you travel? What public services and facilities will you use, and how often will you use them? What will you do for fun and recreation?

Some questions may be easier than others, but one thing is clear: casting yourself and your family two decades into the future presents a challenge for your planning skills, whether they derive from the zodiac, tarot cards or more traditional sources.

Now do the same thing for Henrico County and each of its

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Henrico Officer Harver and Trooper Morris load supplies into a state police car.

residents — more than 280,000 all told.

Responsibility for that daunting task rests with Henrico's Planning Department and takes the form of the Comprehensive Plan. The county's planners currently are in the midst of completely updating the phonebook-sized document for the first time in 10 years, in accordance with Virginia law.

When completed next year, the plan will chart a course to the year 2026, envisioning a sound path for the county's growth over the next two decades. Residents play an important role in determining that course and can contribute their

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vision of Henrico's growth to the process.

"The Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year picture of how our community should develop, and we want it to reflect the wishes, desires and concerns of the community," said Assistant Planning Director Joe Emerson. "The plan tries to anticipate the county's growth and the services necessary to support that growth."

Targeted surveys were sent to more than 3,000 households in the spring. But all Henrico residents can share their opinion and insight by completing the survey online at www.co.henrico.va.us/planning (just follow the link for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Update).

"We encourage residents to give us their thoughts and ideas," Emerson said. "The Board of Supervisors is very interested in community opinion. Public input is really important to this process."

A series of public meetings will be held next spring; times and locations will be announced at a later date. Residents can log on to the Planning Department Web site or call 501-4602 for more information.

Blueprint for growth

The Comprehensive Plan provides an in-depth analysis of all aspects of county development, examining a variety of quality-of-life and growth-related issues including housing, parks and recreation, utilities, traffic, transportation, roads and infrastructure, industry, employment, education and public safety. The plan manages new development while also ac-

counting for revitalization of older commercial corridors and neighborhoods.

Although Henrico is required by state code to maintain a Comprehensive Plan, the plan itself is not legally binding. It is more of a blueprint or guide to help the Board of Supervisors direct growth countywide.

"The Comprehensive Plan is not a perfect crystal ball, but it generally gives a good idea of where the county's growth is headed for the next 20 years," Emerson said.

Traditionally, the Comprehensive Plan has consisted of three components: the land use plan, which primarily addresses development undertaken by the private sector and details desired future use of all property within the county; the major thoroughfare plan, which proposes a transportation network to provide adequate roads in coordination with the land use plan; and the parks, recreation and open space plan, which guides investment in public parks and recreation facilities.

The ongoing update of the plan will include four new components: fiscal analysis, design guidelines, utilities (water and sewer) and public facilities. It will also feature a major new thoroughfare plan, with modeling capabilities to better assess the needs for roads and road improvements.

"This is an exciting new component," Emerson said. "It will allow us to stay on top of traffic concerns and examine the impact of large developments on transportation."

A principal goal of the plan is to achieve a development ratio that is 65 percent residential and 35 percent

business/commercial.

"At that point, the higher costs of residential development are balanced by the higher revenues from business and commercial development," he said. "Ultimately, the Comprehensive Plan and its different components are striving for balance. The end result we're aiming

for is to maintain a balanced community that continues to enjoy the high quality of life that our residents are accustomed to."

Vision 2026

So what do the next two decades hold for Henrico? The county's population will continue to grow at a manageable rate of 2 percent, approaching some 395,000 by 2026. Emerson sees some inevitable trends coming into play as the county addresses this ongoing growth.

"Henrico is at a turning point in its history," he said. "The West End, essentially, is fully developed and will reach 'build out' in the next 10 to 15 years. Development will swing to the east."

This eastward shift will bring the county's rural areas under more development pressure. And growth along the James River, currently under way at the Rocketts Landing and Wilton developments, will likely attract more interest in the coming years.

This trend does not foretell an assault on the East End's open spaces, however. Emerson noted that a new kind of development – the town-center idea, or urban mixed-use district (UMU) – will become more prevalent. Designed to be more pedestrian-friendly and less automobile-reliant than a traditional suburban neighborhood, the UMU brings together residential, commercial, educational and cultural space into a single zoning district. The UMU uses significantly less land than a typical big-lot suburban residential neighborhood or commercial development.

"Henrico County will continue to develop and grow. That's the trend, and that's a good thing; we want to be a growing community," he said. "But we'll always have open spaces in Henrico."

Hurricane Katrina

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From Sept. 20 through Nov. 18, the Division of Police deployed four teams to assist with law enforcement and humanitarian aid in Waveland, Miss., an area virtually leveled by Katrina. Deputy Police Chief Lt. Col. D.A. Middleton flew to the area Sept. 26 on a supply-delivering Angel Flight, and again on Oct. 16, this time accompanied by Police Chief Col. H.W. Stanley.

"The level of destruction is indescribable," Middleton said. "Entire communities are completely destroyed . . . every house, every church, every business is just gone. The whole area will have to be rebuilt."

Stanley agreed, "The photographs do not show the complete devastation. People are literally living in tents in their front yards," and cooking over open flames.

The 32 police officers who were deployed to the region were sworn in as Mississippi police officers upon arrival. Working 12-hour shifts and sleeping in a condemned airplane hangar, the officers provided everything from local government support and distribution center security, to helping families pitch tents where their homes used to be.

"I was talking to a woman with an infant at a distribution center," Middleton said, "and I held her baby while she reached to gather some items off a shelf. She looked at me and said 'Officer, you have no idea how much the people in this community appreciate your being here.' That's worth everything to me."

"While the recovery process will require the concerted, determined efforts of governments, private businesses and individuals alike," Hazelett said, "I am proud of our employees' efforts and eagerness to help during this crisis."

Henrico's Assistance to Katrina Effort

DIVISION OF POLICE

- ✦ Deployed five police personnel and five police vehicles to Waveland, Miss., Sept. 20 through Oct. 7
- ✦ Deployed eight police personnel and eight police vehicles, Oct. 4 through Oct. 21
- ✦ Deployed 11 police personnel and nine police vehicles, including the Police Command Post, Oct. 19 through Nov. 5
- ✦ Deployed eight police personnel and police vehicles, Nov. 1 through Nov. 18

DIVISION OF FIRE

- ✦ Volunteered to load supply trucks headed to the Gulf Coast region immediately after the hurricane
- ✦ Exploring a possible task force of fire department personnel with Chesterfield, Hanover and others in the central Virginia region

SOCIAL SERVICES

- ✦ Processed 47 evacuated families (103 individuals, 38 of whom are children) through the regular intake system
- ✦ Assessed the immediate need for food, clothing and housing
- ✦ Determined eligibility for public assistance including TANF, food stamps and Medicaid
- ✦ Worked with the Better Housing Coalition referring evacuees to Genworth Financial, Inc., which provided free rent and utilities on 21 apartments for up to one year

PUBLIC HEALTH

- ✦ Helped establish Town Pickett, an evacuation center to house, feed and
- ✦ Oversaw health/medical opera-

tions provide services for up to 1,400 evacuees

- ✦ Identified supplies for health/medical functions and provided support services
- ✦ Established a fully functional emergency and urgent care clinic through partnerships with UVa Health System and other health systems; dental care was arranged via VCU

MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION

- ✦ Prepared to assist at Town Pickett by providing clinical staff to cover 16 hour shifts (four shifts over the first three weeks)

FUND-RAISING EFFORTS

- ✦ Launched an employee fund-raising campaign to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina
- ✦ Collected cash donations from the county's approximately 4,000 general government employees through September 23
- ✦ Distributed funds raised to the Greater Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross
- ✦ Total contribution: \$10,282

COMMUNITY RESPONSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HENRICO

Retail Merchants Association

- ✦ Donated \$850 in aircraft fuel to transport supplies to Hancock County, Miss.
- ✦ Donated more than \$2,500 in supplies and food (Ukrop's)
- ✦ Purchased 10 Delorme GPS Tracking Units (more than \$1,000)

Airline Transport Pilot, Jim Kay

- ✦ Donated 19 hours of his time to

the flight

- ✦ Donated the use of his Piper Seneca II twin engine aircraft

United States Marine Corps

- ✦ Donated the use of 13 hand-held GPS units
- ✦ Donated the use of two High Tech night vision goggles

United States Army

- ✦ Donated the use of cots and sleeping tents if needed

NEXTEL

- ✦ Donated the use of 25 NEXTEL cellular/two-way cell phones

Area youth earn their credentials and gain valuable work experience

As a new generation of workers faces globalization and other challenges of the 21st century economy, the Capital Area Youth Council is focusing on this emerging workforce — 14 to 21 year-olds.

Labor market data reflects a shrinking pool of young entry-level workers. The Capital Area Workforce Investment Board (CAWIB), the planning and policy arm for workforce development in the Greater Richmond area, identified in its strategic plan that there are a lack of qualified candidates in the technology — especially computer-based technology — and retail fields.

"Youth in the region often want to work, but lack many of the skills employers expect or desire," said Rosalyn Key Tiller, director of the Capital Area Training Consortium (CATC) and the CAWIB. (See sidebar for information about CATC on page 6.)

Retail is a major employer in the region and is often the first employment opportunity for young people. Their lack of knowledge and skills required to support retail businesses today limit the opportunities for young job seekers and many are not aware that an overwhelming number

of industries require computer proficiency. Teenagers' and young adults' understanding of technology and the ability to adapt and apply it to their work directly correspond to their employment options.

This begs the question: who is helping young workers acquire the skills they need to succeed? CAWIB and the Youth Council tackled this issue head-on last summer by offering young workers something different — a competitive edge by preparing them for employment now as well as in the future. Successful partnerships with ECPI Technical College and the Retail University of Virginia Career Center led to the creation of the YouthWork Technology and Retail institutes. The institutes, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Workforce Investment Act, were a way to provide young people the credentials and skills appropriate for entry-level jobs in these industries. They awarded participants a certificate documenting earned competencies and offered information about additional training opportunities.

The Capital Area Workforce Centers recruited and screened youth applicants based on criteria established by the partnering agencies. Participants, ages 16 to 21, came from the Capital Area, the City of Richmond and the Petersburg area. Before consideration, applicants were furnished with labor market data as well as information about their desired industry. Each also had the opportunity to strengthen math, language, reading and writing skills appropriate for those interested in either retail or in continuing post secondary education and technology training.

ECPI provided training and career information for the technology participants and engaged small businesses and the technology divisions of larger companies through business owner presentations and field trips to organizations like the Federal Reserve Bank, Rich-TV and VCU. Students learned how to operate a computer, how software interfaces with the hardware in multiple applications, Microsoft Office software as well as basic Web design and how to build a desktop computer from scratch. What made this program unique was that most

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Angel Flight 3 Delta Kilo departed for Waveland, Miss. at 5:45 a.m., Sept. 26 to carry needed supplies to the area.



Graduates from the YouthWork Technology Institute celebrate their accomplishment with Jeff Capel, guest speaker and head coach of the men's basketball team at VCU.

of the 17 participants were from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, many lacking computers at home. At the end of their experience, students could demonstrate their new skills and keep the computer they built. Taking the latest technology home gave everyone in their household access and an opportunity to be more computer literate.

The YouthWork Retail project provided valuable skills to 28 area youth through an eight-day, 48-hour program offered by the Retail University Career Center. The university engaged dozens of retailers in the region and classes covered basics like developing customer service skills, retail math and terminology, and merchandise display. On the final two days of the training, 12 retailers from across the region held job interviews; most participants received at least one job offer for full or part-time employment, others received more.

In addition to receiving their retail certificate, 14 students passed the Career Readiness Exam and received a Career Readiness Certificate that companies recognize as assurance that those who earn it are exceptionally prepared for employment. There are more than 10,000 retail jobs available in the Greater Richmond/Petersburg area.

Participants were rewarded in

other ways as well; those who earned a Career Readiness Credential received a \$50 bonus. Individuals who did not meet the qualifications for a Career Readiness Certificate could take a preparation course at J. Sargeant Reynolds and retake it. If successful, a \$50 bonus was awarded. Additionally, retail program graduates who have landed jobs have received a \$100 bonus. Participants from the Capital Area who have not found employment can participate in a follow-up work session to assist them with their job search at one of the Capital Area Workforce Centers.

"The program was successful because it provided youth with skills and credentials that are useful for employment. In addition to the classroom-based credential, youth also took the Career Readiness WORKKEYS Assessment and secured bronze, silver or gold Career Readiness credentials. Gov. Mark Warner is touting these portable credentials as something employers should ask for from potential employees to document their ability to perform work-related applied mathematics and their skill in locating and reading for information," said Key-Tiller.

For more information on these programs, contact Rosalyn Key-Tiller at the Capital Area Training Consortium at 226-1941.

Car tax to rise in 2006 —State-level policy changes leave localities and taxpayers holding the bag

For residents of Henrico and other growing localities throughout Virginia, the cost of owning a vehicle will continue to rise in 2006. And it will have nothing to do with the price of gasoline.

Unfortunately, that's not a prediction based on an analysis of current economic trends. Nor is it the result of long hours spent with a crystal ball. That's just the cold, hard truth, as established by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Because of recent changes to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act (PPTRA) made by the Virginia General Assembly, most Henrico residents will pay a higher share of taxes on their cars, trucks, SUVs and other vehicles in 2006. The tax will continue rising thereafter, as the state shifts more of the burden to individual vehicle owners.

"Simply put, the changes made by the General Assembly will mean higher car taxes for our residents beginning next year," said Finance Director Reta Busher. "Henrico's board members and officials – like every locality in Virginia – have no control over these changes."

Enacted in 1998, the PPTRA was designed to roll back the car tax, gradually reducing the amount payable by residents on the first \$20,000 of their vehicle's value. Faced with budget shortfalls in 2001, the General Assembly halted the roll back, freezing car tax relief at 70 percent.

Then, in the 2004 General Assembly, state lawmakers capped payments to localities for car tax relief at \$950 million per year, beginning in the 2006 tax year. Localities will be allocated a percentage of these funds based on the tax relief payments they received from the state in 2004.

By March 1 next year, each locality will learn the amount of tax relief it will receive annually; this

amount will be frozen for future years as well. Henrico officials estimate the county will receive approximately \$35 million each year to distribute to its vehicle-owning residents.

This situation creates a problem for Henrico residents: while car tax relief funds are becoming stagnant, the number of cars continues to grow. Currently, there are approximately 350,000 vehicles in Henrico; that number increases by a net of 500 per month, or approximately 6,000 additional vehicles each year. This means county officials will have to distribute the frozen amount of tax relief funds to an ever-increasing number of vehicle owners.

"So this means the car tax reimbursement Henrico residents typically receive will decrease each year, and their tax bills will rise," said Revenue Director Ed Trice. "Because the state is not maintaining its commitment to car tax relief, residents will be forced to assume more of the tax burden for their vehicles."

With the state-mandated changes to PPTRA, Trice estimated the current 70 percent level of relief will slip to 63 percent in 2006 and decline an additional 3 percent annually thereafter. The changes mean that the owner of a vehicle assessed at \$6,500 – the average assessment in Henrico – will pay an additional \$16 in personal property taxes next year. The owner of a vehicle assessed at \$20,000 will pay approximately \$50 more in 2006.

County officials worked to ensure that owners of vehicles assessed at \$1,000 or less – some 58,000 residents – will continue to receive full relief.

"Henrico is in the same boat as all of the state's growing localities," Trice said. "The tax relief Virginians had become accustomed to will slide backward."

Another change to PPTRA will affect local taxpayers as well. Residents with delinquent personal property tax bills may want to consider paying them as soon as possible. Taxpayers with late bills for tax years 2001-05 that remain unpaid by Sept. 1, 2006 will not receive any car tax relief and will become responsible for 100 percent of the original tax. By paying now, residents can still receive relief at the current 70 percent level.

HCTV-Channel 17 fall schedule

For program descriptions or more information, tune to the TV Guide channel 20 or 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.
Nov 14 through Nov 20	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Magazine 17 - 2nd Edition	Battlefield Henrico: Savage Station 1862 - 42 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	The Twilight of Life - 16 mins	Drug Court: Transforming Lives - 32 mins
Nov 21 through Nov 27	Mon Wed Fri Sun	County Manager Form of Government	Under the Lights: Richmond International Raceway - 24 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Voices from Mountain Road: The Historic Mountain Road Corridor - 36 mins	Taking Out the Trash: Solid Waste and Recycling - 17 mins
Nov 28 through Dec 4	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Shape Up, Henrico!	Taking Care of Business: Economic Development in Henrico County - 22 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Until the Cows Come Home: The History of Dairy Farming in Henrico County - 51 mins	The Coal Mines of Henrico - 24 mins
Dec 5 through Dec 11	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Your Weapon Against Gun Violence: Henrico Exile - 20 mins	An Officer's Duty: The History of Henrico Police - 34 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Going to Work: The Capital Area Training Consortium - 16 mins	4H: Making the Best Better - 26 mins
Dec 12 through Dec 18	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Henrico Citizens Police Academy	A Road Through History - 32 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	A Working Partnership: Canines in the County - 23 mins	Working for All of Us: Hermitage Enterprises - 14 mins
Dec 19 through Dec 25	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Happy Holidays in Henrico - 12 mins	Magazine 17 - 2nd Edition
	Tue Thu Sat	The Bridges of Henrico County	Firehouse Flashbacks - 30 mins

Need job assistance? You've come to the right place

Only one of 25 job applicants for small businesses meets the minimum qualifications for consideration. The cost of screening and selecting qualified candidates as well as turnover related to poor job performance are major expenses for many small businesses. Companies want employees who will learn the enterprise, the equipment and the processes to support efficiency and profitability. Employers are seeking workers who are agile and can adapt to the constantly changing work environment and whose credentials adequately reflect their capabilities.

The Capital Area Training Consortium (CATC), a federally funded Employment and Training agency legislated by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, provides a wealth of services to youth, adults, dislocated workers and employers. As part of the Capital Area Workforce Center, CATC is responsible for delivering Workforce Investment Act Title I services to the region through three Workforce Centers, two of which are located in Henrico County. Its primary mission is to assure the continued economic vitality of the Greater Richmond region through the integration and coordination of workforce services like a career resource center, career counseling and training and skills assessment to prepare a highly proficient and qualified workforce.

Leaf it to us

Bagged Leaf Collection

Oct. 31 – Feb. 24

- Free service in scheduled pick up areas
- Bagged leaf collection only, no garbage or debris
- Three pick ups per season in each service area (see map for dates)
- Bagged leaves must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on Monday

Info: 261-8770

Leaf Vacuuming Service

Oct. 31 – April 28

- \$30 fee per pick up
- Available county-wide
- Vacuum leaves only, no sticks, garbage or debris
- Leaves must be accessible from the road
- Use the online form to request service at www.henricodpu.org or call

Info: 261-8770

Leaf Burning

- In areas without bagged leaf collection, residents may burn leaves as allowed by the Fire Marshal; check for schedule and burn ban first
- Leaf burning is prohibited in areas serviced by county leaf collection

Info: 501-4900

Leaf Recycling

- Use leaves as nourishment for your lawn or garden
- Shredded leaves make an excellent all-purpose mulch
- Build a compost pile or use a plastic trash bag to compost small amounts

Info: 501-5160

Public Use Areas

- Open seven days a week, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., except holidays
- Residents can drop leaf and yard waste at no charge (no commercial customers)
- Keep yard waste and leaves free from plastic, paper and other trash as they are processed into mulch

Help is just a call away

Master Gardeners can answer your questions about these and other horticulture topics Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Animal and Bird Problems
- Composting
- Flowers
- Houseplants
- Insects
- Lawns
- Pesticides
- Plant Diseases
- Soil Testing and Improvement
- Weed Identification and Control

Call 501-5160 for assistance.

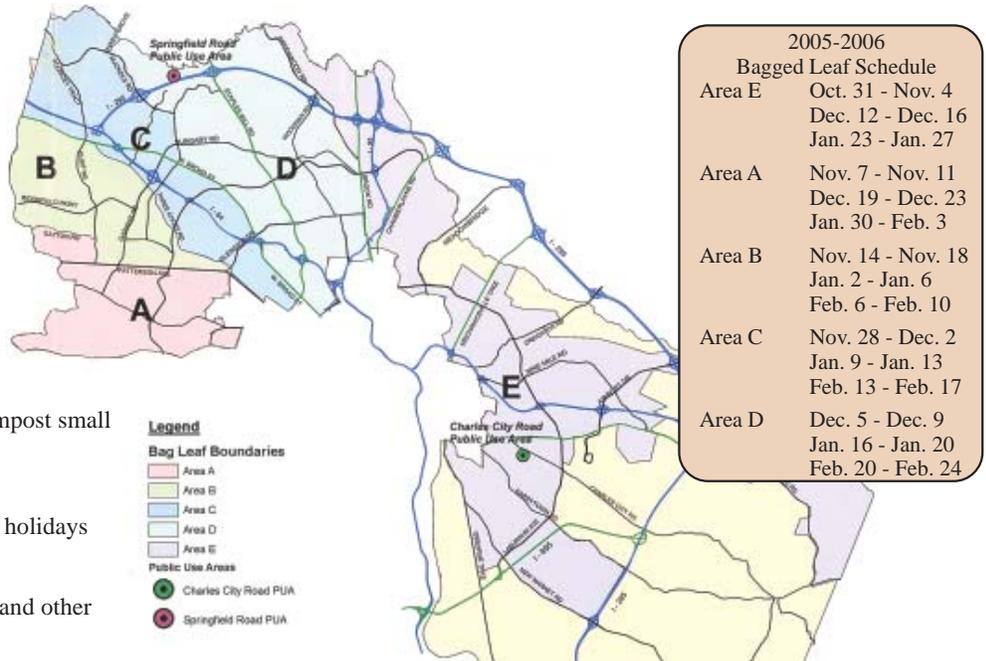


Become an expert on all things green

The county's Extension Office offers a Master Gardener training program

that provides instruction on all aspects of horticulture including lawn care, trees and shrubs, vegetable gardening and pest management. Classes begin January 25 and are held every Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. through March 24. Participants will also take part in a 50-hour internship with the Extension Office and help conduct educational programs for the public.

The deadline to apply for the 2006 program is December 1; there is a \$100 fee to cover the cost of training materials. For more information or an application, call 501-5160. The Extension Office is located in the Human Services Building at 8600 Dixon Powers Drive.



Recreation Roundup

Sun, Nov 27: Decorating the Christmas Tree

Christmas trees were uncommon in mid 19th century homes. Learn about the evolution of holiday customs as we decorate the Sheppard's Christmas tree. 1-3 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Fri, Dec 2: Holly Jolly Jubilee

Ages 2-5 with an adult. Celebrate the season—activities include songs, refreshments, seasonal crafts and entertainment. A very special guest will be on hand to greet the children. Space is limited. 10-11:30 a.m. Belmont Recreation Center. Free. Register by Nov 18. Info: 501-5809.

Sat, Dec 3: The Mountain Road Corridor Holiday Celebration

The Division of Recreation and Parks and the Cultural Arts Center of Glen Allen cordially invite you to attend the holiday celebration in Glen Allen. Take a tour down Mountain Road starting with Meadow Farm and enjoy some early 19th century holiday traditions. Continue your historic venture to Courtney Road Service Station and down the corridor to the Forest Lodge Cupola and the Cultural Arts Center with the

annual tree lighting ceremony and festive fun. Conclude your day with a lamplight tour at the newly renovated Walkerton Tavern.

Sat, Dec 3: Old-Fashioned Christmas

Join us at the annual Ornament Making Workshop and create your own Victorian ornament or listen to our 1840s style St. Nick read 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. 12:30-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Sat, Dec 3: Courtney Road Service Station

Open for tours from 12:30-4 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Sat, Dec 3: 7th Annual Tree Lighting

Enjoy your favorite holiday carols, free hot chocolate and cookies with a special appearance by the famous man in red! Start your holiday festivities with the lighting of a 60-foot cedar tree strung with a thousand lights. 4:30-6 p.m. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Free. Info: 261-6200.

Sat, Dec 3: Christmas Lamplight Tours

Step back in time as you are guided through Walkerton Tavern. Enjoy various scenes as costumed interpreters offer a glimpse of life during this mid 19th century holiday. Tours leave from the front porch every 15 minutes. 5:30-8 p.m. Walkerton Tavern. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Tue & Wed, Dec 6 - 7:

Jingle All the Way
Under the direction of Bobbie Moore, the Henrico Pops Chorus will present a holiday concert for the entire

family. 7:30 p.m. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Free. Reservations are required and start Nov 21. Info: 501-5115.

Fri, Dec 9: Holly Jolly Jubilee

Ages 2-5 with an adult. Celebrate the season — activities include songs, refreshments, seasonal crafts and entertainment. A very special guest will be on hand to greet the children. Space is limited. 10-11:30 a.m. Dorey Recreation Center. Free. Register by Nov 25. Info: 501-5809.

Sat, Dec 10: Parade of Lights

Looking for a unique holiday event for the entire family? Don't miss the annual James River Parade of Lights at Henrico's Osborne Boat Landing. Join us around the bonfire as we enjoy holiday music and activities to celebrate the magic of the season. A Toy Parade sponsored by the Battlefield Ruritans will precede the Parade of Lights at 3 p.m. Entertainment and concessions immediately following the Toy Parade. Activities begin at 5 p.m. Osborne Boat Landing. Free. Info: 501-5121. For Toy Parade information, call 795-7978.

Sat & Sun, Dec 10 & 11: Wreath Making

Ages 18+. "Deck the Halls..." and what better way than by making your own Christmas wreath using items from nature. You provide the creativity and we'll provide the rest. 1-3 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. \$10, register by Nov 28. Info: 501-5520.

Mon, Dec 12: Sleigh Ride

The Henrico Concert Band and the Henrico Community Band will present a holiday concert for the entire family. Under the

direction of Don Leonard and Archer Johnson, enjoy an evening of holiday favorites. 7:30 p.m. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Free. Reservations are required and start Nov 21. Info: 501-5115.

Sun, Dec 18: Big Band Holiday Concert

Celebrate the holiday season with Bill Zickafoose and the Continentals as they bring you the holidays, swing style. This annual event features 1940s era classics as well as some holiday tunes. 7-9 p.m. Hermitage High School. Free. Info: 501-5115.

Sat, Dec 17: Wintergreen Day Ski Trip

Join the Division of Recreation & Parks on a ski trip to Wintergreen Resort. 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Depart from the Henrico Human Services Building. Register by Dec 9. Info/cost: 501-5147.

Sat, Jan 7: Program Registration

First day of registration for Winter/Spring classes and events. 8 a.m.-noon. Dorey Recreation Center and the Henrico Training Center.

For additional programs, check out 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 & Parks at 501-7275 to be added to our mailing list.

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Important County Telephone Numbers

Adult Protective Services	501-7346
Board of Supervisors	501-4207
Building Permits & Inspections	501-4360
Business Licenses/Personal Property	501-4310
Child Protective Services	501-5437
Community Maintenance	501-4757
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Library Answer Line	652-3258
Magistrates	501-5285
Marriage Licenses	501-5055
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Police, Non-emergency	501-5000
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