

## Board of Supervisors reduce real estate tax rate

On Tuesday, April 26, the Henrico County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to reduce the real estate tax assessment rate by 2 cents, from 94 cents to 92 cents per \$100 of a home's assessed value. This rate reduction is the first since 1997. From 1979 to 2004 the tax rate averaged nearly 97 cents, but has consistently trended downward since the high of \$1.03 in 1979.

According to a 2004 study conducted by the City of Chesapeake, Henrico County had the lowest overall real estate tax rate of the 13 urban Virginia cities and counties. In addition, Henrico has had the lowest combined rates every year since the study's inception in the early 1980s.

The board also approved rate reductions for handicap-equipped vehicle assessments, disabled veterans' personal property taxes, the machinery and tools tax for Henrico semiconductor facilities, and levies of real estate taxes for all five streetlight districts retroactively effective Jan. 1, 2005. In addition, the board approved an enhancement to the Real Estate Advantage Program (REAP) effective January 2006 that will increase the net allowable financial worth of its participants to

\$200,000, the maximum parameters allowed by the Virginia General Assembly.

The real estate assessment rate reduction is expected to result in a \$4.8 million reduction in the county's general fund. Henrico has implemented a variety of cost-cutting measures to bring expenditures in line with the reduced revenue.

## 'New Urbanism' comes to Henrico

*—New zoning district designed to make home, work and play within walking distance*

Henrico residents will soon have the chance to go back to the future.

A trio of new communities, now in the planning stages, will give residents the opportunity to live a lifestyle perhaps more familiar to their parents or grandparents: Homes set closer to streets and to each other, permitting conversations between neighbors and passers-by without the aid of a bullhorn. Apartments and condos situated above restaurants, next to a drugstore and across from a public park. School, office, market and movie theater within a five-minute walk of home. Plenty of sidewalks and

reliance on foot power; less asphalt and dependence on the internal-combustion engine. Town centers, public squares and common gathering places for a community-minded environment.

Keeping an eye on the future while drawing inspiration from an earlier American urban tradition, these new communities—the Village of Rocketts Landing, Wilton and Highwoods Village—should begin offering an alternative residential lifestyle in 2007. But they owe their existence to the creation of a new zoning designation, the urban mixed-use (UMU) district, which was developed by county planners and approved by the Board of Supervisors in August 2002.

### Something old, something new

The urban mixed-use district has been gaining popularity as an alternative for planners and developers nationwide. This "new urbanism" movement responded to a growing desire of many people to escape the low-density, far-

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Three sites are being developed with the aid of Henrico's new urban mixed-use zoning district.

flung, automobile-dependent characteristics common to suburban, residential neighborhoods.

“The development of the urban mixed-use district reflects a nationwide trend toward a greater variety of residential lifestyles,” said Planning Director Randy Silber. “The social fabric of the country is changing, and the large-lot suburban dream no longer appeals to everyone. Families and individuals are looking for different ways to live; developers and planners are now addressing those desires.”

Many of those desires focus on a more pedestrian-friendly lifestyle, harkening back to a time when neighborhoods weren’t necessarily isolated enclaves of single-family homes separated from work, school and play by a drive in the family vehicle. Like similar communities across the country, Henrico had followed a traditional zoning plan that was designed to accommodate new growth in a rapidly developing suburban locality. Zoning required strict separation, with a distinct hierarchy of uses and intensity.

New urbanism discards the rigid segregation of zoning districts. Instead, it combines single- and multi-family residential, business, office, retail, educational and cultural space within the same zone, site and even the same building. It can use a town center or natural gathering place as a focal point, with residences and services radiating outward. It compacts development, allowing a more efficient use of space be-

cause growth can occur vertically and not just horizontally. It can facilitate revitalization and reclamation of previously developed “brownfield” sites and can also apply to new growth at undeveloped “greenfield” sites.

The UMU district, Henrico’s adaptation of new urbanism, promotes a more efficient, cost-effective use of county resources as utilities, roads and services often do not

sign and architecture and allows greater flexibility with regard to land use, density, setbacks, parking and other zoning controls.

Stringent requirements must be met before a location can be zoned for UMU development. Creation of a UMU district requires a land-use plan amendment, rezoning, a provisional-use permit and plans of development. This review process ensures consistency with the county’s master plan, compatibility between proposed and existing land uses, and sufficient public facilities and services.

Projects proposed for a UMU district must meet a series of development standards, including:

- Minimum area of 20 acres;
- Mixture of uses that includes a minimum of 25 percent office and commercial uses;
- Minimum of 20 percent of the project area must be open space;
- Maximum building height of 60 feet, unless specially approved;
- No minimum lot area, width or setback;

have to be extended to undeveloped areas. Because it compacts more uses into a smaller area, the UMU generates more tax revenue for the county. And with its high-intensity development, it can also serve as a means to counteract suburban sprawl and the choked roadways that frequently accompany it.

#### Not for everywhere

The UMU district is not designed to replace or attenuate the traditional single-family residential neighborhood. Rather, it allows development of pedestrian-oriented centers featuring a broad combination of uses on carefully selected sites. It encourages quality development excelling in de-



Highwoods Village in Innsbrook will combine office and retail space with residential units.



Rocketts Landing will revitalize the historic port area on the James River.

- Unified landscaping and lighting; and
- Sidewalks installed along any street.

“The urban mixed-use district won’t work everywhere, and it isn’t intended for general application across the county,” Silber said. “But it creates an opportunity for the county to make another lifestyle available to our residents. It makes Henrico more attractive and further enhances the county’s quality of life.”

#### On the drawing board

The UMU district may be applied to older residential, commercial and industrial areas that could benefit from redevelopment or revitalization. It is suitable for sites with adequate infrastructure and transportation facilities, but can work for new sites as well. This flexibility is reflected in the three projects currently approved for UMU development.

The Village of Rocketts Landing—situated along the James River at the history-laden location dating to the colonial, Revolutionary and Civil War eras—will



Homes in Wilton will be close to sidewalks and each other, creating a pedestrian-friendly, “village” atmosphere.

reclaim the once-thriving port area that had endured a long period of decline, disuse and disrepair. Rocketts Landing will feature several residential choices mixed closely with restaurants, shops, a marina and riverfront park.

Wilton, located in the East End on the historic Wilton Farm property, will mark the first development for this property. Wilton will contain more traditional single-family homes, although it will offer additional residential opportunities as well. The community will cultivate a village atmosphere, with residences on small lots in proximity to the street and each other. Shops, a school, parks and other public amenities will be close at hand.

Highwoods Village will apply new urbanism to the bustling West End business center of Innsbrook, making more efficient use of space currently occupied by surface parking lots. The 36-acre project will combine office, residential and retail space in a vertical arrangement; residents will literally live, work, shop and play without the aid of a vehicle. (See sidebar on page 6 for more information about these projects.)

Although each UMU development is intended for a different market, they all share a few key elements: an abundance of sidewalks and a design that reduces dependence on automobiles.

"These developments will give Henrico residents who want a different lifestyle the opportunity to pursue it," Silber said. "The county will watch these three projects closely to see how successful they are. But we're excited about the urban mixed-use district and the additional choices it offers our residents."

## How secure is your home? Police offer tips on preventing break-ins

After enduring months of blustery winds, freezing temperatures and just enough snowfall to make a mess of things, spring is finally here. As we shed those winter coats, head outside and revel in the warmth, we should also make time to assess the security of our homes. Unfortunately, along with backyard barbecues and weekend getaways, summer is the time of year when residential breaking-and-entering crimes tend to peak.

"Break-ins happen year-round," according to Henrico Police Chief Henry W. Stanley, Jr., "but in the summer they are slightly higher since people tend to stay out later, be away from home more, and even leave some of their valuables outside." On the bright side, there are very simple precautions that residents can take to prevent personal property crimes such as home and tool shed burglaries and automobile break-ins.

"Light is the cheapest and easiest form of crime prevention there is," said Officer J.G. Cutchin, who specializes in community policing and assisting neighborhoods with crime watch programs. "Burglars do not want to be seen, and bright light is a deterrent. We all have them, we just need to turn them on," he said.

Henrico's Division of Police is dedicated to the concept of community policing, and strives to educate residents on crime prevention. One service they offer is the "Safety Audit" where an officer will come to your house, perform an inspection and give

you written feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of your home's security.

"We look for a variety of things around the home," Cutchin said, "and will suggest ways you can deter a burglar from choosing your home as a target. I tell residents to equate a burglar to a quarterback in a football game — he has a clock ticking in his head and knows he only has a couple of seconds to make that play before he's in trouble. It's the same with a burglar . . . if he can't get into your house within the first minute, he'll move on." And that's exactly what we all want — to prevent the crime from ever happening.

During a Safety Audit, police officers suggest many tips for residential security:

- Begin with an assessment. If you can break into your house when you're locked out, so can a burglar.
- Make sure you have street numbers on your house or mailbox that are visible to emergency vehicles traveling in either direction on your street, day and night.
- Trim or remove any landscaping that can be potential hiding places for burglars around your windows and doors.
- Turn on outdoor lights, and make sure any tool sheds or other outdoor structures are well-lit.
- Install deadbolt locks on your doors. Make sure to lock doors when you are outside doing

yard work or enjoying the weather.

- Use a broom handle or metal rod to add security to sliding glass doors.
- Install padlocks on crawlspace covers.
- Secure double-hung windows with key locks or pins.
- Lock doors on your automobile, even if it's in your own drive way.
- Leave a spare key with a neighbor or friend rather than hiding one outside, under a mat or in a flowerpot.
- Shop around with established security companies if you decide to install a home security system.



In this day of "identity theft," police also warn against discarding any documents that contain your name, social security number or date of birth. "We recommend shredding them, or burning them in a wood stove if you have one," Cutchin said, "Do not throw anything in the trash with sensi-

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tive, personal information.”

The single most important thing we can all do to keep ourselves and our homes safe is exercising “a good old-fashioned neighborhood spirit where we all look out for each other,” according to Stanley. “Most people today do not know all of their neighbors. They may know the one directly next door but not the one across the street.”

“An organized Neighborhood Watch can make a big difference in preventing all sorts of crimes,” Stanley said, “and if we all work together we can most certainly reduce them.”

Residents who want to schedule a free Safety Audit with the Henrico Division of Police can call 501-5000 to arrange an appointment.

## Lawn problems? Henrico Extension offers SMART solutions

Is the grass always greener on the other side of your street? Is lawn care consuming too much of your spare time and paycheck? The Henrico County Extension Office is ready to help.

Henrico Extension is again offering SMART Lawns, a special program that can help transform your lawn from eyesore to object of attention. The program is open to all Henrico residents.

“Growing a healthy, green lawn in Henrico can be a challenge,” said County Agent Karen Carter. “SMART Lawns will help our residents produce a beautiful lawn with minimal cost and effort, in an environmentally responsible way.”

SMART (Soil test, Measure, Aerate, Right fertilizer, Trouble-

free maintenance) Lawns offers a comprehensive, seasonal, step-by-step approach to building a healthy lawn. Based on extensive research, the year-round program is designed specifically for weather, soil and other conditions common to Henrico and central Virginia.

“SMART Lawns teaches participants to do the right thing at the right time,” Carter said. “Growing a lawn with this program is a process—it may take two or three years to realize its full benefits.”



The program provides participants a plan tailored to fit their specific lawn-care needs. Residents enrolling in SMART Lawns will complete a questionnaire and survey plat sheet about their lawn. A Henrico Master Gardener will visit to measure the lawn and take soil samples. Participants will then receive:

- A customized lime and fertilizer plan;
- Instructions for selecting and applying the proper fertilizer;
- Instructions for aerating and seeding the lawn;
- The Smart Lawns Guide, lawn-care fact sheets and a subscription to the SMART Lawns Newsletter.

In addition, the Extension Office periodically offers instructional seminars and is available to answer questions and provide support throughout the year.

“Depending on the current condition of a participant’s lawn, converting to a SMART Lawn may require some planning,” Carter said. “We encourage anyone interested to enroll as soon as possible.”

The cost to participate in the program is \$15. Enrollment forms are available at the Extension Office, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive, and at all Henrico libraries. The deadline to register is Sept. 1. Call 501-5160 for more information.

## Looking for a few good homes

—*Pets waiting to be adopted at Henrico’s animal shelter*

Looking for a new addition to your household this spring? Look no further than Henrico’s animal shelter, which has a number of animals in need of a good home.

And it doesn’t matter if you’re a cat person or a dog person—the shelter has a variety of both available for adoption each week. The spring traditionally brings an increase in the number of cats the shelter has on hand, said Lt. Shawn Sears, animal protection supervisor for Henrico Police.



## Help fight domestic violence and provide a lifeline to victims

Don’t know what to do with your old cell phone? The DONATE A PHONE®/ CALL TO PROTECT® campaign collects used wireless phones to benefit victims of domestic violence and promote other crime prevention initiatives while allowing cell phone users to dispose of old phones and batteries. Refurbished phones can become a lifeline for domestic violence victims when faced with an emergency. Most phones are resold as an economical alternative to new ones. The rest are safely recycled in accordance with U.S. environmental regulations.

Proceeds from phone sales help fund agencies that fight domestic violence and support the educational efforts of the Wireless Foundation. This national program is a partnership between the Wireless Foundation, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Motorola.

Henrico County, through the Central Virginia Crime Prevention Association (CVCPA), participates in the DONATE A PHONE® program. The CVCPA serves as the collection agency for wireless phones and in Henrico, you may drop off donated phones at any county fire station or the Public Safety Building at 7721 E. Parham Road. Donations are tax deductible; please consult a tax advisor for more information.

For more information, log on to [www.donateaphone.com](http://www.donateaphone.com) or [www.wirelessfoundation.org](http://www.wirelessfoundation.org). For questions about Henrico County’s program, please contact Kim Vann, Henrico County Division of Police, at 501-5370.

# HCTV—Channel 37 spring schedule

For program descriptions or more information go to <http://www.co.henrico.va.us/pr/HCTV.htm>



## 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.

<b>May 16 through May 22</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Working On The Roads: Developing, Improving and Maintaining Henrico's Road System</b>	<b>The Dawn of Life - 29 mins</b>
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>When the Cows Come Home: The History of Dairy Farming in Henrico County - 51 mins</b>	<b>Taking Care of Business: Economic Development in Henrico County - 22 mins</b>
<b>May 23 through May 29</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>The Twilight of Life</b>	<b>The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen - 12 mins</b>
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>A Road Through History - 32 mins</b>	<b>A Friend In Need - 17 mins</b>
<b>May 30 through June 5</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>The Coal Mines of Henrico</b>	<b>Get into the Zone: Henrico's New Enterprise Zones - 12 mins</b>
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Attack Transport: Remembering the USS Henrico - 57 mins</b>	<b>Henrico: Employer of Choice - 12 mins</b>
<b>June 6 through June 12</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Planning Our Future</b>	<b>A Helping Hand: Henrico's Community Corrections Program - 13 mins</b>
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Building Our Future Together - 17 mins</b>	<b>Keeping the County Rolling: Central Automotive Maintenance - 18 mins</b>
<b>June 13 through June 19</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>Animal Planet and Beyond</b>	<b>Taking Out the Trash: Solid Waste and Recycling - 17 mins</b>
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Voices from Mountain Road: The Historic Mountain Road Corridor - 36 mins</b>	<b>Points to Freedom - 16 mins</b>
<b>June 20 through June 26</b>	Mon Wed Fri Sun	<b>When the Cows Come Home: The History of Dairy Farming in Henrico County - 51 mins</b>	<b>Working for All of Us: Hermitage Enterprises - 14 mins</b>
	Tue Thu Sat	<b>Emergency! Henrico's 911 Operations - 19 mins</b>	<b>The Coal Mines of Henrico</b>

“In a given week, we have 20 healthy cats and dogs available for adoption,” Sears said, noting that on average, approximately half of the available animals are adopted each week.

“We are designed to be a temporary holding facility, not a safehouse,” he said. “Our principal responsibilities are to reunite owners with their lost pets and to remove nuisance animals from the public.”

Of course, the shelter does everything it can to get as many animals adopted as possible. Cats and dogs that come to the shelter without identification are held for nine days before becoming available for adoption; animals

that arrive with identification are held for 13 days.

Cats and small mixed-breed dogs are usually adopted quickly, Sears said, while pure breeds are often taken by rescue groups. The larger mixed-breed dogs pose more of a challenge.

“These dogs have great dispositions and are some of the best animals that we have, but they’re not usually the type that people are looking for and are harder for us to get adopted,” Sears said.

Photos of available animals are broadcast daily on HCTV-Channel 37, and a list can be obtained by calling 652-3360. Residents also may see them

firsthand when the shelter is open to the public, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, and from noon to 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday (the shelter is located at 420 Dabbs House Road, behind the Eastern Government Center).

Animals are adopted on a first-come, first-served basis only; specific animals cannot be reserved prior to becoming available for adoption. To adopt, you must be 18 or older and you must sign an agreement to spay or neuter the animal within 30 days. The adoption fee is \$10.

For more information, contact the shelter at 652-3360.

## UMU developments

### *Village of Rocketts Landing*

**Location:** Varina District, eastern bank of James River, along Henrico/Richmond border

**Size:** 30+ acres

**Residential units:** 975\*

    Apartments: 425

    Condominiums: 425

    Townhouses: 125

**Commercial space:** at least 182,250 sq. feet

**Additional:** 176-slip marina; riverfront park

### *Wilton*

**Location:** Varina District, south of Route 895, along James River

**Size:** 1,184 acres

**Residential units:** 3,209\*

    Apartments: 603

    Condominiums: 504

    Townhouses: 658

    Houses: 1,444

**Commercial space:** 31-acre town center commercial area

**Additional:** 30 acres dedicated county use (school, library, etc.); 147-acre county riverfront park; 11 acres additional county parks

### *Highwoods Village*

**Location:** Three Chopt District, Innsbrook

**Size:** 36+ acres

**Residential units:** 344\*

    Condominiums: 306

    Townhouses: 38

**Commercial space:** 38,000 sq. feet for retail/restaurants; 235,000 sq. feet for additional office space (365,000 sq. feet existing)

**Additional:** Lakefront park and public space

\*Maximum allowable units

## Student leaders take charge



More than 125 seniors from nine Henrico high schools took the reins of the county’s general government and public schools administrations in April when they assumed the roles of elected officials and top administrators for the 48<sup>th</sup> annual Student Government Day.

Students were paired with key county officials—ranging from the county manager and school superintendent to Circuit Court judges and members of the Board of Supervisors and School Board—and shadowed them throughout the day, gaining insight into the decision-making process and the responsibilities of local governance. They also had the opportunity to tour the county jail, register to vote, listen to acclaimed youth motivational speaker Jeff Yalden and conduct a mock Board of Supervisors meeting.

“We hope this is one of those days you will remember as you move forward in life,” said Board Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank Thornton. “And we hope you will continue to demonstrate and develop your leadership skills.”

Student Government Day is sponsored by the Kiwanis clubs of North Richmond, Tuckahoe and West Henrico.

# Recreation Roundup

**Sat, May 28: Hames and Collars.** Watch how horses are harnessed, driven and worked to keep the farm running throughout the year. 1-3 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

**Sun, May 29: The 19th-Century Housewife.** A 19th-century housewife needed to know how to multi-task and organize her house so that everything was "just right." Join our tours and learn more about the daily life of moms. Noon-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

**Sat, June 4: Varina Day.** The Varina Ruritan Club, in cooperation with the Division of Recreation and Parks, is hosting its 10th Annual Varina Community Day. Enjoy music and entertainment for the entire family, including display booths, a petting zoo and moonwalks! 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Dorey Park. Free. Info: 501-5134.

**Sat & Sun, June 4 & 5: Civil War Encampment and Battle at Dorey Park.** Talk to Confederate and Union re-enactors as they portray camp life and re-enact a nearby battle. In the evening, join them for an old-fashioned dance in the recreation center. Sat: noon-4 p.m., dance at 8 p.m. Sun: noon-2:30 p.m. Battle at 2 p.m. each day. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

**Sun, June 5: Sunday on the Farm.** Where did the Sheppards go to church? What did they do on the "day of rest"? Play a game or visit with our costumed interpreters. 1-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

**Fri, June 10: Twilight Paddle.** For ages 50+. A calming, flat-water experience along Four Mile Creek. Beaver, owls, osprey and the great blue heron make their home along this quiet tributary of the James River. Basic strokes will be demonstrated, but some paddling knowledge is suggested. Appropriate for all skill levels. 6 p.m.-twilight. Deep Bottom Park. \$12. Register by June 1. Info: 501-5147.

**Sat, June 11: Leisure Time Without Game Boy.** For ages 5+. Learn to play 19th-century games that

never require batteries. 12:30-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

**Sat, June 11: Rockin' and Walkin'.** For ages 18+. Investigate the fall zone of the James River at Belle Isle with geologist David Walz. We'll explore the ecological and historical aspects of this island located in the James River Park. 9-11 a.m. \$8. Register by May 27. Info: 501-5147.

**Sun, June 12: Medicine from the Garden.** Visit Meadow Farm's garden and learn how plants and herbs may have been used in helping to cure mid-19th-century ailments. 1-3 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

**Sun, June 12: Under the Stars Summer Family Film Series-Shrek,** rated PG. Grab a blanket and enjoy family flicks in the park. Free popcorn and lemonade while supplies last. 7:30 p.m. Deep Run Park. Free. Info: 501-5121.

**Tue, June 14: Gardening Bloopers.** For ages 18+. Learn how to correct common garden mistakes. Topics include pruning, mulching, tree planting, wrong plant, wrong place, incorrect watering and fertilizing, pesticide misuse and environmental problems. 7-8 p.m. Belmont Recreation Center. \$6. Register by June 7. Info: 501-5147.

**Tue & Wed, June 14 & 15: On-the-Air Radio Players present Christmas in June.** Be a part of the studio audience for this hour-long taping, featuring live music, sound effects, old commercials and three authentic scripts from the "golden age of radio." This broadcast will be taped at The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen and aired at a later date on WZEZ 100.5 FM. Directed by Andy Resnick. 8 p.m. Free. Info: 501-5115.

**Wed, June 15: Intro to Fly Casting.** For ages 16+. This two-hour clinic for beginners will cover basic fly-casting skills and locations, equipment and evaluation. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meadow Farm/Crump Park. \$35. Register by June 1. Info: 501-5147.

**Fri, June 17: Family Fun Fridays!** Enjoy free entertainment, moonwalks, contests, games and snacks. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Woodman Park. Free. Info: 501-5134.

**Sat, June 18: Intro to Global Positioning Systems.** For ages 18+. An introduction to Global Positioning System (GPS) technology that will give you hands-on experience. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Dorey Recreation Center. \$35. Register by June 3. Info: 501-5807.

**Sat, June 18: Kayak Touring: Owl Moon Paddle.** For ages 14+. Explore secluded, shallow Winter Harbor by starlight while looking for bioluminescence and listening to nocturnal birds. 7:15-10 p.m. Mathews County. \$35. Register by June 3. Info: 501-5807.

**Sun, June 19: Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social.** Enjoy Kentucky bluegrass tunes from The Company Store Band, enjoy delicious ice cream and play some old-fashioned games and dances. 4-6 p.m. Historic Deep Run Schoolhouse. Free. Info: 501-5121.

**Sat, June 25: Blacksmithing: Too Many Irons in the Fire.** The blacksmith was a very important member of the 19th-century rural community. Watch as the iron gets red-hot and the blacksmith pounds and bends it into useful objects at the 1860 style forge. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

**Sun, June 26: Meet the Critters.** Join us for a special up-close and personal look at our farm animals and discover if a turkey has ears, which animal is a rare breed, where wool comes from and more. 1-3 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

**Sun, June 26: Henrico Concert Band Summer Concert Series.** Bring a blanket or lawn chair on the last Sunday in June, July and August and spend a casual evening in the park listening to music. In case of inclement weather, concerts may be cancelled. 6-7 p.m. Dorey Park. Free. Info: 501-5115.

**Thur, June 30: Henrico Community Band Summer Concert Series.** Spend the last Thursday evening each month relaxing in the park and listening to a variety of festive music. In case of inclement weather, concerts may be cancelled. 7 p.m. Deep Run Park. Free. Info: 501-5115.

**Mon, July 4: Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration.** Join us for our spectacular event. Activities include music, train rides, patriotic arts & crafts, face painting, children's petting zoo, contests and games for all ages. Highlights include: tethered hot air balloon rides, ice sculpture demonstrations, Uncle Sam on stilts, Jonathan Austin the juggler, a patriotic performance featuring a historic color guard, drum and fife music and a musket salute by Living History Associates, Ltd. Concessions will be available for purchase. 1-5 p.m. Meadow Farm/Crump Park. Free. Info: 501-5121.

**Sat, July 9: A Berry Good Time.** Watch the cooks as they prepare delicious treats made from seasonal fruit in Meadow Farm's historic kitchen. 12:30-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

**Sun, July 10: Under the Stars Summer Family Film Series-Radio,** rated PG. Grab a blanket and watch family flicks in the park. Free popcorn and lemonade while supplies last. 7:30 p.m. Deep Run Park. Info: 501-5121.

**Fri, July 15: Family Fun Fridays!** Free family entertainment, moonwalks, contests and games, snacks and more! 6:30-7:30 p.m. Highland Springs Community Center. Free. Info: 501-5134.

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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
Community Revitalization .....	501-7640
Fire - Non-emergency .....	501-4900
Food Stamps .....	501-4002
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Health Clinic - West .....	501-4651
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Human Resources 24-hour Jobline .....	501-5674
Leaf/Bulky Waste Collection .....	261-8770
Library Answer Line .....	222-1318
Magistrates .....	501-5285
Marriage Licenses .....	501-5055
Mental Health Emergency Services .....	261-8484
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