



Open house set for 2026 Comprehensive Plan

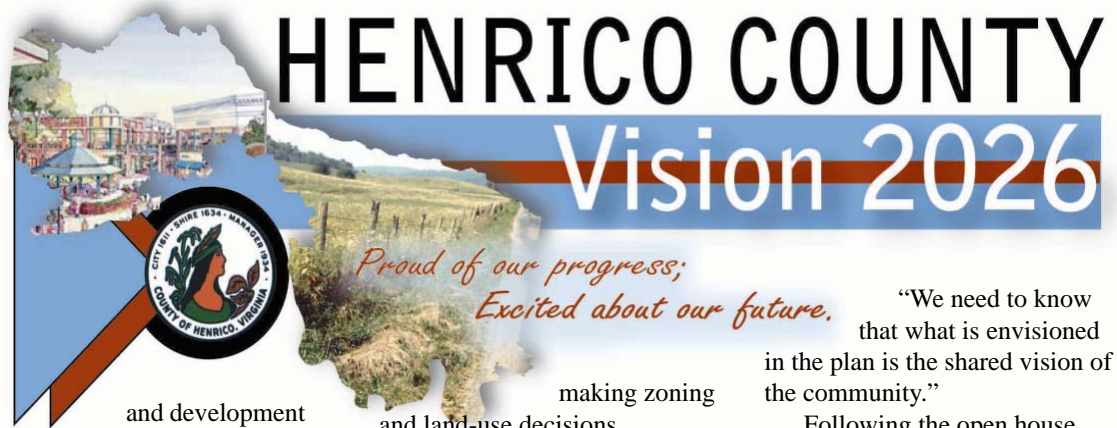
—Residents encouraged to give input on key Planning tool

Henrico residents can catch a glimpse into the county's future — and share their thoughts and insight about what they see — at an upcoming community open house for the Draft 2026 Comprehensive Plan.

Henrico's Planning Department is seeking input from residents as it unveils the comprehensive plan, a key document that will guide the county's growth

of areas. The maps recommend future land uses for all properties and assist the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in

said Planning Director Joe Emerson. "We encourage everyone interested to attend the open house and share their thoughts with us.



and development over the next two decades. The department will hold an open house — the last of five such events — from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 29 at the Henrico Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road.

Residents, developers and other interested parties can review and comment on the draft comprehensive plan and its land-use maps, an important component of the plan. The plan and maps also are available for public review from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Planning Department, located in the Henrico Government Center. In addition, the plan and maps can be viewed online at www.co.henrico.va.us/planning.

Comments are key

A blueprint for Henrico's future growth, the comprehensive plan contains goals and strategies to guide development in a variety

making zoning and land-use decisions.

Residents attending the open house can view a brief video presentation offering background and an overview of the plan, learn where growth is expected to occur and how it may affect them. They then can move through a series of stations featuring maps and information based on the different aspects of the plan; residents can view their own property on the maps as well. Staff from several county agencies, including Planning, Public Works, Recreation and Parks and Community Revitalization, will be available to answer questions.

Open house participants will have the opportunity to share their thoughts and give feedback. They may also complete an exit survey before leaving. Staff will keep a record of every comment.

"Public input is critical to the successful completion of the Draft 2026 Comprehensive Plan,"

"We need to know that what is envisioned in the plan is the shared vision of the community."

Following the open house, staff may revise the plan with the help of public comments before

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Helping foster families —Henrico seeking community support for parents, children

Some of Henrico's most vulnerable children — and the adults who serve them — could use a helping hand, and the county's Department of Social Services (DSS) is looking to the community for support.

DSS has launched a special effort to enhance service for its current foster parents and to

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Foster families continued

recruit more into the foster care program. The county agency recently created a community work group and support team to better identify community-based resources that can benefit foster parents and also raise awareness of the program's need for more parents and homes.

Community support for foster parents

The work group and support team — comprised of local nonprofits, county agencies, faith-based groups, businesses, civic groups, individuals and other interested parties — has held an initial orientation session and plans more meetings. The team's



purpose, according to DSS Assistant Director Shawn Rozier, is to discuss ways to boost community support for foster parents and the children they bring into their homes.

"These are the community's children," Rozier said. "Anything

we can do to involve the community in their support makes a lot of sense."

This means spreading the word about the need for more foster parents and homes. Henrico currently has about 170 children in foster care, but less than one-third are placed in homes. It also means giving foster parents a boost as they work to provide stable, loving homes for the children — many of whom have been removed from situations involving abuse and neglect — who come into their care.

Support can come in the form of access to a variety of community-based services, including educational, recreational and cultural activities; one area restaurant recently sponsored free meals for foster parents and their families.

"Everybody (on the work group and support team) has something they can bring to the table, whether it's working with foster parents to address the needs of a child or helping us communicate with the local business community," Rozier said.

New resources



and opportunities can be easier to identify through the work group and support team, said Foster Care Supervisor Jim Carey.

"You get a lot of different options when these individuals and groups come together," Carey said. "This job is bigger than what we can manage on our own — the support team allows us to tap into the community to address the needs of Henrico's foster parents and children."

To get involved with the foster care work group and support team or for more information, contact Carey at 501-4029.

More support for teens and siblings

One of the most pressing needs of Henrico's Foster Care program is additional families who can provide homes for teenagers and sibling groups. The program often struggles to find homes for these children, said Foster Home Coordinator Georgia Phillips.

"Too often we have to split a sibling group into separate homes, which can have a tragic impact on families," Phillips said.

Studies have shown that teenagers in foster care often face grim life outcomes, ranging from substance abuse and homelessness to incarceration, she noted. A study by the Annie E. Casey Foundation determined that Virginia ranked last nationally in terms of life outcomes for teenagers in foster care — Virginia had more kids living in group homes and fewer achieving permanency.

"The answer is families," Phillips said. "Kids don't heal in group homes. Families help them become part of society, part of their community."

Foster families providing homes for teenagers and sibling groups can now receive additional financial support, thanks to a pair of enhanced stipend programs launched in December.

Families with a foster child 13 or older now receive \$1,000 monthly, up from \$540, while those with sibling groups now receive additional payments as well.

"Families don't enter the foster care program for the money," Phillips said, "but they should be properly compensated."

Another form of support for foster parents — and a potential way for new families to learn about and enter the program — comes in the form of respite care. More part-time foster parents are needed to periodically bring in children for a weekend while their full-time foster parents take some time off.

"Kids in the process of healing from trauma can be demanding," Phillips said. "Our foster parents periodically need time to regenerate. Respite care provides an essential support for them while giving a new family a way to become involved in the program."

Foster parents are "professional parents," available around-the-clock to bring children into their homes and provide temporary and potentially long-term care in a safe, stable environment. Parents must be at least 21, have their own source of income and sufficient living space in their house or apartment to care for a child. They can be single or married, with or without children of their own, male or female, and from all backgrounds, races and nationalities.

Successful foster parents have a few traits in common, Phillips noted: they tend to be flexible and balanced; resilient; self aware; connected to the community; have an altruistic philosophy or belief system; and have reached a basic level of satisfaction with their lives.

DSS offers a nine-week foster parent training program twice annually. The spring session is

currently under way, but registrations are now being accepted for the fall. For more information, call Georgia Phillips at 501-7496 or log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/fosterparents.

Comprehensive Plan continued

holding workshops and public hearings with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. The plan could be ready for adoption by the board early next year.

All aspects of county 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 accounting for revitalization of older commercial corridors and neighborhoods.

When completed, the plan will glimpse ahead to 2026, anticipating the county's growth and the services necessary to support that growth over the next two decades. Virginia code requires Henrico to adopt and maintain a comprehensive plan.

Traditionally, the plan has consisted of three components: the land-use plan, which primarily addresses development undertaken by the private sector, including residents, 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.

ties.

Among other new features, the current update of the plan will



Residential development will continue as Henrico grows to an estimated 400,000 residents by 2026.

include a new major thoroughfare plan, with the county's first computerized transportation plan.

Growth shifting eastward

What the comprehensive plan forecasts for the next two decades will likely come as no surprise for many residents: Henrico's eastern areas will become the focus of growth and development, as evidenced by projects such as Wilton on the James and Tree Hill Farm.

"The east end is where the growth is shifting, where most of the new road networks are going and where most of the land-use changes will take place," Emerson said. "Everything else, especially the west end, has largely been built."

Much of the growth will be residential, as the county's population is expected to approach 400,000 by 2026. But the comprehensive plan also identifies prime economic development areas in the east end, including office and industrial development.

"We hope to see the emergence of new employment centers in the east, as well as additional employment in the west," he said.

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On April 22, Henrico's Board of Supervisors approved an operating budget of \$1.04 billion — with a general fund of \$765.6 million — for fiscal year 2009, which begins July 1. The spending plan accommodates a \$1.5 million reduction in funding from the state without affecting any critical services. It also continues the expansion of the county's Real Estate Advantage Program (REAP), the most aggressive real estate tax relief program in the metropolitan region.

Managing economic uncertainty

The nationwide mortgage crisis, soaring fuel costs, a sluggish real estate market, the state funding reduction to localities and other factors coalesced this year to produce a problematic economic environment. County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. noted the challenges of developing a budget in an atmosphere of economic uncertainty.

"This is a defining moment for Henrico's fiscal stewardship and is a test of our long-term financial planning efforts," Hazelett said. "Thanks to the leadership of the Board of Supervisors, the county can manage these conditions without affecting delivery of services or tax rates."

Although the current real estate market has slowed, the value of real estate in Henrico increased steadily over several preceding years. Beginning in 2004, the board implemented a real estate tax reduction plan that dropped the county's rate from 94 cents per \$100 assessed value to 87 cents per \$100 assessed value

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"Redevelopment can be somewhat harder to forecast, since it often depends on market forces and developers, but the Comprehensive Plan anticipates it in many areas," Emerson said.

For more information, call the Planning Department at 501-4602 or log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/planning.

Navigating uncertainty —New budget manages funding reduction, maintains low tax burden

Henrico's budgeting process for the 2008-09 fiscal year navigated some tricky waters, challenged by an uncertain economy at both the national and state levels that led to funding shortfalls.

But officials charted a course that enhances the quality ser-

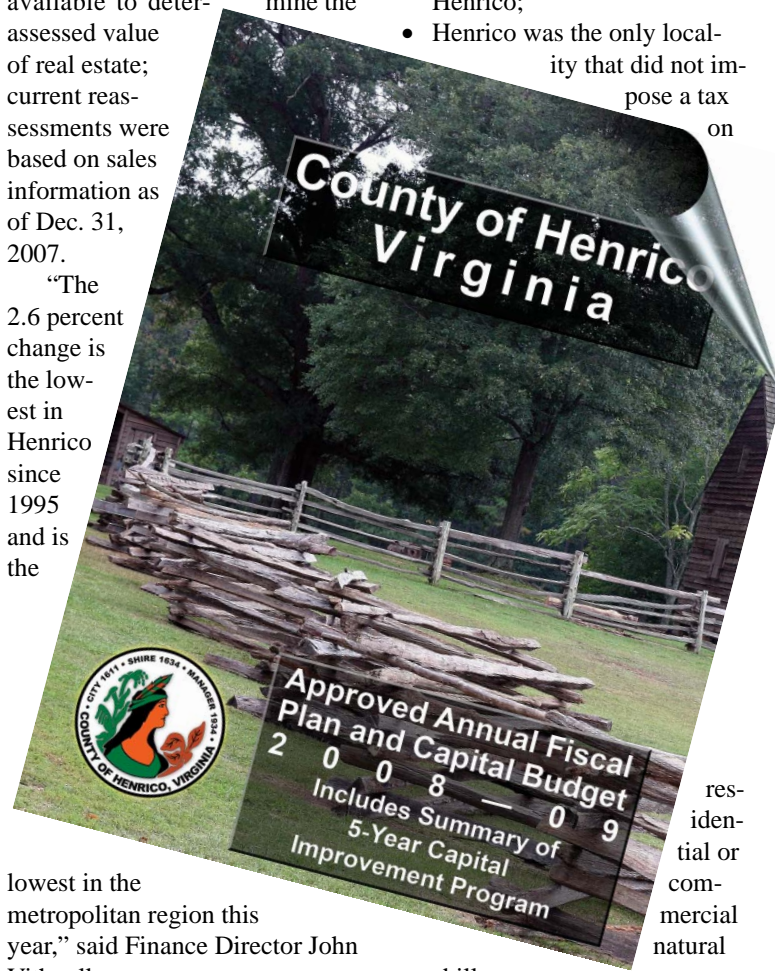
last year.

The fiscal year 2009 budget maintains the 87-cent real estate tax rate. It also contains the lowest average change in reassessments of residential properties — just 2.6 percent — in more than a decade. Henrico uses the most up-to-date information available to determine the assessed value of real estate; current reassessments were based on sales information as of Dec. 31, 2007.

“The 2.6 percent change is the lowest in Henrico since 1995 and is the

those of any of the state’s 13 largest localities. In addition:

- Personal property taxes paid on a \$10,000 vehicle were lowest in Henrico;
- Local utility consumer taxes on a monthly electric bill for residential and commercial customers were lowest in Henrico;
- Henrico was the only locality that did not impose a tax on



lowest in the metropolitan region this year,” said Finance Director John Vithoulkas.

Henrico’s real estate tax rate is also the lowest among the large localities in the metropolitan region, as is its overall tax burden. In fact, the fiscal year 2009 budget solidifies the county’s position as the lowest-tax urban locality in Virginia, according to the City of Chesapeake’s annual “13 City/County Comparison.” Average real estate taxes paid by Henrico residents are lower than

gas bills;

- Henrico was one of only three localities not charging a fee for emergency medical services transport;
- Henrico residents paid the lowest amount for public services of any locality included in the study.

REAP growth continues

The fiscal year 2009 budget continues the county’s leader-

ship in another area: real estate tax relief for senior and disabled residents. One of the largest programs of its kind in Virginia, REAP already has more than 5,000 applicants who have qualified for its tax-relief services in the current calendar year.

The new budget includes a record amount — some \$7.3 million — for the program.

“In uncertain economic times, providing relief for our senior and disabled residents is an especially critical priority,” Hazelett said. “Our board has continued its aggressive efforts to provide this tax relief and ease the burden faced by our residents living on fixed incomes.”

First-time filers and hardship cases can now apply for REAP through Dec. 31. For a resident to qualify, he or she must own and occupy the real estate and must be 65 or older, or permanently and totally disabled; household income is limited to \$62,000 and maximum net worth can not exceed \$350,000. Residents qualifying for REAP will receive up to \$3,000 tax relief; the program also offers free bulky-waste pickup and leaf-vacuuming services.

For more information about REAP or how to apply, call 501-4263 or log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/finance and follow the link for Real Estate Tax Relief.

Some additional highlights of the 2008-09 budget include:

- Provides \$421.3 million for Henrico Public Schools, an increase of nearly 7 percent. The Education appropriation, which fully meets the school board’s funding request, represents 55 percent of the general fund budget.
- Provides more than \$155 million for Public Safety, an increase of nearly 7 percent. When combined, Educa-

tion and Public Safety represent more than 75 percent of the general fund.

- Reduces the machinery and tools tax for semiconductor facilities to 40 cents per \$100 assessed value (the previous rate was 55 cents). The high-tech industry employs more than 3,000 workers in Henrico; county officials said the rate cut could help the county attract additional facilities and jobs.
- Funds 26 new positions, including employees for Police, the Sheriff’s Office, Library and Mental Health.

Steps to beat the heat —Health Department urges awareness in extreme conditions

While thoughts of summer heat reaching Henrico may be dampened at the moment beneath lingering spring rains, the potential arrival of extreme conditions — and the possible health threat they pose — are not far away.

Henrico’s Health Department is working to raise awareness of the potential dangers of extreme heat and to help residents recognize and react to the warning signs of heat-related illness.

“You can’t take heat lightly,” said Health Director Dr. Mark Levine. “Heat can place significant stress on your body and its cooling system. You have to take inventory of the symptoms you’re exhibiting that could indicate you aren’t cooling sufficiently.”

Symptoms can range from

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HCTV-Channel 17 spring 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.

		Even Hours	Odd Hours
May 19 through May 25	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Garden Retreats: Stopping to Smell the Roses - 31 mins	The Twilight of Life - 16 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Inside the Firehouse - 25 mins	Tough Choices: The County Manager Form of Government - 36 mins
May 26 through Jun 1	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Magazine 17: Summer 2008	A Road Through History - 32 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Defining Our Past: The Stories Behind Henrico's Names and Places - 21 mins	When Disaster Strikes: Are You Prepared? - 21 mins
Jun 2 through Jun 8	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Biography: Lewis Ginter	Never Forget: Henrico's Cold Cases - 34 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Attack Transport: Remembering the USS Henrico - 57 mins	A Hunger to Live: Transplanting Life - 23 mins
Jun 9 through Jun 15	Mon Wed Fri Sun	A Gift from the Heart: Fostering Our Children - 25 mins	Crystal Clear: Henrico's Water Reclamation Facility - 17 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Battlefield Henrico: Savage Station 1862 - 42 mins	Defining Our Past: Street Names - 19 mins
Jun 16 through Jun 22	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Birding	Foundations in Time: Henrico's Architectural Treasures - 36 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Breaking the Cycle of Abuse - 19 mins	Losing Weight, Gaining Life: The Obesity Epidemic - 19 mins
Jun 23 through Jun 29	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Pandemic 1918: A Diary of the Flu - 28 mins	4-H: Making the Best Better - 26 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Safe Waters Ahead: Henrico's Marine Patrol - 33 mins	Senior Living in Henrico - 28 mins

mild such as cramping, to severe such as the cessation of sweating. The transition from mild to severe can occur rapidly, Levine said.

dex between 105 and 115 degrees (heat index combines temperature and humidity to describe what the body actually feels) lasting



“If your cooling system gets overwhelmed, the situation can quickly cascade downward to a point where something critical can happen,” he said. “Awareness is key for our residents to recognize and protect themselves from heat-related illness.”

Henrico’s Health Department announces heat-awareness and safety measures when the National Weather Service issues a heat advisory — defined as a heat in-

less than three hours per day. Of course, heat can cause problems for certain residents before it hits three-digit temperatures; individual awareness is key.

- Individuals especially at risk for heat-related illness include small children, seniors and people with chronic medical conditions who are not in an air-conditioned environment; however, anyone can be affected by severe heat.

- Early signs of heat-related illness can include cramping, fatigue, dizziness and fainting. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are medical emergencies requiring immediate attention — call 911.
- Drink two-to-four glasses of cool fluids each hour; if working outside or exercising, drink fruit juice or sports beverages.
- If possible, conduct outdoor activities before noon or at night. Limit physical activity and rest frequently. Avoid sunburn. Wear a hat and light, loose-fitting clothing. Use the buddy system if working outside; check on neighbors.
- Never leave children or pets in vehicles with closed windows, even momentarily. Temperatures quickly can reach 150 degrees, resulting in heat stroke and death.
- Keep cool indoors. Spending at least two hours per day in air conditioning significantly reduces the number of heat-related illnesses; be aware

that a fan may not prevent illness when temperatures reach the upper 90s.

- Several Henrico County recreation facilities typically are available as temporary relief centers, including Confederate Hills, Belmont, Dorey and Deep Run; Henrico libraries also offer a respite from the heat.
- The Department of Social Services offers financial assistance for energy needs through a Cooling Assistance Program. Call 501-4099 for information.

For more information about heat-related illness and steps you can take to protect yourself, contact the Health Department at 501-4522 or log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/health.

In addition, residents can receive automatic notifications of heat advisories and other extreme weather on their cell phones and in their e-mail through Henrico’s Emergency Alert System — log on to www.henricolert.org or call 501-7183 for information.

Student leaders take the reins for a day

More than 160 high school seniors took the reins of Henrico County’s general government and public schools administrations when they assumed the roles of elected officials and top administrators for the 51st annual Student Government Day held April 3.

The event is designed to give students a firsthand view of the operations of their local government, pairing student leaders from nine Henrico high schools with key county officials, including the county manager, school superintendent, police and fire chiefs, Circuit Court judges and members of the Board of Supervisors and School Board.

“Student Government Day is a special day for the county staff,” County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. said. “We have the opportunity to give these outstanding young people a glimpse of local government at work and help prepare them for a future of community service.”

Students shadowed their government counterparts throughout the day, gaining insight into the decision-making process and learning some of the details of local governance. Students also had the opportunity to make decisions, conducting a simulated Board of Supervisors meeting in which they debated an ordinance regarding concealed handgun permits, approved an application to expand the Henrico Enterprise Zone and approved a plan of development for a new high school near the intersection of Staples Mill and Springfield roads.



Recreation Roundup

Fri, May 30, June 27 & July 25: Bluegrass Coffeehouse

Bluegrass musicians of all ages and abilities: come to Walkerton to play and share your music! Acoustic only. Children must be accompanied by an adult. 7-9 p.m. Walkerton Tavern. Free. Info: 261-6898.

Sun, June 1: A Picnic with a View

Bring your own basket of sandwiches or fried chicken; we'll provide the drinks and sweets. Enjoy lawn games, house tours and music high atop historic Marion Hill overlooking the city. 2-5 p.m. Clarke-Palmore House Museum. Free, call for reservations. Info: 501-5125.

Thur, June 5 & Sat, July 12: Discovery Hunt

For ages 3-6 with an adult. Discover animals and objects hiding in plain sight in our historic facility and learn about real animals on the property. 10-11 a.m. Walkerton Tavern. Free, call to register. Info: 261-6898.

Sat, June 7: Varina Day

Celebrate with the Varina Ruritan Club and the Division of Recreation and Parks. Local band Random Play will perform a mix of southern rock cover tunes. Children's activities include a petting zoo, face painting and a moon walk. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Dorey Park. Free. Info: 501-5121.

Tue & Wed, June 10 & 11: On-the-Air Radio Players present "The Golden Age of Comedy"

Enjoy an old-time radio show featuring live music, sound effects and old commercials. Be a part of the studio audience for this hour-long taping, which includes authentic scripts from the "golden age of radio." 7:30 p.m. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Info: 501-5138.

Thur, June 12-July 3: HIP Club

For ages 13-17. Horseshoes in the park. Learn more detailed rules and information about the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA). Plan tournaments and have snacks at the shelter or recreation center. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Hidden Creek Recreation Center. Free, call to register. Info: 643-8302.

Sat, June 14: Kool Smiles

For ages 3-6 with an adult. What does it take to have a cool smile? Through games and activities, the pros from Kool Smiles in Richmond make the toothbrush fun and friendly for kids. 10-11 a.m. Walkerton Tavern. Free, call to register. Info: 261-6898.

Sun, June 15: Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Enjoy tunes by one of the area's finest up and coming bands, High Street Low Lifs. Treat your taste buds to Bruster's delicious ice cream and try some old-fashioned games and dances. 4-6 p.m. Walkerton Tavern. Free. Info: 501-5134.

Fri, June 20: Rock the Block at Duncroft/Castle Point Park

Join the community for free family entertainment in your neighborhood park. Enjoy live music by The Chicago Cy Band, contests and games, face painting and more. 6-8 p.m. Duncroft/Castle Point Park. Free. Info: 501-5134.

Sat, June 21: Under the Stars Summer Family Film Series presents "Surf's Up" (PG)

Grab your family and a blanket and experience the thrill of outdoor movies and fun! Free popcorn and lemonade while supplies last. 8:30 p.m. Deep Run Park. Info: 501-5121.

Thur, June 26, July 31 & Aug 28: Henrico Community Band Summer Concert Series

Bring a lawn chair or sit in the bleachers and listen to a variety of festive music. In case of inclement weather, concerts may be cancelled. There are no rain dates. 7 p.m. Deep Run Park. Free. Info: 501-5115.

Sat, June 28, July 5, 12 & 19: Hammer it Home

For ages 18+. Summer has arrived and the honey-do list is in full swing. Join our four-week series on home improvement and do-it-yourself projects. Experts from Pleasant's Hardware will help lead four weekly discussions on tools, plumbing, painting and electrical projects. 9:30 a.m.-noon. The Armour House. Call for reservations. Info: 343-3506.

Sun, June 29, July 27 & Aug 24: Henrico Concert Band Summer Concert Series

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and spend a casual evening in the park listening to your favorite band music. In case of inclement weather, concerts may be cancelled. There are no rain dates. 6 p.m. Dorey Park. Free. Info: 501-5115.

Thur, July 3-31: Tea Talk Book Club

For ages 18+. Come join us at the beautiful Armour House for a book discussion on "Five Sisters: The Langhorns of Virginia" by James Fox. Enjoy great discussion over a cup of cold or hot tea. 11 a.m.-noon. The Armour House. Free, call to register. Info: 343-3506.

Fri, July 4: Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration

Join us for our spectacular event in celebration of America's independence! Activities include musical entertainment, patriotic arts and crafts, face painting, a petting zoo for children, contests, games and pony rides! Other highlights include a watermelon feast, Uncle Sam on stilts, Jonathan Austin the juggler, a patriotic performance and a period musket salute. 1-5 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. Free. Info: 501-5121.

Tue, July 8, Aug 12, & Sept 9: Antiques & Collectibles Series

For ages 18+. Learn more about the treasures you have, gain more knowledge to become a successful collector, or just enhance your appreciation of antiques. 7:30-9 p.m. The Armour House. Free, call to register. Info: 343-3506.

Fri, July 11: Kids Collecting

For ages 8-12. Learn what it takes to get started and how to handle and take care of special collections. Meet collectors of stamps and coins, rocks and fossils, baseball cards, marbles and more. 6-7:30 p.m. Walkerton Tavern. Free, call to register. Info: 261-6898.

Fri, July 18: Rock the Block at Robinson Park

Join your community for free family entertainment in your neighborhood park. Enjoy live music by Brandon Waller, contests and games, face painting and more! 6-8 p.m. Robinson Park. Free. Info: 501-5134.

Sat, July 19: Under the Stars Summer Family Film Series presents "Shrek the Third" (PG)

Grab your family and a blanket and come out to experience the thrill of outdoor movies and fun! Free popcorn and lemonade while supplies last. 8:30 p.m. Dorey Park. Info: 501-5121.

Thur, July 23-Aug 27: Youth Folk Art

Drawing on their instinctive and naive artistic tendencies, children will use traditional and not-so-traditional materials to create their own folk art in painting and sculptural projects. 10 a.m.-noon. Meadow Farm Museum. Free, call for reservations. Info: 501-5125.

Wed, July 23: SPARC SummerStarz presents *Suessical, Jr.*

Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty ("Ragtime, Once on This Island") have lovingly brought to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters with a Seussian

gumbo of a musical scores, ranging from Latin to pop, swing to gospel, R&B to funk! 7 p.m. Henrico Theatre. Free, call for reservations. Info: 328-4491 or 501-5138.

Sat, July 26: Beauty for Ashes

An original production by African American Repertory Theatre, a Richmond-based theatre group dedicated to illuminating African-American experiences. The story is told through poetry, prose, monologue and music. 2 p.m. Henrico Theatre. Free, call for reservations. Info: 328-4491.

Fri, Aug 1: Summer Time and Puppet Pals

For ages 3-8 with an adult. Magical Puppet Creations presents the Kamp Creatures in "Moving with the Creatures 3," a wacky and fun interactive puppet show that will keep you moving and grooving. 2:30-3:30 p.m. Deep Run Recreation Center. Info: 501-5809.

Sat, Aug 2: Under the Stars Summer Family Film Series presents "Daddy Day Camp"

Grab your family and a blanket and come out to experience the thrill of outdoor movies and fun! Free popcorn and lemonade while supplies last. 8:30 p.m. Hidden Creek Park. Free. Info: 501-5121.

Sat, Aug 9: Extreme Expo

Bring your friends and catch some air at Laurel Skate Park! Activities include a climbing wall, airbrush tattoos, super slide and a great exhibition of professional skate demonstrations by the Freecycle Action Sports Team. 4-6 p.m. Laurel Skate Park. Free. Info: 501-5134.

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 and Parks. at 501-7275 to be added to our mailing list.

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