



Henrico considers its future and how to pay for it

As Henrico officials ponder the future of growth in the county, they also are considering ways to pay for the county's robust expansion.

More residents equate to a need for expanded—and expensive—county services like roads and schools. But methods of paying for growth have fast eroded in recent years, with fewer dollars coming from the state.

“Henrico County continues to be open for business—growth is good,” said County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., at the opening of a four-day meeting of county officials held in June and July to discuss

growth and its costs. “But we are growing faster than we have in the past.”

Tops on the list of possible funding solutions are two items that Henrico voters likely will consider during a special election in March of next year.

County planners have asked the Board of Supervisors to consider a bond referendum to pay for as much as \$350 million in necessary road, school and other projects. If approved by the board, the special election would also include a companion proposal to levy a 4 percent meals tax aimed at offsetting a sizable portion of the proposed bond's costs. The meals tax would supplant the need for a real estate tax increase.

“Henrico County is the economic engine for the metropolitan area,” Hazelett said. “But the continued quality of life that our residents expect is what we must strive to maintain.”

There's no arguing that progress has benefited the county, but it has also created challenges for county planners as they consider the price tag for future expansion, Hazelett said, noting that the proposed bond-funded projects—approximately \$350 million—were pared down from more than \$1 billion in needed capital projects.

In the end, schools, roads, parks, fire, libraries and a multi-use facility for large community events were identified as most critical, Hazelett said.

The shift to full day kindergarten means new classroom construction at many county elementary schools, and more than a dozen of older school facilities face needed renovations over the coming decade as they age.

Additionally, school officials said they estimate as many as eight

to charge the fees, which would have generated \$10,000 from each new housing unit to pay for the interchange.

The Board of Supervisors is now considering a proposal to ask for cash proffers from developers building homes in the county. The money would pay for the cost of



Henrico supervisors consider the county's future development during their summer growth retreat.

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new schools will be needed to keep pace with growth, in addition to expansions and improvements to a number of existing facilities. For school projects alone, the referendum likely will ask voters to fund \$220 million in projects.

Only one proposed road project will be on the referendum, but it is both pricey and necessary. A measure that would extend North Gayton Road to Pouncy Tract Road will take the strain off of increased traffic predicted in Short Pump over the next decade.

The Board of Supervisors initially sought to pay for this road project, along with a new interchange from Gayton to Interstate 64, using impact fees paid by developers. The Virginia General Assembly denied Henrico's request

projects like North Gayton. But during the June retreat, Henrico Finance Director Reta Busher warned the board that relying on cash proffers alone likely will not provide a reliable income to pay for future needs.

Busher cited Chesterfield County's experience, where a cash proffer system has existed for the past 14 years.

“In 14 years of accepting proffers, Chesterfield has collected a total of \$14.5 million,” she said, noting that \$1 million a year would do little to pay for the \$1 billion in capital projects identified as necessary in coming years.

Paying for so many projects cannot be done without identifying a reliable revenue source, Busher said,

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advocating the proposed meals tax as the most reliable method of paying for increased county needs.

"The meals tax can generate significant revenues for capital projects on a recurring basis and provide funds for the operating costs that arise from these projects," she said, predicting between \$16 million and \$20 million yearly in tax revenues.



In addition to providing a dependable income, Busher said, the meals tax would allow Henrico residents to share the cost burden with their neighbors. Because the tax would apply to all prepared meals purchased in restaurants and other establishments in the county, visitors from neighboring counties—even tourists or shoppers from much further away—would help pay.

Without the meals tax, taxpayers could see their property tax rates rise from the current 94 cents per \$100 of assessed value to an even one dollar, Hazelett said.

"The meals tax is by far the most equitable way to fund these necessary improvements, while placing a minimum burden on our taxpayers," Hazelett said.

The retreat also provided planners with an opportunity to consider how to guide growth in the Varina district, which is the county's final frontier for new development.

The county last undertook a revision of its comprehensive plan, which guides future development, nearly a decade ago.

A roadmap to future development is necessary, Hazelett said.

The end of new development in the west end—the Tuckahoe, Three Chopt and Brookland districts—is in

sight, he told the June gathering of planners and elected officials.

"We are nearing the end of the west end's growth cycle," Hazelett said. "The question that faces us, 'What should the remaining portion of this county look like in the future?'"

Nearly 40 percent of Varina remains untouched by development, though significant portions already have been rezoned for future development. Much of this existing zoning is not in line with current planning strategy.

But what remains zoned agriculture is also of concern, Hazelett told the board, recommending a change in the A-1 agricultural zoning classification to require a minimum 10-acre lot size.

The larger lot size would prevent developers taking advantage of the current one-acre lot minimum. Currently, they are able to construct smaller, cheap-to-build homes on large, unimproved lots, Hazelett said. Too much of this sort of development could quickly overtax Varina's infrastructure, including police and fire resources.

"Growth necessitates infrastructure," Hazelett said. "Operation and function of existing infrastructure are essential, and new infrastructure is necessary."

But even as planners consider new development in Varina, protecting the resources in the other four districts must also remain a priority, Hazelett said.

"Henrico is changing, the community is aging," he said, recognizing the shift from Henrico as a suburb of Richmond to a center of urban growth and commerce.

Revitalization and redevelopment tools will be key to maintaining the gains of the past decades, Hazelett said, explaining the recent subdivision of the county's Planning Department into two departments.

The newly created Community Revitalization Department provides tools to developers and business owners to encourage constant reinvestment in Henrico's older and established commercial resources.

"You will see different types of development over the next several years," Hazelett said, referring to projects like the proposed innovative mixed use Rocketts Landing development along Route 5 in Varina and other projects in the pipeline in Short Pump.

"We have to be on the cutting edge," Hazelett said. "That means not just jumping into new ideas, but first knowing where those ideas came from and why they succeeded. And if it failed, why it failed."

In the zone

Expansion of enterprise zone will boost older commercial areas

The business climate in Henrico County, already regarded as one of the balmiest in the nation, has gotten even better.

Henrico officials learned earlier this summer that the state approved a Board of Supervisors' proposal to expand a key economic development program—the Henrico Enterprise Zone (HEZ). First designated in April 2003, the HEZ initially included sections of West Broad Street and Nine Mile Road. The newly approved expansion doubles the zone's size, encompassing portions of Lakeside Avenue and Brook, Staples Mill and Hilliard roads.

Designed to boost economic growth in the county's older commercial corridors, the enhanced enterprise zone encourages businesses—whether new and seeking a place to operate or existing and considering expansion—to invest in the area. Qualifying businesses located within the zone are eligible for an array of state and county incentives, ranging from tax credits and rehabilitation grants to fee waivers and architectural assistance. Henrico's new Department of Community Revitalization administers the HEZ program.

With its low tax rates, quality infrastructure and exemplary customer service, Henrico County is known among area businesses for cultivating a receptive environ-

ment, said Board Chairman Patricia S. O'Bannon.

"The Henrico Enterprise Zone program increases our ability to attract new business and to help our existing businesses thrive," O'Bannon said. "The board wanted to enhance revitalization efforts throughout the county, so the expansion of the program is truly exciting."

"It reflects our commitment to our older commercial areas and the residential communities they serve."

Expanding the HEZ to include Brook Road was recommended in the recently completed Brook Road enhancement study, said Community Revitalization Director John Marlles. The study determined the enterprise zone program would be a catalyst for business investment and revitalization in the Brook Road area; the adjoining portions of Lakeside Avenue and Staples Mill and Hilliard roads would benefit as well.

"This is good news for the county and the areas comprising this expansion," Marlles said. "The Henrico Enterprise Zone program gives us a powerful new tool to encourage business investment, redevelopment and revitalization in our older commercial corridors."

The HEZ will not directly impact residential areas—it does not affect their zoning, for example, a common misunderstanding about the program. However, these areas ultimately will see tangible benefits, such as new jobs and services.

"The commercial corridors serve as the front door to the residential neighborhoods in these areas," Marlles said. "Enhancing



Businesses improving their exteriors, such as Tokyo Wok at 6001 W. Broad St., may qualify for county-sponsored professional design support.



The recent expansion of the Henrico Enterprise Zone will benefit the county's older commercial corridors, including portions of Lakeside Avenue, Brook, Hilliard and Staples Mill roads.

the corridors encourages healthy, vibrant neighborhoods as well."

The focus of the HEZ program, he added, is building better neighborhoods.

"In this sense, a neighborhood is more than a subdivision of homes or the businesses in the area," he said. "It is the whole package. The entire neighborhood benefits from this program."

The HEZ program has started quickly since its implementation last year, with more than 100 businesses participating. Although only a month has passed since the program expanded, more than 10 businesses in the zone's newest areas have already applied for incentive programs. Since last December, 20 businesses have participated in the architectural assistance program, one of the county incentives available through HEZ. Another 10 businesses have applied or been accepted for the commercial industrial grant program, also a county incentive.

The HEZ program remains in effect until Dec. 31, 2014. Businesses interested in participating can apply at any time during that period.

For more information, contact Community Revitalization at 501-7640 or log on to www.henrico.va.us/planning.

Answer the phone! It's Henrico calling

County seeks public participation in new survey

Attention, residents: Henrico County wants a piece of your mind.

We want to determine the best ways to keep you informed about county programs, services and

policies. We also want to know if you're happy with our programs and services and whether or not they meet your needs and expectations. And we'd like to get your opinion on several issues currently affecting the county as well.

Beginning in early September and continuing to mid-October, the Southeastern Institute of Research, on behalf of Henrico County, will conduct a telephone survey of Henrico residents. Five hundred residents in each magisterial district—chosen at random—will be contacted and asked a series of questions about their county government. The survey will help the county evaluate the effectiveness of its communication efforts and enhance the way it delivers information to residents.

Each survey call will last approximately 12 to 15 minutes and—we promise—will not include any pitches to change your long distance service, obtain a new credit card or sign up for a "free" vacation. But each call will give you the opportunity to voice your opinion and influence the way your government communicates with you.

"The participation of our residents is vital not only to the success of this survey but also to our unchanging desire to be as responsive as possible to their needs," said Public Relations & Media Services Director Tamra McKinney. "We want to know what works—and what doesn't—when we provide information to our residents. The best way for us to learn and improve our methods is to ask them what they want."

Henrico last conducted a similar countywide survey in 1999, McKinney noted. "Henrico has grown significantly since then," she said, "and we want to ensure that the county's communications are up-to-date and keeping pace with the changing needs of our population."

"We appreciate the cooperation, time and input of each resident participating in this survey."

For more information, contact Public Relations & Media Services at 501-4257.

Another Gaskins utilities project nears completion

The end of the road is in sight for a major commuter annoyance along Gaskins Road.

Installation of water mains on Gaskins between Patterson Avenue and Quioccasin Road has led to some rush hour grumbling since the project commenced May 8.

Now, Public Utilities officials plan to wrap up construction before the scheduled late September date.

"We're trying to get it done before school starts," Henrico Public Utilities Director Arthur Petrini said. "Right now, 95 percent of the pipe work is done."

That leaves repaving the approximately one-mile stretch of road.

This latest project is not related to a previous Gaskins Road utilities project that closed lanes along the road for many months last year.

The earlier project laid pipe necessary for operations at the county's new \$90 million water treatment plant on Three Chopt Road, which opened April 26 of this year. This most recent project is part of an agreement with Goochland County to supply Henrico's western neighbor with about 5 million gallons of water per day.

The latest Gaskins project provides not only pipes to pump water to Goochland, but safeguards



Henrico Department of Public Utilities plans to wrap-up construction on its latest Gaskins Road project by late September.

in Henrico's water system that will increase reliability for customers in the affected area.

Even as this latest project wraps up, Public Utilities is gearing up for another project related to supplying Goochland and adding safeguards to

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the Henrico system. Bidding opened July 21 for a project to lay water pipe along Patterson Avenue, extending that line from Gaskins along Patterson to the Goochland line.

Slated to start in September and wrap up by the end of 2005, this project involves about 1.3 miles of road, but is expected to have far less impact on drivers.

"This will be the final leg of the piping to get water to Goochland along Patterson Avenue," Petrini said. "It's primarily going to be in the shoulder and in the right lane of the westbound lanes of Patterson. Traffic will be maintained at all times."

Henrico CERT plays important role when disaster strikes

A fast-moving tornado has just ripped through your neighborhood. Your street is littered with power lines and pine branches; the roof on one neighbor's home has been peeled away while an uprooted tree has sliced another in half. You suspect injuries to your neighbors and call 9-1-1, but learn that the storm has damaged a half-dozen neighborhoods in addition to your own; Henrico Fire and Police are responding, but can't reach your street immediately. What do you do?

A growing number of Henrico residents can answer that question. They are members of the Henrico County Community Emergency Response Team (HCCERT), a volunteer organization of ordinary people that provides general assistance immediately following a disaster, when local public safety resources may be momentarily overwhelmed.

More than 80 residents have completed HCCERT's basic training academy, receiving training in disaster preparedness, basic first aid, fire suppression, terrorism response, search and rescue, disaster psychology and related topics. The eight-week program is free and open to Henrico residents on a first-come, first-served basis, with a maximum of 20 participants.

The next academies will be held at two locations to accommodate residents throughout the county: in the east end, beginning Wednesday, Aug. 25, from 7-9 p.m. at the Eastern Government Center, 3820 Nine Mile Road; and in the west end, beginning Thursday, Aug. 26, from 7-9 p.m. at the Henrico Training Facility, 7701 E. Parham Road. Individuals as well as neighborhood groups and businesses are encouraged to participate. To register, call 337-1528 or e-mail henricocert@comcast.net. Academies are scheduled for October as well.

HCCERT members have provided vital support services in the aftermath of big disasters such as Hurricane Isabel, when they cleared neighborhood streets of debris, answered calls to the special "hurricane hotline" and distributed water



When disaster strikes in Henrico, CERT members are among the first to respond.

and ice to residents. They have helped with smaller emergencies, treating neighbors injured in household accidents and providing roadside assistance to victims of automobile accidents. Members also

lend a hand in non-emergency situations, helping staff the first-aid booth at the Virginia State Fair and similar events.

HCCERT—which held its first academy in January 2003 and was the first group of its kind in the Richmond metropolitan area—is designed to augment the county's first-response capability during a disaster. The volunteer-run organization receives nominal state and



CERT members receive training in fire suppression and other useful skills.

federal funding as well as in-kind assistance from Henrico Fire and Police.

"Henrico Fire and emergency services may not be able to respond immediately during a disaster, so HCCERT plays an important role," said Fire Chief Ron Mastin. "They have baseline training and have learned critical skills to take immediate action and help themselves and their neighbors before we arrive."

The principal focus of the academies is disaster preparedness, said HCCERT Coordinator Anna McRay, who started the Henrico team in her spare time and is the driving force behind it. When she isn't organizing and teaching HCCERT classes, McRay works as the communication center supervisor for University of Richmond Police.

"We teach groups and individuals how to prepare and respond to big disasters, but the skills they acquire also apply to everyday situations," McRay said. "We want to empower residents and help them strengthen the safety of their homes, neighborhoods and workplaces."

HCCERT member Kathleen O'Donnell, a 2003 graduate of the training academy, said she has gained new confidence to confront emergencies and difficult situations.

"I think people get lulled into a sense of complacency and don't

know how to react in an emergency situation," she said. "But the community as a whole benefits when regular people get involved, learn new skills and learn how to help others—and themselves—in an emergency situation."

Henrico resident and business owner Bill Jones completed the academy and now serves as one of its volunteer instructors. He said HCCERT is a "great way to give back" to the community.

"In an emergency, who is the first line of defense? You and your family," he said. "Floods, hurricanes and tornadoes are all part of our life here in central Virginia. The better prepared we are, the better off we are."

For more information about HCCERT, call 337-1528 or log on to www.henricocert.org.

County agencies honor once-troubled Henrico youth

The county's Juvenile Probation and Social Services departments recently recognized several county youth for their successful efforts to make "stepping stones out of stumbling blocks" in their lives and complete the requirements and services provided by the Probation and Foster Care programs.

The nine young people, ranging in age from 15 to 19, were honored at a special awards ceremony earlier this summer. They received approximately \$2,500 in U.S. savings bonds to help fund their college education and career development.

Combining the efforts of several county agencies, including Probation, Social Services, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Detention, Commonwealth's Attorney and Community Corrections, the awards ceremony was the first of its kind for Henrico. The ceremony was sponsored by Henrico County Community Partners, Inc., a non-profit organization that provides fund-raising support for local criminal justice programs.



Officials from Henrico's probation and foster care programs honored several young people at a ceremony earlier this summer.

Probation Director Kay Frye, the driving force behind the ceremony, noted that all of the award recipients had overcome significant obstacles in their lives.

"All of these young people have had troubled times in their lives, but now they're moving to new levels of achievement," she said. "We wanted to recognize their special accomplishments."

Surrounded by their families and mentors, the young people were saluted by several state and county officials.

"Some of you have been given a difficult hand in life," said Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice Director Jerrauld Jones. "But you have faced adversity and made tremendous accomplishments, thanks to your own efforts as well as the contributions of others—your foster care workers, probation workers, family members—who helped you get where you are today."

Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge Sharon Will encouraged the award recipients to set and work toward new goals.

"Each of you has already proven you can be a winner," she said. "Now you need to work harder. Don't be afraid, because you've already risked something, and you've come through. Just follow your own heart and you can find your path to success."

Legacy of learning lives at Coal Pit school

The old two-room stucco building wasn't much to look at when Dorothy Gallimore first encountered it back in 1975. But then, the old schoolhouse was a fair sight more inviting than some of the neighboring homes along Francistown Road.

"It was all kind of boarded up when I found it," Gallimore said, sitting in one of the tiny, brightly colored plastic school chairs that now help light up the interior of the Coal Pit Learning Center.

Established in 1976, Gallimore's non-profit preschool rents the restored school building from Henrico County Division of Recreation and Parks for \$1 a year.

The school's clients are low-income children and more than 800 of them have gotten their educational start here since Gallimore opened her doors. Many of the children—she calls them "my kids" and means it—are descendants of the black coal miners who worked the Gaskins mines during the 19th and early 20th century and provided the school's namesake.

The school opened as a county-run black school in 1905 and closed its doors in 1956.

In 1975, when Gallimore first encountered the dilapidated school building and the community it once served, she could hardly believe her eyes: Many area homes were barely heated by old potbelly stoves, some had serious structural damage. She

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HCTV—Channel 37 summer schedule

Programs air at 7 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m.

August 20 – **"A Helping Hand: Henrico's Community Corrections Program"** HCTV discovers that helping adults on probation also keeps Henrico's jail system healthy and maintains inmate populations at manageable levels.

August 27 – **"A Road Through History"**
A documentary of the Henrico County Public Works Department, including vintage film circa 1940 as well as modern-day operations.

September 3 – **"Your Baby's Health"**
Learn how Henrico's Health Department can help you raise a healthy, happy baby.

September 10 – **"In the Zone: Henrico's New Enterprise Zones"**
The revitalizing of Henrico's business zones is the topic of this HCTV special feature.

September 17 – **"Responding to Isabel"**
Repeat broadcast on the first anniversary of the hurricane. A behind-the-scenes look at Henrico County's Emergency Operations before, during and after the hurricane.

September 24 – **"Step Into the Real World"**
Henrico's Blue may want you! See what it takes to be a Henrico County police officer. Program immediately followed by: **"Employer of Choice"** See how Henrico's Department of Human Resources attracts and retains a world-class workforce for a world-class community.

September 24 – **"A Friend in Need"**
Featuring Henrico's Animal Protection Division, and how you can become a parent to a furry little four-legged friend (airs: 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 6 p.m., 11 p.m.)

October 1 – **"Emergency! Henrico's 911 Operations"**
What happens after a call comes into Henrico's 911 center? Find out how quickly and effectively 911 works in this HCTV special.

October 8 – **"Taking Care of Business: Economic Development in Henrico County"** An in-depth look at how new businesses from around the globe are attracted to our community.

October 15 – **"C.E.R.T.: Community Emergency Response Team"**
HCTV looks at how residents can prepare for emergency situations that can occur in today's world.

October 22 – **"Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center"**
HCTV visits The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen to explore what lies beyond the art gallery and performances, and hear first hand what the center was like back in 1919 when it was the Glen Allen School.

October 29 – TBA (Check www.co.henrico.va.us/pr/hctv.htm)

November 5 – **"Attack Transport: Remembering the USS Henrico"**
First broadcast airs in honor of Veterans Day. The USS Henrico was a trusty workhorse from the beaches at D-Day through Korea and the Vietnam War. HCTV remembers the crew, their stories and the ship that bears the name of our county.

counted more than 175 families without electricity or running water.

The career social worker worked for Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Woodman Road when she ap-

Coal Pit Learning Center because they provide such a valuable service to the children of Henrico County and we're glad that they're able to use the historic Coal Pit facility."

The broader community has also enthusiastically supported the school's mission over the years.

Funding for the school comes entirely from private donations from area civic groups and churches. Grants make up the difference.

This past year, the Innsbrook and West Richmond Rotary Clubs donated a new van for transporting kids. They also provided landscaping around the school and a new playground.

The school relies on this community support, weaving core values with the basics of classroom learning. In addition to teaching ABCs, Gallimore, four other teachers and a host of community volunteers spend countless hours patching up the emotional wounds of childhoods shadowed by poverty.



The non-profit Coal Pit Learning Center on Francistown Road provides a Head-Start style preschool program to disadvantaged children. The building was made a county historic landmark two years ago. (Inset) Seen here in the 1970s, after Gallimore reopened the school.



proached her priest, the Rev. Donfred Stockert, about what she had seen.

"I said 'Father, those people out on Francistown aren't going past the 6th grade,' Gallimore recalled. 'He said 'Go out to that abandoned building and start you a pre-school.'"

Though a single mother only 32 at the time, she took the challenge.

Today, Coal Pit Learning Center serves 45 to 50 students, charging no tuition while providing a Head Start-style program that prepares disadvantaged children for public school.

It's a use and a legacy for the old school that county officials say they're pleased to help advance.

"It's a wonderful adaptive reuse and a positive use for a building that means so much to the community," Henrico Recreation and Parks Director Wes Malcolm said. "We're proud to be in an arrangement with

leave here, they can write their names and the alphabet in upper and lower case, count and [figure] money and know the calendar—some of that's first-grade stuff," Gallimore said. "We also learn about emotions—these kids deal with a lot of those.

"Many of them are from single-parent homes—some of their parents are in jail," she said, stressing that much time is spent 'un-teaching' the children, reassuring them they're not to blame when their parents do wrong.

"It's nice here," Gallimore said, wandering from one classroom to the other, both brightly decorated and strewn with an assortment of engaging toys and games, all donated by the community. "We came from nice homes, nice parents. Not all of these kids have that opportunity and we want to give it to them."

Gold, silver and bronze

—Henrico programs shine again in NACo competition

America's Olympic athletes aren't the only ones bringing home medals these days. Henrico County officials returned from a recent awards competition with a haul of hardware won for the county's innovative programs.

Henrico received 13 awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award Program—the Summer Olympics for county governments—at the 2004 NACo annual conference, held July 16-20 in Phoenix.

The NACo Achievement Award Program annually recognizes ground-breaking, successful county government programs in a broad range of service areas, including county administration, education, parks and recreation, health and human services. The program started in 1970 as part of a nationwide campaign to modernize county government and improve its level of service.

NACo honored 13 Henrico programs—the second-highest number of awards among Virginia counties—developed and implemented in 2003 by nine agencies. The awards continue the county's tradition of serving residents with cutting-edge

programs: since 1995, Henrico programs have garnered 140 NACo Achievement awards. Programs receiving awards this year were:

- ◆ "Partnership to Learn: A Creative Approach to Quality Training," Department of Human Resources;
- ◆ "Moving Forward with Technology," Department of Human Resources;
- ◆ "GREITCC: Greater Richmond Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition," Department of Social Services;
- ◆ "Fatherhood Initiative," Department of Social Services;
- ◆ "Strike-Out Substance Abuse, Strike-Out the Violence," Division of Police and Division of Recreation and Parks;
- ◆ "Wireless eBook Connectivity: A Public Library and School Partnership," Public Library;
- ◆ "iBooks Rescue Lost Voters," Schools;
- ◆ "Leadership Development Partnership," Schools;
- ◆ "Outreach Program for Non-English Speaking Parents," Schools;
- ◆ "Rigsby," Keep Henrico Beautiful, Department of Public Utilities;
- ◆ "Technology Replacement Fund," Office of Management and Budget, Department of Finance;
- ◆ "Sales and Use Tax Reform," Division of Revenue, Department of Finance; and
- ◆ "Small Area Land Use Study Area," Planning Department.

For more information, log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/manager/naco04.htm.



Board Chairman Patricia S. O'Bannon, second from left, and Vice Chairman Frank J. Thornton, third from left, accept one of Henrico's 13 awards from the 2004 NACo Achievement Award program. Making the presentations were NACo officials Bill Hamsell, far left, and Collen Landkamer. Henrico has won 140 NACo awards since 1995.

Recreation Roundup

Sat, Aug 21: X-Festival.

Skateboarding, BMX, in-line skating and X-Festival demonstrations! Music by local artists, prizes and much more! Concessions available. 1-4 p.m. Laurel Skate Park. Free. Information: 501-5134.

Thur, Aug 26: Henrico Community Band Summer Concert.

Bring the entire family and spend a relaxing evening in the park and listen to festive music. *In case of inclement weather, concert may be cancelled with no rain date.* 7 p.m. Deep Run Park Nature Pavilion. Free. Information: 501-5115.

Sun, Aug 29: Henrico Concert Band Summer Concert.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair for a casual evening in the park. *In case of inclement weather, concert may be cancelled with no rain date.* 6-7 p.m. Dorey Park by the lake. Free. Information: 501-5115.

Sun, Aug 29: Under the Stars

Summer Family Film Series: *Chicken Run*. Grab a blanket and your family for an outdoor movie! Prizes and entertainment, provided by Radio Disney, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Free popcorn and lemonade while supplies last. 7:30 p.m. Deep Run Nature Pavilion. Free. Information: 501-5121.

Sat, Sept 4: Civil War Lantern Tours.

From the passionate agitation at the beginning of the Civil War to its hard fought end, memories were made and not forgotten. Experience a series of vignettes covering the years 1861-1865. 7:15-9 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Registration required, call 501-5520.

Sun, Sept 5: Civil War Days—The Other Half of the Story.

War affects the civilian population as well as the soldier. Visit the women and men left behind to run the farm. Talk to and drill with confederate soldiers and find out what they did between battles. Noon-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Information: 501-5520.

Sun, Sept 5-26: Sunday in the Park with Jazz.

Again this fall at Deep Run Park is four outdoor concerts performed by some of Richmond's premiere jazz musicians. *In case of inclement weather, concerts may be cancelled with no rain dates.* 3-4 p.m. Deep Run Nature Pavilion. Free. Information: 501-5115.

Fri, Sept 10: Under the Stars Family Film Series: *Toy Story*.

Grab a blanket and your family and enjoy our last outdoor movie of the year! Prizes and

entertainment, provided by Radio Disney, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Free popcorn and lemonade while supplies last. 7:30 p.m. Dorey Park by the lake. Free. Information: 501-5121.

Sat, Sept 18: Glen Allen Day.

Join the families of Glen Allen as they celebrate the 8th Annual Glen Allen Day. Community parade begins at 9:30 a.m. and a fair at Meadow Farm at Crump Park begins 11 a.m. Featuring live entertainment, arts and crafts, business expo, family fun and games. Local community service organizations will be serving delicious food. For details or a participation application, contact glenallenday@yahoo.com or call the Ruritan hotline at 257-9605. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. Free. Information: 501-5121.

Sun, Sept 19: Punt, Pass, & Kick.

Ages 8-15. The NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass, & Kick program provides a lively and engaging forum for boys and girls to compete separately against their peers. 1-6 p.m. Dorey Park football field. Free. Information: 501-5808.

Sat, Sept 25: Christmas in September Arts and Craft Show.

Purchase a variety of original artwork, unique handcrafted items, artist reproductions and other high quality crafts made by over 100 participants from Virginia and surrounding states. New this year is a country-western/gospel concert sponsored by the Varina Lions Club. Sponsored by the Henrico County Division of Recreation and Parks and the North Central and North Richmond Kiwanis Clubs. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dorey Park. Free. Information: 501-5121.

Fri, Oct 1: Fire Safety Festival.

Ages 2-5 with an adult. Henrico's Division of Fire presents fun safety activities, exhibits, prizes, "Sparky" the fire safety dog, and much more. 10-11:30 a.m. Deep Run Park. Free. Register by Sept 17. Information: 501-5809.

Sat, Oct 2: Rockin' and Walkin'.

Ages 18+. Investigate the fall zone of the James River at Belle Isle with geologist David Walz. Explore the ecological and historical aspects of this island located in James River Park. 9-11 a.m. Belle Isle. \$8. Register by Sept 24. Information: 501-5147.

Wed, Oct 6: Brown Vs. Board: The Impact in Henrico County.

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of Brown vs. Board of Education outlawing public school segregation,

Shirin Spencer will discuss how this landmark Supreme Court decision affected Henrico County and its dual education system. Noon. Henrico County Training Facility. Free. Bring a lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided. Information: 501-5736.

Sat & Sun, Oct 9 & 10: 18th Annual Two-Man Scramble Golf Tournament.

Ages 16+. Using a two-man captain's choice, the top three teams in each flight will receive awards. The field is limited to the first 72 teams paid. Applications are available at Belmont Golf Course. 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Belmont Golf Course. \$170 per team. Register by Sept 24. Information: 501-5111.

Sat, Oct 16: Harvest Festival.

Visit historic 19th-century Meadow Farm Museum for an exciting day of traditional harvest time festivities and fun for the entire family. Activities and demonstrations depicting typical homemaking and farming tasks of the era will include cider making, quilting, candle dipping, basket and wood weaving, beekeeping, corn husking, corn shelling, blacksmithing, woodworking, and coopering. A great pumpkin patch for children ages 3-12. Children's autumn crafts will include gourd decorating and corn husk dolls. A variety of live musical performers including blues by Ray Kaminsky and country western tunes by Lucky Bill. Journey through time as you listen to stories told by Red Hawk, the Cherokee Mythkeeper. Noon-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. Free. Information: 501-5121.

Sat, Oct 16: Orienteering Competition.

Join the Quantico Orienteering Club for a fun-filled afternoon of orienteering races. Using map and compass skills, compete for the fastest time through one of three courses. Don't know how to use a map and compass? Join us a little early for a primer before the races! 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Dorey Park. Free. Information: 501-5807.

Fri, Oct 15: Senior Dance—Harvest Moon Ball.

Ages 50+. Big Band Music by the Melody Makers. 7-10 p.m. Confederate Hills Recreation Center. \$4 per ticket. Tickets go on sale Sat, Sept 11. Information: 501-5114.

Tue & Wed, Oct 19 & 20: Old-Time Radio Show. On-the-Air Radio Players present *Tales of the Unknown*, an old-

time radio show taped before a live audience! Be a part of the studio audience for this hour-long spooky Halloween taping featuring live music, sound effects, old commercials and authentic scripts from the "golden age of radio." 8 p.m. The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen. Free. Information: 501-5138.

Wed, Oct 20: The Dairy County of Virginia: The History of Henrico's Dairy Industry.

Dairy farming became the new agricultural industry in Henrico County following the Civil War. As early as 1880, there were 2,181 milk cows in the county. By the turn-of-the-century, agriculturalists touted Henrico as the "Dairy County of Virginia." Learn about these farms and their contribution to agricultural and commercial growth in Henrico and Virginia. Noon. Henrico Human Services Building, 3rd floor Board Room. Free. Bring a lunch, drinks and dessert provided. Information: 501-5736.

Fri, Oct 29: Historic Henrico Tour—The Wild, Wild West.

For ages 50+. Hop aboard the wagon train/bus for an exciting trip through time, tracing the history of Henrico. The dusty trail begins at Meadow Farm Museum and forges through the rich historic landscape of western Henrico. Tour sites include Walkerton Inn, Deep Run Schoolhouse and Echo Lake. We'll stop for lunch at a nearby saloon (on your own). Seating is limited! 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Meadow Farm/Crump Park. \$6. Register by Oct 15. Information: 501-5114.

Fri, Oct 29: Monster Mash 2004.

Celebrate the Halloween spirit with the Ghosts of Dorey Park. Come out and enjoy freaky family fun! Thrill seekers, brave your way through the Spooky Trail coordinated by the Varina High School Key Club. There will be ghoulish arts and crafts, screeching contests and games, and rocking monster music! Win great prizes in the costume contest at 8 p.m. 6-9 p.m. Dorey Park. Free: reservations are required. Information: 501-5121.

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