



Emergency information, hand-delivered —New Emergency Notification System contacts residents directly

When an emergency situation confronts you and your family, perhaps one need — ex-

cepting immediate safety — is more acute than all others: the need for information.

But tracking down details about approaching severe weather or a nearby man-made disaster may prove tricky when you're moving your family to a safe location. Or when your power is out.

For Henrico residents, the search for emergency information

is no longer a search. The county is now placing critical news directly into residents' hands — as long as those hands hold a telephone, cell phone or similar device.

Henrico County has launched an Emergency Notification System (ENS) that sends severe weather alerts and emergency bulletins to residents on their landline telephones, e-mail, cell phones, pagers, Blackberrys and other wireless devices.

The system is designed to enhance the county's ability to

rains of the 2003 storm left many residents powerless — and thus unable to receive key information from traditional sources like local media — for several days.

Two-pronged approach

ENS delivers information to residents in two ways: voice and text messages. Participation in the voice service requires no action; all residents and businesses with landline telephones are included. Residents can subscribe to the system's text-message component

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communicate with residents during extreme circumstances, such as Hurricane Isabel. The lashing winds and

A new community jewel —Twin Hickory Area Library generates excitement, crowds

Think the public library has become a passé institution, with the technological relevance of a video cassette recorder and the drawing power of a made-for-television movie?

Think again. In Henrico, the library is gaining the cutting-edge appeal of the iPhone and generating excitement levels akin to the midnight release of a Harry Potter novel.

Just ask the patrons of the Twin Hickory Area Library, the newest addition to Henrico's

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More than 3,000 library fans of all ages attended dedication ceremonies for Twin Hickory Area Library in July. Here, two of the younger visitors enjoy a story in the library's dedicated children's section.

public library system, located at 5001 Twin Hickory Drive. Or

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check some numbers from the July 8 dedication ceremony for the facility:

- ★ More than 3,000 people attended, despite sweltering summer heat;
- ★ In just three hours, the li-



Ribbons were cut, doors were opened and books were checked out on July 8, when county officials welcomed patrons to the new Twin Hickory Area Library. More than 3,500 items were borrowed from the library on its opening day.

brary's first patrons checked out 3,500 books, DVDs and other items. Some 125 patrons applied for and received library cards.

- ★ Over the course of the library's first week — not counting the dedication ceremony — more than 6,720 people visited, borrowing nearly 22,770 items from its collection and receiving more than 830 new library cards.

Needless to say, the joint was jumping. The sound of all those feet padding through the library's doors was music to the ears of Public Library Director Gerald McKenna.

"This library is situated in the hub of the Twin Hickory community and is easily accessible," McKenna said. "We had wanted to locate it in the heart of the community, and clearly, the new library is addressing that."

The Twin Hickory Area Library replaces the Innsbrook

Branch Library which — due in large part to its presence in the thriving corporate park — had been perceived as a business library primarily serving the business community. That perception shouldn't be a problem for Twin

Hickory, which is located in a park, is near a high school and elementary school, and is accessible by foot and bicycle as well as automobile.

"Twin Hickory (library) is positioned in the center of that community," McKenna said. "That's part of its beauty."

Location is just a small part of the beauty of Twin Hickory, a \$13.4 million project approved by Henrico voters in the 2000 bond referendum. Designed by Phillips Swager Associates with community input, the two-level building may be mistaken for a ski chalet with its earth and wood tones, stone façade, overhanging roof and banks of windows on three sides of its exterior.

"From whatever angle you view it, this library is distinctive, inviting and attractive," McKenna said. "It is designed to draw people in; it gives

you a warm feeling."

Twin Hickory's interior is warm and inviting as well.

Patrons of the Tuckahoe Area Library, which opened in October, may recognize many of the features:

- ★ 40,000 square feet, easily expandable to 60,000 square feet;
- ★ Opening day collection of 110,000 books, periodicals, audio books, DVDs and other items (collection ultimately will reach 120,000 volumes);
- ★ Drive-through book return and pick-up window;
- ★ Public meeting room with multimedia capabilities and 80-person capacity;
- ★ Four group study rooms, a conference room and quiet reading room;
- ★ "Planet Teen" section designed especially for teenagers;
- ★ Children's section with a "living-sea" decorative theme and age-appropriate tables, chairs, desks and other features, as well as a dedicated program room for puppet shows, crafts and story-time activities; and
- ★ Lola's Library Café, with coffee, snacks and more. Twin Hickory also boasts an array of technology:



The library's distinctive design features a stone façade, long banks of windows and prominent roof overhangs. Henrico voters approved funding for the \$13.4 million, 40,000-square-foot facility in the 2000 bond referendum.

- ★ 96 public computers, with appropriate levels of screening depending on their location;

- ★ Computer lab/classroom;
- ★ Multi-media capabilities in meeting rooms;
- ★ Wireless access and Henrico Schools iBook access throughout;
- ★ Self-check machines with RFID (radio frequency identification) technology; and
- ★ Color printers and scanners available for public use.

The Twin Hickory Area Library continues to usher in a new era for Henrico libraries, a shift in concept to larger facilities that began with the Tuckahoe opening last year.

"As Henrico grows and becomes more urban, the area library is the perfect way to address the county's changing demographics," McKenna said. "It's a more effective way to confront the challenges posed by Henrico's geography and it's more efficient to operate than the smaller branch libraries."

New area libraries are slated next for Varina and Dumbarton. They were among the library projects Henrico residents voted to fund in the 2005 bond referendum.

The Twin Hickory Area Library is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday. For more information, call 364-1400 or log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/library.

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by logging on to www.henrico-alert.org.

"The voice and text-messaging services are two new tools in Henrico's Emergency Alert System," said Emergency Manager Anna McRay. "They aren't replacing any of the traditional ways our residents receive emergency information — they just give the county additional ways to provide residents emergency

notification.”

The voice component uses reverse-911 technology to notify residents of emergency events on their home and work phones. Participation is not voluntary; all numbers in Verizon’s enhanced-911 database are contacted when the voice service is activated, but it is free of charge. (Residents using Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) for phone service should note that they are not automatically enrolled for ENS voice messages, since their numbers are not part of the Verizon enhanced-911 database. Contact your VOIP provider about E-911 services.)

Registration for the text-message component is free. Residents — and anyone else — can sign up their e-mail, cell phones, pagers, Blackberrys and other wireless devices capable of receiving text messages. Subscribers will be charged for messages by their service providers, according to the terms of their individual plans (there is no charge for e-mail messages).

Speed and precision

The text-message system is significantly faster — distributing 36,000 messages in one minute, compared to 46 calls per minute by the voice system — and is used to respond to immediate life-safety issues, such as a tornado or flash-flood warning from the National Weather Service.

The voice system is better suited for incidents affecting a specific geographic area, such as a hazardous-materials spill near a neighborhood.

By integrating the enhanced-911 database with a Geographic Information System (GIS) map of Henrico, the county’s emergency personnel can locate all landline telephones associated with a neighborhood or similar area and target them for voice messages. These “geo-zones” can be drawn precisely and adapted to a specific emergency. In the hazardous-ma-

terials spill example, information such as spill size, wind speed and direction, and material type can be used to predict the affected area; landline phones within this area can then be contacted.

The ENS voice service can call a 300-home neighborhood in a little more than six minutes.

Typically, the text-message service will send a brief life-safety message to subscribers’ cell phones and other wireless devices. The message also will direct recipients to a more detailed e-mail message or to local media for additional information. The text service only will be activated for an immediate life-safety matter.

“We encourage subscribers to register as many of their wireless communications devices as possible,” McRay said. “Anyone with an interest in public-safety issues in Henrico is welcome to participate.”

Henrico’s Division of Fire administers ENS, which was implemented by Sigma Communications, LLC. The majority of funding for the \$405,321 contract comes from a \$300,000 federal Urban Area Security Initiative grant.

Emergency Notification System Q & A

What is (ENS)?

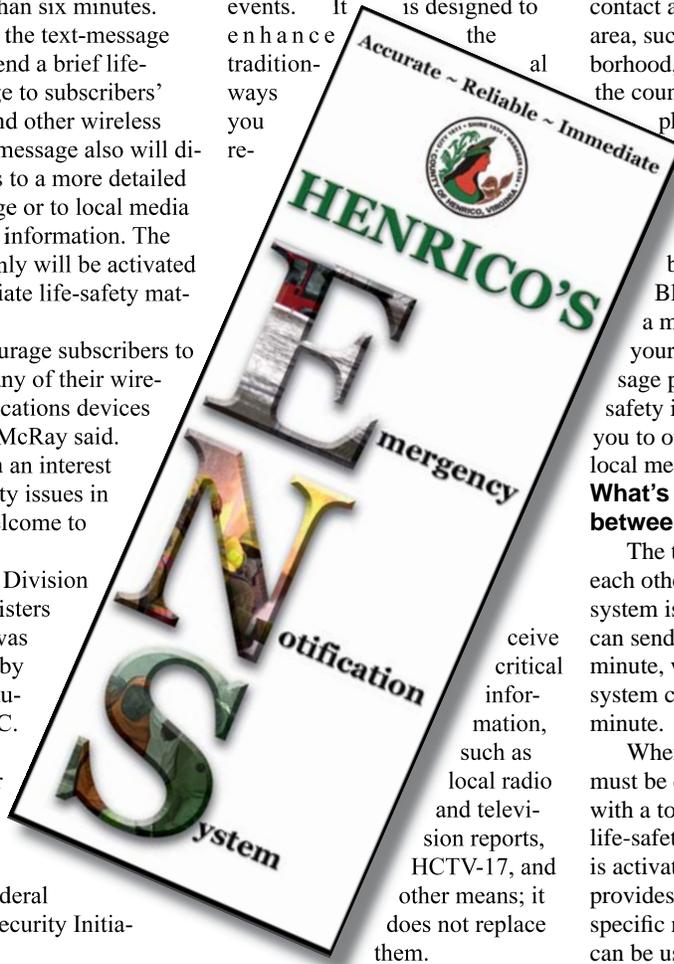
ENS is Henrico County’s newest way to provide emergency information to residents.

It delivers critical bulletins, such as a severe weather alert or a hazardous materials spill, to Henrico residents on their home and business phones, e-mail, cell phones, pagers and other mobile

devices.

Does ENS replace other ways I receive emergency information?

No. ENS gives Henrico County an additional tool for contacting residents during both county-wide and localized emergency events. It is designed to enhance the traditional ways you re-



ceive critical information, such as local radio and television reports, HCTV-17, and other means; it does not replace them.

When is ENS activated?

Henrico County’s emergency management personnel in the Division of Fire, working with Police and county officials, determine when to activate ENS. For example, a tornado or flash flood warning received from the National Weather Service would activate the system.

How does it work?

ENS has two separate components: a voice-message service and a text-message service.

The voice-message service uses reverse-911 technology to call landline telephones with a recorded message. The voice service can be programmed to contact a specific geographic area, such as a 300-home neighborhood, or it can call all of the county’s 315,000 landline phones.

The text-message service sends a brief bulletin to cell phones, pagers and other mobile devices, such as the Blackberry. It also delivers a more detailed message to your e-mail. The brief message provides immediate life-safety information and directs you to other sources, such as local media, for more details.

What’s the difference between voice and text?

The two services complement each other. The text-message system is significantly faster — it can send 36,000 messages in one minute, while the voice-message system can make 46 calls per minute.

When emergency information must be distributed rapidly, as with a tornado warning or similar life-safety event, the text system is activated. The voice system provides detailed information to specific neighborhoods and also can be used countywide when timeliness is less of a concern.

How can I receive messages from ENS?

If you have a landline telephone at your home or business, you’re already part of the voice-message service. Because it uses reverse-911 technology, the voice service includes every county number in the enhanced-911 database. You don’t have to do

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anything.

To receive messages from the text-message service, you can register your e-mail, Blackberry, cell phone and other devices at www.henricoalert.org.

Do I have to live in Henrico County to participate in ENS?

The voice-message system only contacts landline telephone numbers included in the county's enhanced-911 database, so non-residents can not receive these messages.

The text-message system is open to anyone who registers for it, regardless of residency.

Is there a cost?

The voice-message service is free. If you have a landline phone, you are automatically enrolled.

There is no charge to subscribe to the text-message service at www.henricoalert.org. You may register as many mobile devices as you like for free. However, you may be billed for text messages by your service provider, according to the terms of your service plan.

Do other localities use ENS?

Yes. More than 30 counties and cities in Virginia use the voice and text services.

How can I get more information?

Log on to www.henricoalert.org or www.co.henrico.va.us or call 501-7183.

Super cans are super easy

Henrico County's five-year transition to automated refuse collection continues in designated areas. Early this year, 6,000 new 95-gallon carts were delivered to customers' homes. In July, an additional 4,000 customers joined the program. The county will continue to shift more

refuse customers to automated containers as new trucks are ordered and additional drivers are trained.

The new automated system allows drivers to empty the specially-designed carts or "super cans" into the truck using a



The county's new carts can hold as much as three standard size hand-dumped trash cans.

mechanical arm controlled from the cab of their vehicle. The addition of county-maintained cans is a more efficient way for Henrico County employees to collect trash and lessens their contact with everyday hazards, creating a safer working environment.

All trash must now be placed completely inside the cart so that the arm of the vehicle can collect it. The new durable carts can hold the equivalent of three standard-size hand-dumped trash cans; however, residents may order an additional cart from Henrico County for a one-time \$65 fee. There is no additional charge to empty the second cart or cost increase for the automated service.

To ensure a speedy pick-up, customers should place carts curbside by 7 a.m. on collection day, with the arrows facing the street and the lid closed. The cart should be within eight feet of the pavement and at least three feet from mailboxes and clear from cars or other obstructions that may block the cart.

If you would like more in-

formation about automated trash pick-up in your neighborhood or to request service, please call 501-4275 or log on to the Department of Public Utilities' Web site at www.co.henrico.va.us/utility/solidwaste. Guidelines and a service application are available online, as well as the implementation schedule as it becomes available.

Innovating local government —Henrico programs saluted by national organization

Government is not a static operation in Henrico. County officials and personnel in a variety of agencies constantly seek better ways to serve residents and make local government more effective and responsive.

Each year, new programs — such as a healthy breakfast initiative for elementary students and emergency planning to aid the county's special-needs facilities and population — are recognized for their innovation. The past year has been no different.

Henrico has received 15 Achievement awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo), honoring groundbreaking programs implemented by the county last year. The awards were presented at the 2007 NACo annual conference, held last month in the Metro Richmond Region.

The NACo Achievement Award Program recognizes innovative county government programs annually in a broad range of service areas, including education, administration, parks and

recreation, health and human services. The award program began in 1970 as part of a nationwide campaign to modernize county government and improve its level of service; some 97 counties from 27 states participated this year.

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

NACo honored Henrico programs developed and implemented in 2006 by nine county agencies. The awards continue the county's tradition of providing cutting-edge programs to residents. Henrico programs have received 90 NACo Achievement awards since 2000 and 345 over the last 20 years. Programs receiving awards were:

- ◆ "Breakfast-To-Go," Schools; provides a nutritious boxed breakfast for elementary and middle school students as they enter the building, ensuring that they receive a healthy



- ◆ breakfast that can be eaten in the cafeteria or classroom;
- ◆ "Community-Based Fast Track GED Partnerships," Schools; helps targeted adults pursue a GED by joining with partner organizations to offer an eight-week instruction program at easy-access community sites;

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HCTV-Channel 17 summer schedule

For program descriptions or more information, tune to 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.
August 20 through August 26	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Firehouse Flashbacks - 30 mins	Tails of Survival: Life in Veterinary Hospitals - 29 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Turning the Page: The New Look of Henrico Libraries - 25 mins	The Legacy of Dabbs House - 23 mins
August 27 through September 2	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Magazine 17: Summer 2007 Edition	When Disaster Strikes: Are You Prepared? - 21 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Crystal Clear: Henrico's Water Reclamation Facility - 17 mins	Culture and Pride: Native American History in Virginia - 57 mins
September 3 through September 9	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Food Allergies	Defining Our Past: Street Names - 19 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Breaking the Cycle of Abuse - 19 mins	Joining Forces: The Henrico Citizens' Police Academy - 18 mins
September 10 through September 16	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Angels of Agriculture: The Plight of Henrico's Honeybees - 20 mins	Under the Lights: Richmond International Raceway - 24 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Your Weapon Against Gun Violence: Henrico Exile - 20 mins	Defining Our Past: The Stories Behind Henrico's Names and Places - 21 mins
September 17 through September 23	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Drug Court	No Way Back: Coping with Alzheimer's - 29 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	The Promise Fulfilled: The History of Henrico County Public Schools - 31 mins	Safe Waters Ahead: Henrico's Marine Patrol - 33mins
September 24 through September 30	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Smart Lawns - 25 mins	A Working Partnership: Canines in the County - 23 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Stream Restoration	The Coal Mines of Henrico - 24 mins

- ◆ “HCPS Test Data Web Site,” Schools; facilitates the distribution and analysis of state and federal test data at the school level through an internal Web site;
- ◆ “Online High School Health & Physical Education/Fitness Center Partnerships,” Schools; partners with local fitness centers, nonprofit organizations and higher-education institutions to provide a Web-based course for 10th grade students;
- ◆ “Enterprise Zone Marketing and Promotion Program,” Community Revitalization; publicizes expansion of Henrico’s Enterprise Zone to business and property owners through a television show, brochure, information packet and special events;
- ◆ “Juvenile Fire-setter Intervention,” Fire; expands a single-agency effort into a multi-agency program that educates youth on fire behavior and the consequences of fire-setting and works to reduce fire-related injury and property loss;
- ◆ “Holiday Patrol 2006,” Police; concentrated police officers at shopping malls, business districts and surrounding areas for high-visibility patrols during the holiday season;
- ◆ “A.D.M.I.T. Program,” Police; Assist Division Members through Interview Training, a three-day program, prepares top officers for promotion by teaching resume’ and interview skills and conducting mock panel interviews;
- ◆ “Next Generation Leadership Academy,” Schools; this partnership between the University of Richmond and metro region school systems provides intensive educational

leadership training for aspiring school leaders, with a focus on improving student achievement;

- ◆ “Art Contest! Celebrating the New Tuckahoe Area Library,” Public Library; sponsored a contest for local artists in conjunction with the opening of the library and obtained a permanent collection of nearly 50 pieces for the new facility;
- ◆ “Library Cards to Go! Registration at Middle Schools,” Public Library; uses wireless technology to offer library card registration at county middle schools, giving each student the opportunity to obtain a library card;
- ◆ “2005 Operations Event,” Public Utilities; this team-building and cross-training exercise brought together Utilities employees for equipment demonstrations and other activities to increase cooperation throughout the department;
- ◆ “Role of the Supervisor: A Blended Learning Approach,” Human Resources; prepares new supervisors for management responsibilities with a blended learning approach, varied leadership strategies and ongoing support services;
- ◆ “Fat Busters — A Weight Loss Program,” Human Resources; this 12-week competition for employees promotes healthy weight loss and lifestyle changes — participants lost more than 3,000 pounds during the program’s first two years; and
- ◆ “Identification and Mapping of Special Needs Facilities,” Planning; worked with local and state agencies to develop policies providing emergency services to special-needs populations during a catastrophic event.



Henrico welcomes NACo officials

Henrico County and other area localities joined forces to host the National Association of Counties (NACo) 72nd Annual Conference and Exposition in July. More than 3,000 county officials from across the country came to Henrico and the metropolitan region to discuss NACo policy on a variety of issues, including public safety, health care, economic development and the environment. Here, Henrico supervisors Patricia S. O’Bannon, second from left, and David A. Kaechele, far right, welcome incoming NACo president Eric Coleman of Oakland County, Mich., far left, and immediate past president Colleen Landkamer of Blue Earth County, Minn.



County partners dig deep

Members of the Board of Supervisors recently welcomed a delegation of officials from Saarpfalz-kreis, Henrico’s sister county in Germany, for several days of discussions and exchanges of ideas on local government and other topics. The two groups also took up golden shovels to break ground and plant a “partnership tree,” commemorating the 10th anniversary of the counties’ participation in the sister-county program and the growth of their trans-Atlantic friendship. A partnership tree also was planted in Saarpfalz-kreis, where a Henrico delegation had traveled to help mark the anniversary. Here, the groups pause before planting a linden tree on the lawn of The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen.

Recreation Roundup

Sat, Aug 18: Under the Stars Summer Family Film Series.

Grab a blanket and come out to enjoy family flicks in the park. Free popcorn and lemonade while supplies last. Tonight's movie: RV, rated PG. 8 p.m. Deep Run Park. Free. Info: 501-5121.

Sun, Aug 19: Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social.

Enjoy one of the area's finest string bands, The Company Store and treat your taste buds to delicious ice cream. Try out some old-fashioned games and dances while listening to fiddle melodies, tight harmonies and moving spirituals. 4-6 p.m. Antioch School Community Center. Free. Info: 501-5134.

Wed, Aug 22: Let's Play Ball.

Bring a picnic and enjoy the Meadow Farm grounds while you watch a 19th-century ball game. 6-8 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Sat, Aug 25: This is the House that Mosby Built.

Mosby Sheppard finished his new home in 1810. Learn about the tools and techniques used in building the house and help mix clay to make bricks. Noon-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Sun, Aug 26: Henrico Concert Band Summer Concert.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and spend a casual evening in the park listening to the Henrico Concert Band. 6 p.m. Dorey Park. Info: 501-5138.

Thur, Aug 30: Henrico Community Band Summer Concert.

Bring the entire family for an evening relaxing in the park and listening to a variety of festive music. 7 p.m. Deep Run Park. Free. Info: 501-5138.

Sat, Sept 8: 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. Guided tours every 15 minutes from the Orientation Center. 7:15-9 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum.

Free. Info: 501-5520.

Sun, Sept 9: 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. Find out what they did between battles. Noon-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Sun, Sept 9, 23 & Oct 7: Music at the Tavern.

Walkerton Tavern welcomes three unique groups of musicians: traditional string band, bluegrass and folk, and a touch of blues and jazz. Join us on the green for an afternoon of music the whole family can enjoy. Sept 9: The Big Boss Combo, Sept 23: The Company Store, Oct 7: The Jackie Frost Ensemble. 2-4 p.m. Walkerton Tavern. Free. Info: 261-6898.

Sat, Sept 15: Glen Allen Day.

This year's theme is "People Helping People." The day begins with a "fun run" at 9 a.m., a community parade at 9:30 a.m. and a fair from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Enjoy live music, an arts and crafts show, a business expo and family fun and games. Local organizations will be serving a variety of food. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. Free. Rain date: Sept 22. Info: 501-5121.

Sat, Sept 22: Autumn Farming.

Watch and help as the farmer picks, shucks and shells the corn as well as prepares for the next season by planting wheat to grow through the winter. Noon-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Sun, Sept 23: Fall Cleaning.

Learn about the implements used long ago to help keep the house free of dirt and bugs. Noon-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Fri, Sept 28: Bluegrass Coffee-house.

Bluegrass musicians, young and old, experienced or just starting out; we invite you to Walkerton to play music, learn from each other, share the way you do things and let us listen while you do it! Acoustic only. Additional dates: Oct 26, Nov 30 &

Dec 28. 7-9 p.m. Walkerton Tavern. Free. Info: 261-6898.

Fri, Oct 5: Happy Birthday Cat in the Hat.

For ages 2-5 with an adult. Join Thing 1 and Thing 2 as they take their hats off to celebrate the Cat in the Hat's birthday. Activities include carnival games, face painting, crafts, refreshments and surprises. Come for a fun-filled morning at the park. 10-11:30 a.m. Deep Run Park. Free. Reservations required, call 501-5809.

Sat, Oct 6: The Farmer... Jack of all Trades.

For the cultivator breaks, the farmer has to be a blacksmith. If the bugs are after the apple trees, the farmer has to be a chemist. If the horse is sick, the farmer has to be a vet. What role is the farmer playing today? Noon-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Sat, Oct 20: Harvest Festival.

This annual event will feature hands-on activities and demonstrations: cider making, quilting, candle dipping, basket and wood weaving, beekeeping, cornhusking, corn shelling, blacksmithing and woodworking. The Meadow Farm pumpkin patch will be available for children ages 3-12 to select an autumn treat. Enjoy a variety of live performances, including Michele Nixon and Drive, the Spring Hollow Cloggers and Jonathan Austin's juggling magic. Noon-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. Free. Rain date: Oct 21. Info: 501-5121.

Sun, Oct 21: Cornhusk Doll Making.

Although stores sold dolls in 1860, children often made whole families of cornhusk dolls. Learn the technique and make your own. Noon-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

Thur, Oct 25: Fall Fiesta.

For grades K-5. Enjoy a fun evening of carnival games, balloon sculptures, face painting by "Sherri the Clown" and sack races. A maraca craft, a piñata and a special snack will top off the festival. 4:30-6 p.m.

Hidden Creek Recreation Center. Free. Register by Oct 11. Info: 643-8302.

Fri, Oct 26: Monster Mash.

Celebrate the Halloween spirit with the ghosts of Dorey Park. Thrill seekers can brave their way through the Spooky Trail. Other activities include hair-raising arts and crafts, frighteningly spooky contests and games and rocking monster music. Participate and win great prizes in the costume contest. 6-9 p.m. Dorey Recreation Center. Free. Reservations required, call 501-5134.

Sat, Oct 27: Hauntings and Spooky Stories.

Join in the fun around the campfire as storytellers spin tales of hauntings and strange happenings. 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Pre-registration is required by calling 501-5520.

Sat, Nov 3: Quilting Bee.

Bring your own or help us with ours. Meadow Farm's sewing guild will help guide you through the process of quilting. All ages and skills welcome. Noon-3:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520

Sat, Nov 10: Letterboxing.

For ages 8+. Learn about letterboxing, an intriguing mix of treasure hunting, art, navigation and exploring scenic and sometimes remote places. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. 10 a.m.-noon. Walkerton Tavern. Free. Info: 261-6898.

For additional programs, check out a copy of "At Your Leisure," our catalogue of events and classes. Copies are available at your local library, or call the Division of Recreation & Parks at 501-7275 to be added to our mailing list.

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Adult Protective Services.....	501-7346
Board of Supervisors.....	501-4207
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Business Licenses/Personal Property.....	501-4310
Child Protective Services.....	501-5437
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