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## Mail it to 'Henrico, VA' — Voter-approved change will help county keep tax dollars

ong a place where folks have lived, worked and played, Henrico is now something new: a mailing address.

County residents and business owners have voted resoundingly to make Henrico the named destination for their packages, postcards and personal correspondence. The change will help keep

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millions in tax dollars in county coffers, working to benefit residents, business owners, school kids and others.

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) notified Henrico County officials on May 29 that an initiative to change county mailing addresses from "Richmond, VA" to "Henrico, VA" had been approved by 61 percent of residents and business owners responding to a USPS survey. "Henrico, VA" will become

the

primary mailing address for most county residents and businesses and will be an those located in Sandston and Glen Allen.

The address change will Richmond.

"We are very pleased that Henrico residents and businesses have chosen to change their primary mailing address to 'Henrico, VA," said Board of Supervisors Chairman David A. Kaechele. "Their response to the USPS

survey means that Henrico can begin recovering tax dollars that

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The bulk of the missing tax

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ia Department of Taxation and the resulting tax revenues distributed to the wrong locality.

The source of confusion: the "Richmond, VA" mailing address.

County staff worked for many years to address the issue, meeting with staff from the City of Richmond, Virginia Department of Taxation, Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles and State Corporation Commission. Those efforts did not correct the problem, however, prompting county officials to work with the USPS to establish "Henrico, VA" as a mailing address.

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## Turning a corner —'Stepping Stones' honors once-troubled youth

Editor's note: The names of certain individuals referenced in this story have been abbreviated to protect their identities.

Earlier this summer, Jamel Campbell and Samantha Sims got the exciting news that they had been awarded scholarships to J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. But not so long ago, the two found their young lives

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accepted address for all county residents and businesses except

help Henrico stop the loss of an estimated \$5 million annually in county tax revenues that are mistakenly paid to the City of

misdirected sales taxes. In many cases, companies headquartered outside of Virginia would conduct business in Henrico — either through a local retail outlet, Web site or mail-order catalog, for example — and mistakenly record sales as having taken place in Richmond. These sales were then reported incorrectly to the Virgin-

variety

headed down a rocky road.

Problems in school, problems at home and problems with the law pushed the young Henrico residents along a path that led into the county's Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and

than a year and nearing completion of his probation program, is living independently, working two jobs and planning to start his own business. Samantha, finishing probation requirements and

also preparing for her senior year



The 2008 Stepping Stones ceremony featured a special award for two of the program's participants. Samantha Sims, second from left, and Jamel Campbell, third from left, received one-year scholarships to attend J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. Presenting the scholarships were, far left, Don Blake, Henrico County Community Partners and JSRCC board member; and Doug Freeman, JSRCC Foundation board member.

probation. But their road didn't end there.

"I could see the cycle," Jamel, 19, said, recalling his thoughts as he neared completion of a stint in state prison last year. "I decided I had to break the cycle. I decided I couldn't live that way anymore."

Samantha, 17, had a similar moment of self-realization.

"I wanted to be like everybody else and was making bad choices, getting in trouble," she said. "But then I could see where that was leading. I knew it had to change."

With the help and support of case workers, probation officers, family and friends — and perhaps a new level of self-understanding — the two have turned a corner. Jamel, out of prison for more

of high school, is making plans to study nursing and medicine after graduation.

Theirs were two of several success stories celebrated earlier this summer at the fifth annual Stepping Stones awards ceremony. Henrico's Probation and Social Services departments honored 10 young people for overcoming significant adversity in their lives — for "making stepping stones out of stumbling blocks" - and for successfully completing their juvenile probation or foster care service plan goals.

Also recognized at the ceremony were Wendy C., Annie D., Amber E., Deanna E., Ben M., David P., Darrius S. and JaQuan T. Like Jamel and Samantha, they are now completing their high

school education, planning for college or career training; several are employed and living independently.

The ceremony combined the efforts of several county agencies, including the Community

> Corrections Program, James River Juvenile Detention Center, Henrico Juvenile Detention, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and the 14th District Court Service Unit. Henrico County Community Partners, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides fundraising support for local criminal justice programs, sponsored the event.

The young people were presented savings bonds to help fund their tuition, apartment fees, savings or other future plans. They also heard an inspirational message from

Geronimo Aguilar, the founding pastor of the Richmond Outreach Center.

"You can do anything you want to do — just look at me," Aguilar said, noting his experiences growing up as a gang member in Los Angeles. "All things work for the good; even an arrest can be a turning point. You have to make the decision yourself."

Surrounded by their families, foster care parents and others, the young people were saluted by their probation officers, social workers and county officials.

"You've done great things to reach this point," said Probation Director Kay Frye. "You've worked hard to overcome obstacles and put yourself in a better place."

For Jamel and Samantha, the hard work resulted in a special

award: a full, one-year scholarship to J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, awarded by the college's foundation board. (A third scholarship was awarded to Ben M.)

Jamel plans to complete his general educational development (GED) diploma and then to study business management. Lessons learned in the classroom should help him start his business — an entertainment company featuring a recording label and line of clothing. He didn't conceal his excitement about the scholarship.

"It's time to go to school," he said. "No holds barred now."

Samantha, a rising senior at Virginia Randolph High School, plans to use her scholarship to further explore her interest in medicine — an interest she would like to put to work for children, as a nurse or pediatrician.

"I never thought I'd get a scholarship," she said. "It made me feel so relieved and appreciated. I'm so happy someone cared enough to do that for me."

Samantha said several people helped her turn the corner, including her probation officer and court officials, a favorite teacher and family members. She had special thanks for her mother, noting the challenges she faced in raising Samantha and her four siblings.

"When I learned about the scholarship, the look on my mom's face made me light up inside," she said.

Jamel praised the vital role his brother, Brian, played in motivating and encouraging him to make his dramatic change of course. He sees himself as an example for other young people struggling with similar experiences.

"I've been all over but now I'm doing well," he said. "Anybody can do it if you put your mind to it and strive for it. It's all up to you."

## Mail it to 'Henrico, VA,' continued

More than 80,000 county mailing addresses received survey postcards from the USPS in late April and early May. Postal Service officials said 29,505 surveys were returned, with 18,063 voting in favor of the address change and 11,442 opposed.

County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., thanked the USPS for its cooperation and professionalism in conducting the survey. He also thanked residents for their participation in the survey and for their questions and comments regarding the address change initiative.

"Henrico residents and businesses have spoken and the county government hears them loud and clear," Hazelett said. "They have indicated they want their tax dollars used for their benefit, and we will do everything that we can to make that happen."

Henrico officials said the implementation of the address change will be a gradual, transparent process for residents and businesses.

- ◆ USPS officials said the address change will have no impact on mail delivery service. The Postal Service will not require or accept a formal change-of-address filing.
- Residents do not need to make changes to mailing materials, personal documents or other items; in addition, they do not need to notify any entity from which they regularly receive correspondence, such as utilities, banks and other businesses. The change will occur automatically.
- ◆ For mailing addresses in ZIP codes 23075, 23228, 23229, 23231, 23233, 23238, 23242, 23250, 23255, 23288 and 23294, "Henrico, VA" becomes the preferred com-

- munity name in the last line of the address; "Richmond, VA" continues as an acceptable alternate community name.
- ◆ For county residents and businesses in shared ZIP codes 23222, 23223, 23226, 23227 and 23230, "Richmond, VA" remains the preferred community name for mailing addresses but "Henrico, VA" becomes an acceptable alternate community name.
- ◆ For mailing addresses in ZIP code 23075, "Highland Springs, VA" remains as an acceptable alternate community name. Mailing addresses in Glen Allen and Sandston are not affected.

For more information, call 501-4257 or log on to www.co.henrico.va.us.

# A new place to call home

On Tuesday, May 20, Henrico residents got their first glimpse of Henrico County's new animal shelter located at 10421 Woodman Road. The impressive facility has several new features and a much larger capacity to accommodate the needs of the growing county.

In 2007, Henrico Animal Protection Officers responded to 18,975 calls for service; housed over 3,400 lost or stray domestic animals at the shelter; reunited 616 pets with their owners; captured 1,263 wild animals; and transferred or adopted 764 animals to new homes.

To meet this demand, the Woodman shelter has state-ofthe-art sanitary features including a power washing system to clean the cages more easily and effectively. Its environmental HVAC

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# Henrico recertified as a Crime Prevention Community

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) has awarded the recertification of Henrico County as a Certified Crime Prevention Community (CCPC). The recertification represents Henrico's successful documentation of 12 core community safety elements and seven optional elements between 2004 and 2006.

The CCPC program encourages localities to develop and implement collaborative community safety plans within a flexible framework. Furthermore, the program provides an ongoing process by which communities can reassess and update their plans to address emerging community safety issues.

The Henrico CCPC team consists of 22 individuals from the Division of Police, Schools, Community Revitalization,

Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Social Services, Probation and the office of the Commonwealth's Attorney. The recertification process has been an ongoing team effort since the county earned its initial certification in 2003. Henrico submitted its recertification application to DCJS in November 2007 and team members worked hundreds of hours to complete the process.

The County of Henrico is one of 14 localities in the Commonwealth of Virginia certified as a Crime Prevention Community. The goal of the CCPC program is to publicly recognize and certify localities that have implemented a defined set of community safety strategies as part of a comprehensive community safety/ crime prevention effort.



## Gold-medal government —Henrico programs again saluted by NACo

The 2008 Olympic Games are set to begin in Beijing, but America's athletes won't be the only ones bringing home medals this summer. Henrico officials returned from a recent awards competition with a pile of honors recognizing the county's innovative programs.

Henrico has received 18 Achievement awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo), more than any other Virginia locality. The awards were presented at the 2008 NACo Annual Conference, held last month in Kansas City, Mo.

The NACo Achievement Award program honors groundbreaking 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.

"Henrico County never stops looking for exceptional ideas and new ways to serve our residents," said County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. "Developing cutting-edge programs is a key part of our mission to provide the best service possible for our residents."

NACo honored Henrico programs implemented in 2007 by 11 county agencies. The awards continue Henrico's tradition of developing innovative programs: county programs have received 108 NACo Achievement awards since 2000 and 363 since 1987.

Programs receiving awards were:

- ◆ "Cemetery Identification Project," Recreation and Parks; done jointly with the Henrico Historical Society, this project located and catalogued the county's cemeteries, developed a database accessible to both the public and county staff for research and published the information in the book "Henrico County Cemeteries;"
  - ◆ "Dating and Domestic Violence Program," Police; brings county and community experts to Hermitage Technical Center to teach students about dating and domestic violence and how they relate directly to students' classes;
  - nearly 800 students have participated in the program since its inception in 2004;
- ◆ "College and Career Night," Schools; this annual countywide event brings together representatives from more than 135 colleges, 50 area businesses, all branches of the U.S. military and county agencies to meet middle and

- high school students, provide information about post-secondary education and career opportunities and answer questions;
- ◆ "Careers on Wheels," Schools; a surplus school bus outfitted with equipment and reality-based projects and staffed by a teacher/career coach gives elementary, middle and high school students the opportunity to examine different careers through hands-on learning activities;
- ◆ "NBC 12/Free GED Testing Partnership," Schools; enables Henrico's Adult Education Center to help residents with limited finances obtain the General Educational Development diploma;
- ◆ "Data Quest Web Site," Schools; this intranet-based site collects demographic, program and student-outcome data and provides a how-to guide for school administrators and teachers for monthly data review, analysis and planning efforts;
- ◆ "Student Incentive and Retention," Schools; designed to improve student retention in two adult education programs, this effort surveyed participants and determined that an incentive program would motivate adult students to continue in the programs and reach their educational goals;
- ◆ "Electronic Elementary Report Card," Schools; designed by teachers, administrators and parents, this project standardizes the elementary school report card by allowing teachers to enter grades, comments and other information into a web-based program;
- "Enterprise Zone: Vacant Building and Land Inventory," Community Revitalization; identifies and catalogues

- vacant properties in the county's Enterprise Zones (EZ) and helps market the properties and investment incentives to developers and businesses;
- ◆ "Annual Energy Fairs —
  Changing the Energy and
  Environmental Culture," General Services; started in 2005,
  this yearly event for school
  students and general government employees provides
  information about individual
  and collective ways to reduce
  energy use and conserve the
  environment;
- ◆ "Healthy Lifestyles Initiative," Henrico County Drug Court (HCDC); this program provides on-site health screening, monthly healtheducation sessions, access to a primary care physician, assistance with dental care and other measures as part of an effort to improve the health of HCDC participants;
- ◆ "STEP Skills Training for Employment," Mental Health and Retardation Services; prepares clients with disabilities for employment by building their skills in productivity, social interactions and stamina through individual and group supervision and training;
- ◆ "Mental Health Support Services Volunteer Committee," Mental Health and Retardation Services; helps clients with mental illness integrate into the community and build self-esteem by providing opportunities to volunteer in the area and complete community-service projects;
- ◆ "Dialectical Behavioral Treatment Program," Mental Health and Retardation Services; helps clients suffering from Borderline Personality Disorder and the resulting emotional trauma enhance

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## HCTV-Channel 17 summer schedule

For program descriptions or more information, tune to the TV Guide channel 20 or go to www.co.henrico.va.us/pr.

H	17	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.
Aug 4 through Aug 10	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Magazine 17: Spring 2008 - 22 mins	Tails of Survival: Life in Veterinary Hospitals - 29 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	The Iron Horse: Stories of Central Virginia Railroading - 32 mins	Culture and Pride: Native American History in Virginia - 57 mins
Aug 11 through Aug 17	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Adventure Henrico: Scuba Diving	Henrico S.W.A.T.: Ready for the Call - 20 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Living with Autism - 28 mins	Your Weapon Against Gun Violence: Henrico Exile - 20 mins
Aug 18 through Aug 24	Mon Wed Fri Sun	The Will of the People: The Evolution of American Voting and Elections	Under the Influence: Underage Drinking in Henrico County - 29 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Missing Pieces: Henrico Police Forensics Unit - 26 mins	A Working Partnership: Canines In The County - 23 mins
Aug 25 through Aug 31	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Magazine 17: Summer 2008	Lost Choices: Teen Drug & Alcohol Abuse - 29 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Taking Flight: Stories of Early Virginia Aviation - 53 mins	Until the Cows Come Home: A History of Dairy Farming in Henrico County, Virginia - 51 mins
Sept 1 through Sept 7	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Cohabitating with Wild Animals	Smart Lawns - 25 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Under the Lights: Richmond International Raceway - 24 mins	Beyond the Palisade: Life in 17th Century Henrico - 34 mins
Sept 8 through Sept 14	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Southern Man of Mystery: Edgar Allan Poe - 37 mins	Inside Innsbrook: Where the West End Started - 24 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	The Bridges of Henrico County - 28 mins	The Legacy of Dabbs House - 23 mins

# Gold-medal government, continued

their quality of life by teaching distress tolerance, emotion regulation and other skills in group classroom settings while providing individual therapy to help clients apply these skills to daily life;

- ◆ "Conquer Your Clutter Support Group," Building Construction and Inspections; developed with the aid of the Department of Social Services, this program helps residents recognize and deal with clutter in their homes and the adverse impact it can have on their lives;
- "Promoting Tax Credits for Working Families," Public Library; since 2004, the Fairfield Area Library has hosted a volunteer income tax assistance site to help qualifying residents file tax returns and obtain greater refunds through the earned income tax credit;
- ◆ "Fitness Initiative: The 3Fs Fitness, Fun and Food," Human Resources; developed to encourage employee fitness and healthy lifestyles, this program offers free exercise classes, personal training appointments, fitness DVDs and nutrition seminars to all county employees, with more than 11,000 participants in less than two years;
- "Premier Development Site Promotion Initiative," Planning; this project uses a multimedia approach — including a display for trade shows, informational booklets, Web site and interactive mini-disc — to attract mixed-use development to Henrico, highlight available quality sites and

raise the county profile both locally and nationally in the development community.

For more information, log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/man-ager/Naco/index.html.

## A new place to call home, continued

system exchanges 100 percent of the air in the facility eight to 10 times every hour, making it a very sanitary environment for both animals and humans. The new facility has 75 dog runs and 75 cat cages to house lost or stray animals and even an outdoor, sheltered area for displaced, large domestic animals



Henrico's Board of Supervisors cut the ceremonial ribbon at the new Animal Shelter dedication on July 17. Pictured from left: Richard W. Glover, Brookland District; David A. Kaechele, Chairman and Three Chopt District; Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District; Patricia S. O'Bannon, Vice-Chairman and Tuckahoe District

such as horses, goats, fowl and potbellied pigs.

Because of its centralized location and proximity to I-295, it is now easier for residents throughout the county to access the shelter. For more information about the new animal shelter, call 727-8800. The shelter is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m and is closed on Sunday. Directions to the new facility and photos of pets available for adoption are on the Henrico Police Web site at www.henricopolice.org and click on

"Animal Control/Pet Adoptions."

The Animal Protection Unit of the Henrico Division of Police is reminding residents to vaccinate their pets against rabies. All dogs and cats ages 4 months and older are required to have a rabies shot.

Also, if you see any wildlife, especially if the animal appears to be aggressive or is acting strangely, please leave it alone. Contact Henrico Police immediately at 501-5000 or call 911 in an emergency.

## HCTV programs win Emmy awards

Henrico County Television-Channel 17 (HCTV) celebrated a landmark earlier this summer when two of its original programs earned the station's first Emmy awards.

"No Way Back: Coping with Alzheimer's," produced by Roberta Fountain, won the Emmy in the News Special category.
"Turning Point: Inside Henrico's Drug Court," produced by Ryan Eubank, captured the prize for the Public/Community Affairs—Program/Special category.

The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences recognized the Henrico programs at the 50th Emmy Awards ceremony, held in June in Washington, D.C.

Public Relations & Media Services Director Tamra McKinney noted that the county's television station has been airing original, full-length programs since 2003.

"This is a tremendous honor for HCTV and well-deserved recognition of the efforts of Roberta, Ryan and all of our staff," McKinney said. "It is a thrill to be recognized by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. We have raised the bar since HCTV began producing original programming five years ago."

Fountain, a television producer/director, has been a county staff member since 2000. Her program, "No Way Back," looks at several local families and their struggles with Alzheimer's disease — the devastating form of dementia with no known cure — and details support services available to caregivers.

Eubank, a senior television producer/director, has been a member of the HCTV staff since 2003. "Turning Point" examines Henrico County Drug Court, which works to reduce crime by helping nonviolent felons recover from substance abuse and addiction.

The programs can be viewed online at www.co.henrico.va.us/pr/viewprograms.htm. Free DVD copies can be obtained by calling 501-4257.

HCTV, the broadcast television arm of Henrico's Department of Public Relations & Media Services, is available to Henrico residents through local cable providers. For more information, log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/pr.



## Recreation Roundup

### Sat, Aug 9: Toe Tappin' Tours of the Tayern

For all ages. Add a cup of blackberry tea or apple cider to a touch of banjo and guitar, throw in a bit of Henrico history, and you have Walkerton's toe-tappin' tours. Join us for a few hours of tavern hospitality! 1-4 p.m. Walkerton Tavern. Free. Info: 261-6898.

#### Sat, Aug 9: Extreme Expo

Want to try out that new skateboard? Catch some air at Laurel Skate Park and bring your friends. 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. Rain date: Sun, Aug 10. Info: 501-5134.

## Fri, Aug 15: Rock the Block at Spring Park Historic Site

Join your community for family entertainment in your neighborhood park. Enjoy live music by The Bobcats, contests and games, face painting and more. 6-8 p.m. Spring Park Historic Site. Free. Info: 501-5134.

#### Sat, Aug 16: Comedian David Ferrell

For over 15 years, David has shown audiences that comedy can be clean and funny. His all-ages performance includes hilarious stand-up comedy and outrageous impressions. 6 p.m. Henrico Theatre. Free, call for reservations. Info: 328-4491.

#### Sun, Aug 17: Me and My World: Folk Art Self Portraits

For ages 6-11. Artists express themselves through their art and often tell us about themselves through imagery. Use markers and poster board to create your own "self portrait" that tells us who you are and what is important to you. 2-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free, call for reservations.

Info: 501-5125.

#### Sun, Aug 17: Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Enjoy one of the area's finest up-andcoming bands, High Street Low Lifes; treat your taste buds to Bruster's delicious ice cream; and try out some oldfashioned games and dances. 4-6 p.m. Antioch School Community Center. Free. Info: 501-5134.

#### Sat, Aug 23: Under the Stars Summer Family Film Series presents "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (PG)

Grab your family and a blanket and come out to experience the thrill of out-door movies and fun. Free popcorn and

lemonade while supplies last. 8:30 p.m. Walkerton Tavern. Free. Info: 501-5121.

#### Sat, Aug 23: Letterboxing

Letterboxing is part treasure hunt, art and exploration; learn the basics of this unique hobby. Weather permitting, we will search for letterboxes hidden at The Armour House and Meadowview Park. 10 a.m.-noon. The Armour House. Free, call to register. Info: 343-3506.

#### Sun, Aug 24: Henrico Concert Band Summer Concert Series

Enjoy the last concert of the season. 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, the concerts may be cancelled. There will be no rain dates. 6 p.m. Dorey Park. Free. Info: 501-5115.

#### Thur, Aug 28: Henrico Community Band Summer Concert Series

The last performance of the season. 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 will be no rain dates. 7 p.m. Deep Run Park. Free. Info: 501-5115.

## Fri, Aug 29 & Sept 26: Bluegrass Coffeehouse

Bluegrass musicians of all ages and abilities are invited 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.

#### Sat, Sept 13: Bark in the Park

The Division of Recreation and Parks and the Henrico Humane Society are offering you and your furry friend a day of fun-filled family activities. Enjoy musical entertainment by the Atkinsons, an expo of local vendors providing products and services for your favorite pets, a pet costume contest and games for your dog. The event will begin with a 3K for Paws Walk (3K Info: 262-6634). 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Deep Run Park. Free. Info: 501-5121.

## Sat, Sept 13: Conserve Historic Henrico: Document Your Home

For ages 18+. Learn the benefits of documenting your historic house. Learn about the facts and fiction regarding the National Register of Historic Places. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is provided. Henrico Theatre. Free, call for reservations. Info: 501-5125.

#### Sat, Sept 13: Civil War Lantern Tours

From the passionate agitation at the

beginning of the Civil War to its hardfought end, memories were made and not forgotten. Experience a series of vignettes covering the years 1861-1865. 7:15-8:30 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Info: 501-5520.

## Sun, Sept 14: Civil War Days: The Other Half of the Story

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

#### Sat, Sept 20: Glen Allen Day

The Glen Allen Ruritan Club is celebrating Glen Allen, "A top 100 community." A community parade begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by children's games, arts and crafts presenters, local business representatives, a petting zoo, concessions, live music, a car show and Tae Kwon Do demonstrations. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. Free admission. Rain date: Sept 27. Info: www.GlenAllenDay.com or 257-9605 (Glen Allen Ruritan hotline).

## Sat, Sept 20: With the Pluck of a String: Stories from the Harp

Join storyteller Denise Bennett for the magical and mysterious tales and tunes that feature the harp as a pivotal character. 7 p.m. Henrico Theatre. Free, call for reservations. Info: 328-4491.

### Sat, Sept 27: Frank Sinatra Tribute Show

Feel young at heart, join Jack Diamond & Friends for a trip back in time to the musical styling of Ol' Blue Eyes. Enjoy such favorites as "Come Fly with Me," "I've Got You Under My Skin," "My Way" and more. 7 p.m. Henrico Theatre. \$6. Call for reservations. Info: 328-4491.

### Sat, Sept 27: Conserve Historic Henrico: Preparing a Nomination

For ages 18+. In session two, learn how to list your property on the National Registrar. Obtain forms and begin filling them out with assistance from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources staff. Lunch provided. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Henrico Theatre. Free, call for reservations. Info: 501-5125.

#### Sat, Oct 4: Elko Community Day

Celebrate the Elko community and enjoy live entertainment, children's activities, arts and crafts, storytelling and exciting hayrides. 2-6 p.m. Windsor Club of Elko. Free. Info: George Throckmorton, 833-1016.

## Sun, Oct 5: 1918 - Surviving the War and Influenza

For ages 13+. In 1918, Edmund Christian moved his family to Meadowview. As World War I ended, a flu epidemic swept the country. How did Richmond and Henrico survive this trying time? 2 p.m. The Armour House. Free, call for reservations. Info: 501-5125.

#### Sat, Oct 18: Harvest Festival

Enjoy this annual day of exciting and traditional harvest time festivities, games and fun for the entire family. Activities include candle dipping, bee keeping, music and entertainment, kids' arts and crafts, living history demonstrations and more. Noon-4 p.m. Meadow Farm Museum. Free. Rain date: Oct 19. Info: 501-5121.

### Sun, Oct 19: The Criminal in Early Film: Villain or Victim

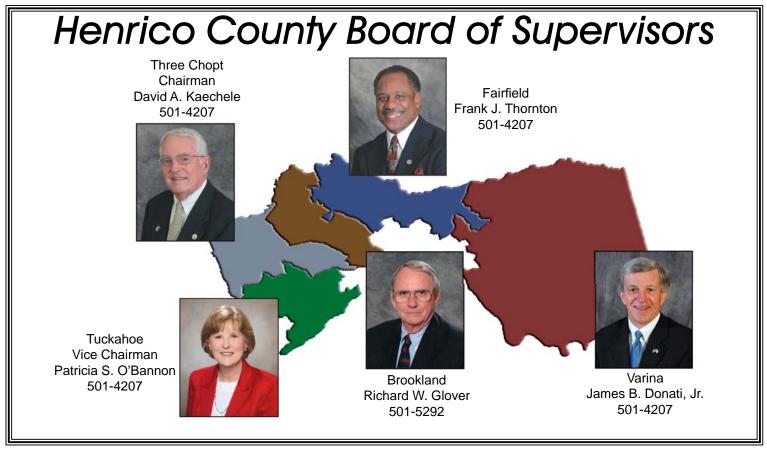
For ages 13+. A look at two films from the 1930s. "Public Enemy," a small time hood becomes involved in the prohibition racket and "I am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang" about a down and out drifter wrongly imprisoned ten years for a crime he didn't commit. Films with powerful social impact then and now. 2 p.m. Henrico Theatre. Free, call for reservations. Info: 501-5125.

#### Fri, Oct 31: Monster Mash

Thrill seekers can brave their way through the Haunts of Richmond Spooky Trail. Other activities include hair-raising arts and crafts, spooky contests and games, rocking monster music and a costume contest. 6-9 p.m. Dorey Recreation Center. Free, reservations required. 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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#### **Important County Telephone Numbers**

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Adult Protective Services	501-7346		
Board of Supervisors	501-4207		
Building Permits & Inspections	501-4360		
Business Licenses/Personal Property	501-4310		
Child Protective Services	501-5437		
Community Maintenance	501-4757		
Community Revitalization	501-7640		
Fire - Non-emergency	501-4900		
Food Stamps	501-4002		
Health Clinic - East	652-3190		
Health Clinic - West	501-4651		
History/Historic Preservation	501-5736		
Human Resources	501-4628		
Human Resources 24-hour Jobline	501-5674		
Library Answer Line	652-3258		
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Marriage Licenses	501-5055		
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Planning & Zoning	501-4602		
Police, Non-emergency	501-5000		
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Schools	652-3600		
Sheriff	501-4571		
The Permit Center	501-7280		
Traffic Ticket Court	501-4723		
Trash/Bulky Waste/Leaf Collection	501-4275		
Vehicle Licenses/Personal Property	501-4263		
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