

December 1997

DATE: December 30, 1997

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The County of Henrico Department of Social Services is offering a free, eight-week class for people interested in becoming foster parents. The first class will be Tuesday, January 20, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive.

Foster parents are especially needed for abused or neglected children, and teenagers.

For more information, call 501-4060.

DATE: December 12, 1997

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Beginning Monday, December 15, local surveying and engineering firm Timmons, Inc., will begin surveying and installing ground control monuments throughout Henrico County; this is the first phase of what will be a 2-year project to develop an accurate, computerized map of the entire county.

Although no private property will be disturbed, county residents may notice survey crews digging and preparing for monument installation in or around their neighborhoods. The monuments, which will look like a large "X" on the ground, will be installed on county property, and in public rights-of-way. Timmons, Inc., will use a satellite signaling system to determine exact coordinates for monument placement. Once installed, the monuments will serve as targets for aerial photographs which will later be used to develop the county's base map. These monuments are permanent, and will remain in place for surveyors' use after the aerial photography is complete. The monument installation phase of this project should be completed by summer, 1998; Henrico County's published document of the survey should be complete by the fall of 1998.

The last map developed by Henrico County is 25 years old, and is no longer adequate to support the county's mapping activities. The computerized map will facilitate easier information manipulation, and will be available to developers and land managers to expedite developing activities.

DATE: December 11, 1997

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The Henrico County Health Department is offering free Hepatitis B vaccines to all sixth-grade students at both county clinic locations. The vaccine is a series of three immunizations given at specified intervals. Sixth-grade students are also eligible to receive a free booster shot of tetanus/diphtheria.

The West Clinic Office is at 8600 Dixon Powers Drive, Human Services Building, and is open on Monday and Tuesday, from 1 to 3:30 p.m., and on Thursday and Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The East Clinic Office is at 3810 Nine Mile Road, Glen Echo Building, and is open on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. In observance of the winter holidays, both clinics will be closed from 12 noon on December 24 through December 26, and will also be closed January 1 and 2.

Health staff will administer the vaccines on a first-come first-served basis; no appointment is needed. A parent, legal guardian or adult must accompany the sixth-graders, and are encouraged to bring the child's immunization records.

For more information about clinic hours and locations, call the vaccine hotline at 652-3166, or visit the Health Department web site at http://ns1.co.henrico.va.us/health.

DATE: December 4, 1997

CONTACT: Bev Donati

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Varina District Supervisor Jim Donati will not hold town meetings in December, January or February.

Donati will hold his next town meeting in March, and will announce a topic as the date approaches.

Meetings are usually held the third Monday of each month and are open to the public.