



## HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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December 30, 2002

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Residents can learn how a deregulated electric utility market could affect their pocketbooks at the next constituent meeting of Fairfield District Supervisor Frank Thornton. The meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at the Eastern Government Center, 3820 Nine Mile Road.

Representatives from Dominion Virginia Power and the State Corporation Commission will join Thornton to discuss "Customer Choice in a Deregulated Electric Utility Market." The meeting will include a question-and-answer period as well. Fairfield constituent meetings are open to the public. Call 501-4208 for more information.

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December 20, 2002

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The International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) has awarded the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk to Henrico County Board of Supervisors Deputy Clerk Linda B. Jones. Jones received the designation for completing the IIMC education program and for her record of service to local government, the community and the state. She recently completed the Municipal Clerks Institute Program, a 100-hour, three-year professional certification program conducted by the Center for Global Business and Executive Education of Old Dominion University.

Jones, who began her Henrico County career in December 1979, is a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and the Virginia Municipal Clerks Association. She is one of 81 municipal clerks in Virginia to currently hold the Certified Municipal Clerk designation. A professional association with more than 10,000 members worldwide, the IIMC provides professional development and educational opportunities for its membership.

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December 17, 2002

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Last year more than \$25 million in Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) funds went unclaimed in the Richmond metropolitan area. To combat the problem, Henrico County, through the Greater Richmond EITC Coalition, is helping low-income working families prepare tax returns to receive refunds.

Area residents interested in helping can volunteer to join the effort. Henrico County will serve as a site for VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), an IRS program that provides free tax services for qualifying individuals. Volunteers are needed at various VITA sites to help low-income working families prepare returns, greet and screen taxpayers and assist with childcare. Previous experience is not required. The county will host tax return preparation training sessions for volunteers tailored to their level of expertise. Sessions are set for December and January. Volunteers will then serve four hours per week from Jan. 21 to April 15 at a VITA site of their choice. Businesses, groups and organizations are welcome to participate and may schedule additional training dates for their employees or members.

To register or to obtain additional information, call 501-4091 or send an email to [wil33@co.henrico.va.us](mailto:wil33@co.henrico.va.us). The Greater Richmond EITC Coalition, an organization of local governments, state and federal agencies, faith-based and non-profit organizations and private corporations and businesses, is spearheading this effort to ensure the area's eligible taxpayers - working families who often don't realize they qualify for the tax credit - receive the appropriate refund for income taxes paid in 2002.

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December 11, 2002

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The Henrico County Board of Supervisors will not hold a second meeting in December. The board will reconvene on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2003. The Henrico County Board of Supervisors regularly meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Government Center Board Room, located at Parham and Hungary Spring roads. Call 501-4318 for more information.

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