



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

December 2005

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Eligible taxpayers can receive free help preparing their income taxes next year - and potentially increase their refunds by claiming the earned income tax credit - at sites hosted by Henrico County and the Greater Richmond Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition (GREITCC).

The earned income tax credit is a benefit for qualifying workers who file a tax return and meet income requirements for 2005 - generally, families with children earning less than \$35,263 and individuals earning less than \$11,750. The benefit could increase a federal refund by as much as \$4,400 for families and \$399 for individuals.

Trained volunteers will help eligible taxpayers prepare and file returns at GREITCC sites throughout the metropolitan area, including two in Henrico:

* Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive; from Jan. 31 to April 13, 4-8 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday;

* Fairfield Area Library, 1001 N. Laburnum Ave.; from Feb. 2 to March 4, 6-8 p.m. each Thursday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. each Saturday.

The GREITCC works to increase public awareness of the earned income tax credit and to offer qualifying taxpayers a free alternative to paid tax-preparation services. Last year, coalition volunteers helped area residents file 411 federal returns; nearly 75 percent qualified for the credit, generating an additional \$354,264 in refunds while saving filers an estimated \$61,650 in preparation fees. Many area residents are missing out, however: the coalition estimates that approximately 22 percent of eligible taxpayers are not claiming the earned income tax credit.

Contact the GREITCC at 649-0330 for more information.

December 15, 2005

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Henrico County and the Greater Richmond Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition (GREITCC) are seeking volunteers for a special program that provides free income tax-preparation assistance for qualifying residents.

Volunteers are needed to help eligible families and individuals prepare and file income tax returns, greet and screen taxpayers or assist with childcare at GREITCC sites throughout the metropolitan area, including two in Henrico:

* Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive; from Jan. 31 to April 13, 4-8 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday;

* Fairfield Area Library, 1001 N. Laburnum Ave.; from Feb. 2 to March 4, 6-8 p.m. each Thursday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. each Saturday.

Previous experience with income tax preparation is not required, and hours are flexible. Volunteers can attend an IRS-sponsored training session and must complete a certification exam before assisting with income tax preparation. Several training sessions will be offered at different times and locations in December and January; contact the GREITCC at 649-0338 to register.

The GREITCC works to increase public awareness of the earned income tax credit - a benefit for qualifying workers that could increase a federal refund by as much as \$4,400 - and to offer eligible taxpayers a free alternative to paid tax-preparation services. For more information, call 649-0330 or log on to www.greitcc.org.

December 14, 2005

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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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. 10.

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.

December 13, 2005

CONTACT: Megan Brown, Executive Coordinator, Keep Henrico Beautiful

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The Keep Henrico Beautiful Committee will again provide Christmas tree recycling for Henrico residents at two county sites from Tuesday, Dec. 27 through Tuesday, Jan. 10.

Residents may bring their trees to the lower parking lot at the Henrico Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road, and to the front parking lot at the Eastern Government Center, 3820 Nine Mile Road. This free service is offered for residential use, not for commercial tree lots.

Residents may also recycle trees free of charge at the public use areas at Springfield Road Landfill, Interstate 295 and Nuckols Road, and at Charles City Road Landfill, 2075 Charles City Road. County staff will help residents dispose trees at the landfills from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through Tuesday, Jan. 31.

All ornaments, tinsel, screws, nuts and bolts and other items should be removed before trees are brought to the recycling locations. For more information, contact Keep Henrico Beautiful at 501-4502.

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