



# HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

## July 2005

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July 21, 2005

CONTACT: Lt. Shawn Sears, Animal Protection Supervisor

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The Henrico County Division of Police will hold a rabies clinic on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at gate four of Richmond International Raceway. Shots cost \$6 (cash only) and include a rabies tag and certificate of inoculation. Dog owners may purchase a 2005 license with proof of rabies inoculation for \$10. Cats and dogs ages 4 months and older are required to be vaccinated for rabies. Contact Animal Protection at 652-3360 for more information.

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July 20, 2005

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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Henrico County has received seven Achievement awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo), honoring innovative programs implemented by Henrico last year. The awards were presented at the 2005 NACo annual conference, held July 15-19 in Honolulu.

The NACo Achievement Award Program recognizes groundbreaking, successful county government programs annually in a broad range of service areas, including county administration, education, parks and recreation, health and human services. The program started in 1970 as part of a nationwide campaign to modernize county government and improve its level of service.

"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 innovative programs is an essential part of our mission to provide the best service possible for Henrico residents."

NACo honored seven Henrico programs developed and implemented in 2004 by seven agencies. The awards continue the county's tradition of serving residents with cutting-edge programs: since 1995, Henrico programs have garnered 147 NACo Achievement awards.

Programs receiving awards were:

- ◆ "Make Dollars from Cents with an Energy Management Program," Department of General Services; a comprehensive plan to reduce energy cost and use in all county facilities, featuring an energy-awareness campaign for county employees and students.
- ◆ "Opiate Recovery Program!," Mental Health and Retardation Services; this program partners with private providers to improve treatment and recovery for users of heroin and other opiates.
- ◆ "Outreach Storytime at Hilliard House," Public Library; the Library delivers its popular "storytime" program onsite to homeless children at Hilliard House.
- ◆ "Community Participation in the Redistricting Process," Schools; public meetings were held to provide information and receive public input regarding school redistricting.
- ◆ "Ensuring Professional Development: An Integrated HR Strategy," Human Resources Department; a professional development effort targeting all county employees;
- ◆ "2004 Growth Retreat," Planning Department; a series of meetings examining current and future growth and its impact on the county; and
- ◆ "Healthy Marriage Initiative," Department of Social Services; workshops designed to help individuals and families improve communication skills, resolve conflicts and build successful relationships.

For more information, log on to [www.co.henrico.va.us/manager/naco05.htm](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/manager/naco05.htm) or call 501-4318.

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July 7, 2005

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The Henrico County Extension Office will offer a free workshop to help residents understand and manage their personal finances on Thursday, July 21, from 7-9 p.m., in the Human Services Building Board Room, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive.

Participants in "Budget Basics" will learn important skills for improving their money-management habits, such as tracking expenses and creating and maintaining a budget.

The workshop is open to the public; registration by Tuesday, July 19 is encouraged. Call 501-5160 to register or to obtain additional information.

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July 5, 2005

CONTACT: Tamra McKinney, Director, Public Relations & Media Services

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Due to Comcast Cable's channel realignment, HCTV--Henrico County Television--will begin broadcasting on channel 17 on Saturday, July 30. The award-winning station currently broadcasts on channel 37 and is available to Comcast subscribers living in Henrico County.

HCTV is staffed and operated by the county's Department of Public Relations and Media Services (PR/MS).

"HCTV will still be the first place for Henrico residents to turn when they're looking for timely information and entertaining programming about their county," said

PR/MS Director Tamra McKinney. "We want to make sure they know to tune in to channel 17 to find HCTV."

The only around-the-clock source for information dedicated to Henrico, HCTV offers a variety of news that affects residents' daily lives, such as emergency bulletins, road closings, public meetings, recreation programs and special events. The station features an Associated Press newswire ticker and local weather updates as well.

HCTV also airs full-length programming, produced entirely by PR/MS staff, about county programs and services, local history and other topics of community interest. The station recently won several awards at the prestigious WorldFest International Film Festival.

"The move to channel 17 will not affect the quality of HCTV's programming nor our principal mission--to provide timely information and compelling programming for Henrico's residents," McKinney said.

For more information about HCTV or its move to channel 17, call 501-4257 click [here](#).

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