



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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The Henrico County Blood Program (HCBP) has received a national award for its "outstanding commitment" to blood-donation efforts during 2005.

America's Blood Centers, the nation's largest network of community-based blood programs, has recognized HCBP with the Platinum Blood Drive Award -- its highest honor -- in the employer/medium category. The organization will present the award March 6 at its national meeting in Houston. Virginia Blood Services, a member of America's Blood Centers, nominated the Henrico program for the award.

"Community service is a top priority for Henrico County, and our blood program plays a leading role in that effort," said County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. "This award is a tribute to the employees who volunteer their time and talents to make the program such a success."

America's Blood Centers cited HCBP for its long-term, comprehensive commitment to blood donation efforts; strong organizational leadership and involvement; innovative recruitment techniques; frequency of drives; improvement over time; and adoption of new technologies. The program held approximately 50 blood drives at 10 different county locations in 2005, collecting a total of 1,225 pints. From 2001 to 2003, the program increased donations by more than 90 percent.

HCBP, which has operated in its current form since 1992, is spearheaded by a committee of county employees who volunteer additional time for the program. David Ambrogi, who coordinates HCBP activities, said committee members often dig into their own pockets to boost recruitment and blood drive efforts.

"It's a great experience to be a part of such a dedicated group of people," Ambrogi said. "The donation of one pint of blood saves the lives of three people -- what else could you do to have such an impact on our community?"

For more information, call 501-5375 or log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/manager and follow the link for Henrico County Blood Program.

February 27, 2006

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Henrico County will hold a series of public meetings beginning Monday, March 6 to discuss the re-mapping of the county's floodplains and the project's impact on affected property owners.

The Department of Public Works currently is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to update Henrico's floodplain management program, including changes to the county's floodplain maps. Public Works will mail written notification to property owners who may be affected by the re-mapping project.

FEMA will conduct a 90-day public review and appeal process beginning in March. Henrico will hold open-house meetings in each magisterial district to provide additional information and answer questions. Each meeting is scheduled for 5-9 p.m.:

* March 6, Ward Elementary School, 3400 Darbytown Road; * March 13, Byrd Middle School, 9400 Quioccasin Road; * March 16, Wilder Middle School, 6900 Wilkinson Road; * March 23, Hungary Creek Middle School, 4900 Francistown Road; * March 27, Deep Run High School, 4801 Twin Hickory Road.

Floodplain maps and other materials may be reviewed in The Permit Center and Department of Public Works at the Henrico Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road; and at the Eastern Government Center, 3820 Nine Mile Road.

For more information, call 501-5851 or log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/works.

February 9, 2006

CONTACT: Mikki Knight, Executive Assistant, Board of Supervisors

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The next constituent meeting of Fairfield District Supervisor Frank Thornton will provide information about the Henrico Police Athletic League. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13 at the Eastern Government Center multipurpose room, 3820 Nine Mile Road.

Representatives from Henrico's Division of Police will give a presentation about the league and its role in the community. They will join Thornton for a question-and-answer period as well.

Fairfield constituent meetings are open to the public. Call 501-4208 for more information.

February 9, 2006

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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The next town meeting of Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will offer ideas for improving home and neighborhood security. The meeting is scheduled

for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Tuckahoe Elementary School auditorium, 701 Forest Ave.

"Staying Safe and Secure: Tips for Protecting Your Home and Neighborhood" will feature remarks by Officer John Cutchin, Neighborhood Watch coordinator for Henrico Police. He will join O'Bannon for a question-and-answer period as well.

Tuckahoe town meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 501-4318 or log on to www.patobannon.com.

February 7, 2006

CONTACT: Lt. Shawn Sears, Animal Protection Supervisor

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The Henrico County Division of Police will hold a rabies clinic on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 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 2006 license for \$10 with proof of rabies inoculation.

Cats and dogs ages 4 months and older are required to be vaccinated for rabies. Contact Animal Protection at 652-3360 for more information.

February 1, 2006

CONTACT: Barbara Herzog, Director, Henrico CASA

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Henrico Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children in Henrico's court system.

Volunteers are appointed by a Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court judge to represent the best interests of a victimized child in court. Program participants come from a variety of educational and professional backgrounds; legal experience is not required. Qualifying volunteers will learn to conduct interviews, research and investigate cases, provide written reports for judges and assist the case attorney.

Before becoming a court-appointed special advocate, volunteers must apply and complete a free seven-week training program. Henrico CASA will conduct the training from 6-9 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday beginning Monday, April 3 at its office in the Court Annex, 4120 E. Parham Road. Applicants will undergo interviews, background and reference checks.

To apply or to obtain additional information, contact Susan Hill at 501-5873 or e-mail hil29@co.henrico.va.us by Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Henrico CASA is a private, nonprofit organization that works closely with the county's Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. For more information, log on to www.henricocasa.org.

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