



# HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

## June 2007

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The Virginia Municipal League (VML) has named three Henrico County board members to its steering and legislative committees for 2007.

Members of the Board of Supervisors received the following committee appointments:

- \* Board Vice Chairman and Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele, legislative committee;
- \* Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover, general laws steering committee; and
- \* Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, human development and education steering committee.

VML is a statewide association of city, town and county governments that assists local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services. The league's policy and steering committees make policy recommendations to its legislative committee, which develops VML's annual legislative program. Appointments are made by the league's executive committee.

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June 19, 2007

CONTACT: Megan Brown, Executive Coordinator, Keep Henrico Beautiful

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The Keep Henrico Beautiful (KHB) Committee will honor winners of the 2007 Land Lover and Clean Business awards at the Henrico County Board of Supervisors meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, in the Government Center Board Room, located at Parham and Hungary Spring roads.

Presented annually by the KHB Committee since 1995, the awards recognize a homeowner and business in each magisterial district that have maintained an outstanding property through landscaping, lawn care, litter removal and recycling. Homeowners must perform their own lawn maintenance to be considered. Winners receive an engraved plaque, an award sign posted on their property and will be recognized on the KHB Web page at [www.co.henrico.va.us/utility/keep-henrico-beautiful/](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/utility/keep-henrico-beautiful/).

The 2007 Land Lover Award winners are: Craig Kennedy, Brookland District; Sarah Wright, Fairfield District; Doug and Kristen Phelps, Three Chopt District; Don and Elizabeth Benton, Tuckahoe District; and Albert and Audrey Mason, Varina District.

Winners of the Clean Business Award are: Wawa, 8851 Staples Mill Road, Brookland District; Virginia Crossings Resort, 1000 Virginia Center Parkway, Fairfield District; The Madison at Spring Oak, 4000 Spring Oak Drive, Three Chopt District; Long and Foster, 8804 Patterson Ave., Tuckahoe District; and Hardee's, 1120 E. Nine Mile Road, Varina District.

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June 15, 2007

CONTACT: Mike Jennings, Traffic Engineer

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The Henrico County Department of Public Works expects heavy traffic on roadways near Richmond International Raceway (RIR) during the SunTrust Indy Challenge IRL IndyCar Series events on Saturday, June 30.

Motorists should expect extremely heavy traffic and delays all day in the raceway area, especially from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the races and from 10:15 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. after the races. Public Works encourages people attending the race to use Azalea Avenue and Meadowbridge Road to get to the raceway.

"We're doing everything we can to minimize congestion and ensure traffic safety before and after the race," said Traffic Engineer Mike Jennings.

Motorists not attending the race are asked to turn on their vehicle headlights when approaching the RIR area in the morning and early afternoon of race day. Henrico Police will direct these vehicles toward a through-lane outside the flow of heavy raceway traffic.

Public Works also has planned temporary traffic patterns for the area to manage the increased volume of vehicles and will post signs on main roads near RIR. Henrico Police will direct traffic throughout the area.

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June 11, 2007

CONTACT: Veta Herbaugh, Executive Assistant, Board of Supervisors

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The next town meeting of Henrico County Board of Supervisors Chairman and Varina District Supervisor Jim Donati will take a closer look at summer recreation programs offered to residents by the county's Division of Recreation and Parks. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, June 18 at the Eastern Government Center, 3820 Nine Mile Road.

Staff from Recreation and Parks and the Chickahominy YMCA will provide an overview of recreation programs available for children, youth, adults and seniors. There will be a question-and-answer period as well.

Varina town meetings are open to the public. Call 501-4208 for more information.

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June 11, 2007

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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The Virginia Municipal League (VML) has named 10 Henrico County board members and key officials to its policy committees for 2007.

Members of the Board of Supervisors received the following committee appointments: Board Chairman and Varina District Supervisor James B. Donati, Jr., transportation; Board Vice Chairman and Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele, finance; Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover, general laws; Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, human development and education; and Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon, environmental quality.

Several county officials also were appointed to VML policy committees: Deputy County Manager for Community Services George T. Drumwright, Jr., human development and education; Deputy County Manager for Community Development Harvey L. Hinson, general laws; Deputy County Manager for Administration Leon T. Johnson, finance; Deputy County Manager for Community Operations Robert K. Pinkerton, environmental quality; and Director of Public Works Edward L. Priestas, transportation.

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June 8, 2007

CONTACT: Mark J. Levine, M.D., Director, Public Health

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With severe heat expected today in Henrico and the metropolitan region, the Henrico County Public Health Department advises residents to be aware of the signs of heat-related illness and to take steps to protect themselves.

\* Individuals especially at risk for heat-related illness include small children, seniors and people with chronic medical conditions who are not in an air-conditioned environment; however, anyone can be affected by severe heat.

\* Early signs of heat-related illness can include cramping, fatigue, dizziness and fainting. Heat exhaustion and heat stroke are medical emergencies requiring immediate attention -- call 911.

\* Drink two-to-four glasses of cool fluids each hour; if working outside or exercising, drink fruit juice or sports beverages.

\* If possible, conduct outdoor activities before noon or at night. Limit physical activity and rest frequently. Avoid sunburn. Wear a hat and light, loose-fitting clothing. Use the buddy system if working outside.

\* Never leave children or pets in vehicles with closed windows, even momentarily. Temperatures quickly can reach 150 degrees, resulting in heat stroke and death.

\* Keep cool indoors. Spending at least two hours per day in air conditioning significantly reduces the number of heat-related illnesses; be aware that a fan may not prevent illness when temperatures reach the upper 90s.

\* Several Henrico County recreation facilities are available as cooling centers. Contact each site for hours of operation: Confederate Hills, 737-2859; Belmont, 501-5990; Dorey, 795-2334; and Deep Run, 290-0305. Henrico libraries also are available -- call 652-3200 or log on to [www.henricolibrary.org](http://www.henricolibrary.org) for information.

\* Henrico's Department of Social Services will offer a Cooling Assistance Program beginning June 15. Call 501-4099 for information.

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June 7, 2007

CONTACT: Todd Eure, Transportation Development Engineer

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The Henrico County Department of Public Works and the GRTC Transit System will hold public meetings for comments regarding two new bus routes in Henrico on Tuesday, June 19, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Ratcliffe Elementary School, 2901 Thalen Street; and on Thursday, June 21, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Glen Lea Elementary School, 3909 Austin Avenue.

The public is invited to comment on two proposed routes:

\* Laburnum Connector, providing service between eastern Henrico County and Willow Lawn along Laburnum Avenue, beginning at Audubon Drive; and

\* Central Gardens/Harvie Road Connector, providing service along Mechanicsville Turnpike between the City of Richmond and Laburnum Avenue to Harvie Road; and along Reynolds Road, Watts Lane and the Central Gardens Area.

Call 501-4617 for more information.

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June 4, 2007

CONTACT: Mikki Knight, Executive Assistant, Board of Supervisors

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The next constituent meeting of Fairfield District Supervisor Frank Thornton will provide a progress report on Henrico's voter-approved construction projects and also will offer a tour of the recently renovated Three Lakes Nature Center and Aquarium. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, June 11, at Three Lakes, 400 Sausiluta Drive.

Representatives from Henrico County Public Schools and the county's departments of Finance and General Services will give an update on these projects and join Thornton for a question-and-answer period. Henrico residents voted to fund nearly \$590 million in capital projects -- including new and renovated schools, libraries, fire stations, park facilities and roads -- in bond referenda held in 2000 and 2005.

In addition, staff from the Division of Recreation and Parks will lead a tour of Three Lakes Nature Center and Aquarium. The popular facility reopened in April after \$1.4 million in renovations repaired extensive damage caused by Tropical Storm Gaston in August 2004.

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

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