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Henrico Public Works advises motorists to plan for heavy traffic Sept. 10-11 for NASCAR

In preparation for the upcoming Virginia 529 College Savings 250 and Air Guard 400 NASCAR events at Richmond International Raceway (RIR), the Henrico County Department of Public Works will modify traffic patterns on major routes to the raceway on Friday, Sept. 10 and Saturday, Sept. 11. The temporary changes should help minimize traffic congestion during the races.

Motorists should expect extremely heavy traffic and delays all day Friday and Saturday 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.

The Henrico Division of Police will have officers on duty to direct traffic around the area before and after the races. Police encourage race fans and other motorists to consult message boards on interstate highways and roadways approaching RIR for traffic information. WRVA 1140 AM will broadcast traffic reports as well.

The following traffic patterns will be in effect Sept. 11 during peak hours:

Carolina Avenue between Laburnum and Azalea avenues will be one-way inbound before the race and one-way outbound after the race. Access to businesses along Carolina Avenue will be maintained from Laburnum Avenue.

Meadowbridge Road between the Henrico/Hanover county line and Azalea Avenue will be one-way southbound beginning at approximately 9 a.m. and continuing until the race starts.

Meadowbridge Road north of Azalea Avenue will close to northbound traffic; however, in Hanover County it will remain a two-way road at all times.

After the race, Laburnum Avenue between Carolina Avenue and Mechanicsville Turnpike will be one-way eastbound. Eastbound Laburnum Avenue between Richmond-Henrico Turnpike and Carolina Avenue will be closed until race traffic disperses. Two-way traffic will be maintained west of Richmond-Henrico Turnpike.

After the race, Meadowbridge Road north of Azalea Avenue will be one-way northbound between Azalea Avenue and Atlee Road, beginning at approximately 10 p.m. and continuing until race traffic disperses.

After the race, three lanes on Azalea Avenue between Richmond-Henrico Turnpike and Henrico High School will be routed westbound and one lane eastbound. This change will require all median crossovers on Azalea Avenue between Richmond-Henrico Turnpike and Henrico High School to close at approximately 10 p.m. until race traffic disperses. Police will assist motorists turning from Azalea Avenue to Thrush Lane and Pony Farm Drive.

While these traffic patterns are in effect, median crossovers on Laburnum Avenue will be closed between North Avenue and Mechanicsville Turnpike, except at Pilots Lane and Austin Avenue. Only right turns will be permitted to and from Laburnum Avenue. Police will be positioned at these intersections before and after the race to assist motorists turning onto or crossing Laburnum Avenue.

On-street parking on major routes to RIR is prohibited each day. Additional parking will be available Sept. 11 for \$6 at the Richmond Coliseum parking deck on North Seventh Street.

Free shuttle bus service to and from RIR will be provided beginning at 1 p.m. Parking also will be available at the Showplace on Mechanicsville Turnpike beginning at 11 a.m., \$5 per car and \$25 per recreational vehicle; free shuttle bus service to RIR will be provided.

The Henrico Division of Police has recommended the following routes for traffic approaching the raceway Sept. 10-11:

From the east (Hampton Roads area) – Follow Interstate 64 west to Interstate 295 north (Exit 200). Follow I-295 north and exit onto Mechanicsville Turnpike west (Exit 37B). Follow Mechanicsville Turnpike to Laburnum Avenue. Turn right and proceed to the raceway.

From the east (Route 360) - Approach Richmond on Route 360 west (Mechanicsville Turnpike), cross I-295, and continue west to Laburnum Avenue. Turn right and proceed to the raceway.

From the east (local traffic) - Follow I-64 west and take the Laburnum Avenue exit (Exit 195). Turn right and proceed to the raceway.

From the north - Follow Interstate 95 south to the I-295 east interchange (marked "To Norfolk - Williamsburg"). Follow I-295 east and exit onto Meadowbridge Road west (Exit 38B). Follow Meadowbridge Road (Richmond-Henrico Turnpike) and proceed to the raceway.

From the north (local traffic) - Use Route 1 (Brook Road) to Azalea Avenue. Turn left onto Azalea Avenue and proceed to the raceway.

From the west - Follow I-64 east to the I-295 south interchange (Exit 177). Follow I-295 south and exit onto Meadowbridge Road west (Exit 38B). Follow Meadowbridge Road (Richmond-Henrico Turnpike) and proceed to the raceway.

From the west (local traffic) - Follow I-64 east to the Powhite Parkway/Laburnum Avenue exit. Take the Laburnum Avenue exit, turn left and proceed to the raceway.

From the south - Follow I-95 north to the interchange with I-295 south of Petersburg. Follow I-295 north and exit onto Mechanicsville Turnpike (Exit 37B). Follow Mechanicsville Turnpike to Laburnum Avenue. Turn right and proceed to the raceway.

From the south (local traffic) - Follow I-95 north to the I-64 east interchange (Exit 75). Follow I-64 to Route 360 east (Mechanicsville Turnpike). Follow Route 360 east to Laburnum Avenue. Turn left and proceed to the raceway.

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Henrico Extension lawn care seminars set for Sept. 7-9

The Henrico County Extension Office will conclude its free, year-round seminar series Sept. 7-9 with a program on fall and winter lawn care. The seminars are scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. each night at the following locations (each seminar will feature the same program): Tuesday, Sept. 7, Sandston Branch Library, 23 E.

Williamsburg Road; Wednesday, Sept. 8, Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive; and Thursday, Sept. 9, Twin Hickory Area Library, 5001 Twin Hickory Road.

"Winterizing Your Lawn" will explain steps that can be taken in the fall to help lawns survive the winter and get ready for a healthy spring. Participants will learn about aerating, seeding, applying lime and other topics. In addition, participants can bring samples for identification and discussion.

"Winterizing Your Lawn" is open to the public. Each seminar will be led by an Extension staff member or a Henrico Master Gardener. Pre-registration is encouraged. Call 501-5160 to register or to obtain additional information.

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Henrico Board of Supervisors sets next meeting for Sept. 14

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors will not hold a second meeting in August. The board will reconvene on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

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 4301 E. Parham Road. Call 501-4318 for more information.

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Henrico and Cumberland Reach Cobbs Creek Reservoir Agreement

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors and Cumberland County have approved a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the proposed Cobbs Creek Reservoir project. Under the Memorandum of Understanding, Henrico County will construct and operate the water supply reservoir in Cumberland County to provide for the future water needs of Cumberland, Henrico and Powhatan counties. Once completed, the 1,100-acre reservoir will hold approximately 15 billion gallons of water. The total estimated cost of the reservoir project is \$280 million.

The reservoir will release water into the James River at times of low river flow to allow additional water withdrawals by the three counties. In addition, the reservoir will directly benefit James River aquatic life and habitat and increase recreational opportunities for fishing, swimming and canoeing.

Henrico County Board Chairman Patricia S. O'Bannon said, "The Henrico Board is pleased that the two counties have been able to agree upon the Memorandum of Understanding as a regional solution to our common future water supply needs. This project will be a model for regional cooperation in the rest of the Commonwealth. We appreciate Cumberland's agreement to work with us on this important project."

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