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Performing arts to highlight 'African-American History of Henrico' Feb. 11-12

The heritage of Henrico's African-American community will be celebrated through dramatic performances, narration and song Friday, Feb. 11 and Saturday, Feb. 12 at the "African-American History of Henrico County in Music and Stories." The free event will be held twice: from 6-9:30 p.m. Feb. 11 and again from 2-5:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nine Mile Road.

"African-American History of Henrico" is one of many events planned for the county's yearlong 400th anniversary commemoration.

Participants will learn about the county's African-American community through music, stories and photographs presented by historical interpreters, choirs and performing groups. Musical highlights include the doo-wop vocal group Bak N Da Day presenting the Tommy Edwards story as well as period songs performed by the 40-voice Henrico Mass Choir. Actors will portray key figures such as Gabriel and Virginia Randolph and will reenact the 1989 court case, *McDaniel v. Mehfoud*. Speakers will narrate a journey through Henrico's African-American history, from slavery and the Civil War to segregation and integration. In addition, participants can view the historical and photographic exhibit "Remembering Our Legacy: African-American Trailblazers of Henrico County," displayed on the theater's second floor.

Due to limited seating, reservations are strongly recommended; call the Henrico Theatre at (804) 328-4491. For more information about "African-American History of Henrico" and other upcoming 400th anniversary commemoration events, call (804) 501-1611 or log on to www.henrico400th.com.

January 26, 2011

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Henrico Extension Office to host vegetable growers meeting Feb. 9

The Henrico County Extension Office will host the Richmond Area Vegetable Production meeting for commercial vegetable growers on Wednesday, Feb. 9, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Government Center Board Room, 4301 E. Parham Road.

The meeting will feature speakers from Virginia State University, Virginia Tech and the Eastern Shore and Southwest Virginia Agricultural Research and Extension centers. Topics will include disease controls, insect research and remedies, weed control products and measures, nitrogen use and marketing. The meeting qualifies for private pesticide applicator recertification credit, category 90.

There is no charge to attend. Pre-registration is encouraged. To register or to obtain additional information, contact Henrico Extension at 501-5160.

January 24, 2011

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Free tax help available beginning Jan. 31

Eligible taxpayers can receive free help preparing their 2010 income tax return -- and potentially increase their refunds by claiming the earned income tax credit -- at sites hosted by Henrico County and MetroCASH, formerly known as the Greater Richmond Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition.

The earned income tax credit is a refundable credit designed to help families and individuals who work and earn modest incomes -- generally, families with children earning less than \$43,352 and individuals without children earning less than \$13,460. The benefit could increase a federal refund by as much as \$5,666 for families with three or more children and \$457 for individuals.

Dumbarton Area Library; 6800 Staples Mill Road, from Jan. 31 to April 14, 4-8 p.m. each Monday and Thursday;

Fairfield Area Library, 1001 N. Laburnum Ave.; from Feb. 5 to March 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. each Saturday.

MetroCASH works to help qualifying families maximize tax refunds that can help pay bills and reduce debt. The organization also offers eligible taxpayers a free alternative to paid tax-preparation services. Last year, volunteers helped area residents file 1,838 federal returns, generating \$787,318 in earned income tax credit funds and a total of \$2,648,772 in federal returns. The free service saved filers an estimated \$321,400 in preparation fees.

For more information, contact MetroCASH at (804) 775-6432 or call the United Way information referral service at 211.

January 19, 2011

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Henrico program to recognize Community Champions, Outstanding Youth on Jan. 27

Henrico Area Mental Health and Developmental Services and the Too Smart 2 Start Coalition will recognize several individuals for their efforts to build a stronger community in Henrico at the 2011 Community Champions and Outstanding Youth Volunteer awards ceremony, set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nine Mile Road.

The ceremony will salute the achievements of adults and young people who have worked to promote safety and opportunities for positive community engagement over the past year. Reginald Morris, the 4-H program associate for the Henrico County Extension Office, will serve as keynote speaker.

The awards ceremony will honor Nikita Bhojani, student, Henrico High School; Madison Spagnolo, student, Deep Run High School; Aubrey Temple, student, Highland Springs High School; Jasmine Wiggins, student, Varina High School; Makon Fletcher, founder, East End Youth Basketball and East End Communities United for Change; Deborah Lowry, executive director, LBR Scholarship Fund, Inc.; and Panthier Whiting, volunteer, Seven Gables community.

The event is sponsored in partnership with VCU Honors College, VCU Division of Community Engagement and Richmond Elks Lodge no. 45.

The Too Smart 2 Start Coalition is a partnership between county and private agencies, businesses, school resources, law enforcement, community leaders, youth, parents and others. For more information, log on to www.toosmart2start.com.

January 18, 2011

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Residents can share family histories at the 'Hunt for Henrico History' on Jan. 29

History will get local -- and personal -- on Saturday, Jan. 29 when residents can add their family stories to Henrico's historical record at the "Hunt for Henrico History." The free event is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Deep Run Recreation Center, 9910 Ridgefield Parkway.

"Hunt for Henrico History" is part of the county's yearlong 400th anniversary commemoration.

The event will explore Henrico's diverse history through living-history presentations and historical displays highlighting county neighborhoods, schools, churches and civic organizations. Residents are encouraged to share their part in Henrico's story by bringing a family photo, historical document or memento for a unique show-and-tell project. The personal pieces of history will be photographed or digitally scanned for inclusion in a public archive designed to preserve residents' collective history.

Curators and preservation experts will be on hand to offer advice for the proper care and storage of photos, documents and other family artifacts. Special activities for kids are planned as well.

For more information about "Hunt for Henrico History" and other upcoming 400th anniversary commemoration events, call (804) 501-1611 or log on to www.henrico400th.com.

January 12, 2011

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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Henrico Board of Supervisors elects chairman, vice chairman for 2011

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors has elected Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton as chairman and Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover as vice chairman for 2011. Each will serve a one-year term.

Voted to the board for the first time in 1995, Thornton begins his third term as board chairman, a position he held most recently in 2005. He has served on national and statewide governmental organizations, including as chairman of the Virginia Municipal League's (VML) Human Development and Education policy committee and as a member of the VML Legislative committee, the Virginia Association of Counties' (VACo) Education steering committee, the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Human Services and Education steering committee, and Gov. Timothy M. Kaine's Urban Policy Task Force. He has served on numerous local and regional boards as well, including the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, the Henrico County Planning Commission, the county's Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and Board of Social Services, and the Henrico Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads.

Thornton is a graduate of Leadership Metro Richmond and a co-founder and past president of the Henrico County Civic League. A Richmond native, he earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Union University and a master's degree from American University. He works as an assistant professor of French at Virginia Union, where he has received the university's "Teacher of the Year" award.

Glover was first elected Brookland District supervisor in 1987 after serving on the county's Planning Commission. He currently serves on the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, Henrico's Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, the VML Community and Economic Development policy committee, the VACo Community Development and Planning steering committee, and the NACo Transportation steering committee. He is a charter member of the Glen Allen Shrine Club and a lifetime member of the Glen Allen Youth Athletic Association and the Hermitage High School Band and Auxiliary Boosters. A native of Victoria, Va., Glover is a veteran of the U.S. Navy.



Frank J. Thornton



Richard W. Glover

January 11, 2011

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Henrico Police Chief Col. Henry W. Stanley, Jr. to retire

Henrico County Chief of Police Col. Henry W. Stanley, Jr., a fixture of Henrico County's Division of Police for nearly a half-century, has announced his retirement from the division effective April 8.

Stanley joined Henrico Police as a patrol officer on Dec. 1, 1962, rising through the ranks to become chief on Aug. 1, 1995.

"Chief Stanley has demonstrated tireless commitment to public safety in Henrico, and his effective leadership has been a hallmark of this county for many years," said County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. "We will sorely miss him and the level of excellence he has demonstrated in commanding our nationally accredited Division of Police."



Stanley, whose service with Henrico Police predates the use of flashing lights on the force's vehicles -- they first were installed in 1964 -- has seen the division become a nationally acclaimed force with some 800 personnel, including more than 580 sworn officers, and a total annual budget of more than \$65 million.

"On the first day of my employment as a patrol officer, I knew law enforcement would be my lifetime career," Stanley said. "I am especially proud of the opportunity to lead Henrico Police as its chief. Every member has contributed to the success of this agency and I feel fortunate to have been a part of this outstanding team of professionals."

"I will greatly miss those with whom I have served over the years," he said. "I am confident that the members of Henrico Police will continue our tradition of providing exemplary service to all."

Under Stanley's leadership, Henrico received the Certified Crime Prevention Community designation from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services in 2002. The division has received multiple accreditations from the international Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. For six consecutive years, it has captured first place in the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police Law Enforcement Challenge while also finishing in the top three in a similar competition sponsored by the International Association for Chiefs of Police. An emphasis on community policing has seen the development of initiatives such as the Citizens Police Academy and the Henrico Police Athletic League.

"The leadership of County Manager Virgil Hazelett and each member of the Board of Supervisors contributed to the success of Henrico Police," Stanley said. "They are committed to providing outstanding public safety to our citizens."

Stanley earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the FBI National Executive Institute, the Senior Management Institute for Police and the Police Executive Leadership School. He serves on the governor's Secure Commonwealth Panel, the FBI Criminal Justice Advisory Board-Southern Region Working Group and is a board member of the FBI Richmond Regional Joint Terrorism Task Force. He is a past president of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police and also serves on the Virginia Police Chiefs Foundation.

January 11, 2011

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Henrico CASA to hold benefit art auction Jan. 21

The Henrico County Court Appointed Special Advocates program (CASA) will host its fifth annual benefit art gallery exhibition and silent auction on Friday, Jan. 21, from 6-9 p.m. at The Crossroads Art Center, 2016 Staples Mill Road.

Proceeds from the event will support Henrico CASA's efforts to serve abused and neglected children in the county's Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court system. CASA trains volunteers to work as child advocates in court. Last year, volunteers served 277 local children, donating more than 10,000 hours to their cases.

The silent auction will offer a variety of work by local artists and other items valued at more than \$8,000, including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, gift baskets, photography packages, services and a beach vacation. Featured artists include Mark Hierholzer, Matt Lively, Morgan McKinney and Dr. Baxter Perkinson.

In addition, the event will feature performances by professional storyteller Mike Mabe and demonstrations by sculptor Jan Hodges and painter Curney Nuffer.

The event is free and open to the public. For additional information, call 501-1671 or log on to www.henicocasa.org.

January 5, 2011

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Henrico announces schedule of events for 400th anniversary

Henrico County's 2011 Commemoration Commission has announced a full slate of free events as the county readies to embark on its yearlong 400th anniversary celebration.

The educational and recreational events and activities for all ages are designed to highlight the county's extensive history and diverse people, said Board of Supervisors Chairman Patricia S. O'Bannon, who heads the 2011 Commemoration Commission.

"The story of Henrico County is deeply connected to the growth and development of Virginia and the United States as a whole," she said. "We look forward to commemorating this history throughout 2011 and honoring the many people who played a role in it."

Henrico traces its beginnings to the Citie of Henricus, which became the second English settlement in North America when it was founded in September 1611. Henricus, or "Henrico" as it later was known, was named for Henry, Prince of Wales, the eldest son of King James I. In 1634 Henrico became one of the eight original shires, or counties, of the Virginia colony; its first boundaries incorporated all of nine present-day counties, a portion of another and three cities. Henrico today has more than 300,000 residents, some 25,000 businesses and nearly 70 public schools.

Following is a list of official, county-hosted 400th anniversary events. Admission is free. Details about each event and historical and other anniversary information are available at www.henrico400th.com and by calling (804) 501-1611.

Hunt for Henrico History. Saturday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Deep Run Recreation Center.

African-American History of Henrico County in Music and Stories. Friday, Feb. 11, 6-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 12, 2-5:30 p.m.; Henrico Theatre.

Kite Festival and The Tastes and Sounds of Henrico. Saturday, March 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Dorey Park.

Virginia Indian Cultural Program. Saturday, March 19, 3-8 p.m.; The Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen.

All Henrico Reads: Featuring Henrico Author David Baldacci. Tuesday, April 5, 7-9:30 p.m.; Glen Allen High School.

Earth Day. Saturday, April 16, 1-4 p.m.; Three Lakes Park.

Moving Henrico Forward: Air, Road, Rail and Water. Sunday, May 29, 1-5 p.m.; Virginia Aviation Museum.

Old Fashioned Fourth of July. Monday, July 4, 1-5 p.m.; Meadow Farm at Crump Park.

Civil War Commemoration. Sept. 23-25. This event, which features a symposium, living-history demonstrations and battlefield tours, takes place at different locations over three days:

-- Henrico County: Gateway to Richmond, 1861-1865. Friday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Henrico Theatre.

-- Encampment and Exhibits. Saturday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tree Hill Farm.

-- Tours and Demonstrations with the National Park Service. Sunday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fort Harrison.

Harvest Festival. Saturday, Oct. 15, noon-4 p.m.; Meadow Farm at Crump Park.

Hunt for Henrico History. Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Dorey Park Recreation Center.

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