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Henrico CASA seeks volunteers for child-advocacy training program

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

Henrico CASA will conduct a free, six-week training program for new volunteers from 6-9 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday beginning Tuesday, Jan. 10 at its office in the Hungary Spring Office Park, 3001 Hungary Spring Road. Applicants will undergo an interview, background and reference checks as well as fingerprinting and local criminal checks.

To apply or obtain additional information, contact Lorrie Moore at (804) 501-1674, email moo71@co.henrico.va.us or visit www.henicocasa.org. The deadline to apply is Jan. 3.

CASA volunteers serve as the voice of abused and neglected children in the court system. Legal experience is not required. Participants receive training to conduct interviews, research and investigate cases, provide written reports for Juvenile Court judges and assist child welfare professionals and case attorneys.

Last year, volunteers served as advocates for 302 children, donating more than 12,300 hours to their cases.

Henrico CASA is a private, nonprofit organization that works closely with the county's Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. For more information, visit the CASA website.

November 28, 2011

CONTACT: Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., County Manager
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Henrico names Vithouk as deputy county manager for Administration

Henrico County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. announces the appointment of John A. Vithouk as deputy county manager for Administration, effective Dec. 17.

Vithouk, who currently serves as director of the Department of Finance and as special economic advisor to the county manager, will succeed Leon T. Johnson, who is retiring after more than 16 years in the position.

As deputy county manager for Administration, Vithouk will have direct responsibilities over the departments of Finance, General Services and Information Technology and the Henrico County Public Library system — agencies totaling more than 550 full-time personnel with combined budgets of approximately \$56.9 million. He also will oversee the county's legislative liaison.

A Henrico employee since 1997, Vithouk began his county career as a budget analyst and also served as Finance division director and budget director before being appointed director of the Department of Finance in January 2008. He was named special economic advisor to the county manager in September 2009.

A graduate of Henrico's J.R. Tucker High School, Vithouk earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Virginia Commonwealth University and received a master's degree in public administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association, the Virginia Local Government Manager's Association, the Richmond Association of Business Economists and the Treasurer's Association of Virginia.



November 15, 2011

CONTACT: Kim Edmonds, Extension Agent
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Henrico Extension to offer free workshop Nov. 21-22 on managing holiday spending

The Henrico County Extension Office will offer ideas for managing holiday spending at a free workshop on Monday, Nov. 21, from 6-8 p.m. at the Eastern Government Center multipurpose room, 3820 Nine Mile Road; and again on Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Human Services Building board room, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive.

"Tips to Minimize Holiday Debt" will cover several topics, including budgeting for the holidays, selecting economical gifts, decorating on a shoestring budget and avoiding overspending.

The workshop is open to the public; registration by Friday, Nov. 18 is encouraged. Call 501-5160 to register or to obtain additional information.

November 14, 2011

CONTACT: Kim Sicola, Assistant Supervisor, Historic Preservation and Museum Services, Recreation and Parks
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Valentine Richmond History Center to offer free viewing of Henrico exhibit Sunday

Area residents can take a free tour of a photo exhibit depicting Henrico history when the Valentine Richmond History Center hosts "Henrico County Day" from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 at the center, 1015 E. Clay Street.

The Valentine Richmond History Center is offering free admission and light refreshments in honor of Henrico's 400th anniversary. The event is open to the public.

"Into Focus: Henrico County through the Camera" features photos tracing cultural and architectural changes in the county from the 19th century to present. The exhibit chronicles Henrico's five magisterial districts and provides images of the county's historic sites as well as scenes of everyday life, such as schools, bridges, private homes and shopping centers. The exhibit includes photos from the collections of both the history center and the county.

The event also will feature a 2 p.m. gallery talk by exhibit curators Kim Sicola of Henrico's Division of Recreation and Parks and Meg Hughes of Valentine Richmond History Center.

For more information about Henrico County Day, contact the Valentine Richmond History Center at (804) 649-0711, ext. 301 or visit www.richmondhistorycenter.com.

For information about Henrico's 400th anniversary, go to www.henrico400th.com.

November 8, 2011

CONTACT: Mark Coakley, General Registrar, Voter Registration and Elections Office
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Small number of Henrico voters affected by poll book problem

A small number of voters at 19 Henrico County precincts are being asked to cast provisional ballots today due to technical difficulties with electronic poll books. The provisional ballots will be counted as regular ballots, said General Registrar Mark Coakley.

When polls opened this morning, officials with Henrico's Voter Registration and Elections Office identified 954 voters that had been assigned mistakenly to a precinct adjacent to their actual precinct. These voters are going to the correct location to cast their ballot, Coakley said, but are not listed in the poll book. Virginia State Board of Elections policy requires these voters to cast a provisional ballot.

"Because we identified the affected voters immediately, all votes cast by these voters on provisional ballots will be counted as regular ballots," Coakley said.

The 19 affected precincts are spread across the county: Maude Trewett, Adams, Belmont, Fairfield, Ratcliffe, Wilder, Three Chopt, Derbyshire, Gayton, Maybeury, Mooreland, Skipwith, Welborne, Cedar Fork, Chickahominy, Highland Springs, Montrose, Nine Mile and Pleasants.

Voters assigned to these precincts should continue to proceed to their regular polling place; the vast majority of them will not be affected. The number of voters identified as being mistakenly assigned to an incorrect precinct is less than half of 1 percent of Henrico's 199,724 registered voters, Coakley noted.

November 7, 2011

CONTACT: Nicole Gore, Coordinator, Henrico Too Smart 2 Start Coalition, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services
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Henrico coalition seeks nominees for Community Champions Awards

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9. The meeting will be delayed one day due to the general election on Tuesday. Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services and the Henrico Too Smart 2 Start Coalition are seeking youth and adult nominees for the 2012 Community Champions Awards. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, Nov. 23.

The awards program recognizes young people who have provided exemplary, selfless service to an individual, an agency or the community without monetary gain. Past honorees have engaged in a range of volunteer activities, such as leading fund-raising efforts to benefit charitable causes, contributing volunteer service to nonprofit organizations and serving as tutors at local schools. Nominees must be Henrico residents between the ages of 12 to 18 as of Jan. 1, 2012 and still attending school.

The Community Champions Awards also will salute adult volunteers and professionals for their work to build a healthier community for young people through a variety of prevention and education programs. Past honorees have demonstrated a strong commitment to reducing risk factors for youth and helping young people develop skills to become productive citizens.

Nomination forms and additional information are available from Nicole Gore at 222-2607 or gor04@co.henrico.va.us. Nominations must be submitted by Nov. 23. Award winners will be honored at a ceremony Jan. 24.

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

November 7, 2011

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors
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Henrico Board of Supervisors to meet Wednesday

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9. The meeting will be delayed one day due to the general election on Tuesday.

Henrico's board regularly meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Government Center Board Room, 4301 E. Parham Road. Call 501-4318 for more information.

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