



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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Henrico seeks public input on renewal of franchise for Comcast Cable

Henrico County has created the website www.co.henrico.va.us/gensen/cablefranchise to receive public input as it begins the process of renewing a franchise with Comcast to operate a cable television system in the county.

Residents are encouraged to provide comments regarding Comcast's performance and quality of service since the current franchise agreement began in May 2006. They also can discuss the community's future cable-related needs and how Comcast could serve the community over the course of a renewed franchise agreement. The website offers a submission form and background information about the renewal process, including the current franchise agreement and Henrico's ordinance governing cable television.

Residents also can provide comments by sending an email to cablerenewal@co.henrico.va.us; by calling (804) 501-5153 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; or by writing a letter to the attention of Michelle Buresh, Henrico County Department of General Services, P.O. Box 90775, Henrico VA 23273-0775. A random sample of county residences will be mailed a survey as well.

Henrico is planning to hold public information meetings regarding franchise renewal in the spring. Dates, times and locations will be announced later.

Federal law allows Henrico to award nonexclusive cable franchises and prohibits the provision of cable service without a franchise in most circumstances. Comcast's current seven-year franchise will expire May 14, 2013.

October 19, 2011

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors
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The National Association of Counties (NACo) has appointed 11 Henrico County officials to the association's policy-making committees and governing bodies for 2011-12.

Members of Henrico's Board of Supervisors received the following appointments:

- Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, Human Services and Education steering committee;
- Vice Chairman and Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover, Transportation steering committee;
- Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele, Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs steering committee; and
- Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon, Telecommunications and Technology steering committee; Essential County Technology subcommittee of the Information Technology standing committee;
- Varina District Supervisor James B. Donati, Jr., Community and Economic Development steering committee.

In addition, several county officials also received committee appointments:

- County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., Justice and Public Safety steering committee;
- Deputy County Manager George T. Drumwright, Jr., vice chair, Medicaid and Indigent Care subcommittee of the Health steering committee;
- Deputy County Manager Robert K. Pinkerton, P.E., Public Lands steering committee;
- Deputy County Manager Randall R. Silber, Environment, Energy and Land Use steering committee;
- Deputy County Manager Angela N. Harper, Information Technology standing committee; and
- Capital Region Workforce Partnership Director Rosalyn D. Key-Tiller, Labor and Employment steering committee.

The only nationwide organization representing county governments before Congress and the White House, NACo works to improve county government and increase public understanding of the role of counties. The association's 11 steering committees, each comprised of 60 to 100 county officials, form its policy-making arm. The committees and other governing bodies meet several times annually to examine issues key to local government and to make recommendations on legislative policies and goals.

October 17, 2011

CONTACT: Kim Sicola, Assistant Supervisor, Historic Preservation and Museum Services, Recreation and Parks
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Henrico's 400th anniversary culminates with 'Hunt for Henrico History' on Nov. 5

Henrico County's 400th anniversary celebration will turn the spotlight onto community and family history at the "Hunt for Henrico History," set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave.

The free event is the final public event in Henrico's yearlong 400th anniversary commemoration.

"Hunt for Henrico History" will explore the county's diverse history through living-history presentations and historical displays highlighting neighborhoods, schools, churches and civic organizations. Residents are encouraged to share their part in Henrico's story by bringing photos, historical documents, mementos and other family heirlooms for a show-and-tell segment. Preservation experts will be on hand to offer advice for the proper care, handling and storage of these items.

Special activities for kids include arts and crafts and an American Girl program featuring Kaya, the American Indian doll.

The event will take place at Henrico's newest and largest recreation facility. Opened on Oct. 8, the 25,773-square-foot Eastern Henrico Recreation Center features a regulation high school gymnasium, weight room and fitness center, dance studio, classrooms and more; the environmentally friendly building was designed and

constructed according to the rigorous standards of the LEED program. The 24-acre site also includes a football complex, 360-meter track, multipurpose athletic field and walking trails.

For more information about "Hunt for Henrico History" and the county's 400th anniversary, call (804) 501-1611 or visit www.henrico400th.com.

October 12, 2011

CONTACT: Veta Herbaugh, Executive Assistant, Board of Supervisors
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Varina town meeting Oct. 17 to discuss boosting higher education opportunities

The next town meeting of Varina District Supervisor Jim Donati will examine ways to enhance access to higher education for eastern Henrico residents. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17 at the Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nine Mile Road.

Dr. Gary Rhodes, president of J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, will join Donati to discuss conceptual plans for increasing college opportunities for residents of the Varina area. A question-and-answer period will follow.

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

October 12, 2011

CONTACT: Edwin W. Smith, Chief, Division of Fire
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Henrico to dedicate Fire Station no. 12 Tuesday

Henrico County will hold a public dedication ceremony for the newly renovated and expanded Fire Station no. 12 at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the station, 3803 West End Drive.

Originally constructed in 1974 on the same site, the expanded station covers 10,551 square feet and contains an extended two-bay, drive-through garage that can accommodate the station's ladder truck, engine and ambulance. It also includes a shop, EMS storage room and is equipped with an emergency generator capable of powering the entire station for three days before refueling.

Staffed with 31 personnel, Fire Station no. 12 features enhanced living quarters, an expanded kitchen and dayroom and skylights for natural lighting. It includes an exercise room, office area and a separate conference room as well.

The \$1.85-million facility was constructed in accordance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program standards and is seeking LEED-Silver certification.

The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony, which will be followed by a reception and tours of the station. Additional public parking will be available at Westhunt Baptist Church, 3801 West End Drive.

For more information, contact Henrico Fire at 501-5877.



October 7, 2011

CONTACT: Lt. Shawn Sears, Animal Protection Supervisor
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Henrico rabies clinic set for Oct. 15

The Henrico County Division of Police will hold a rabies clinic on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at gate four of Richmond International Raceway.

Shots cost \$8, cash only, and include a rabies tag and certificate of inoculation. Cats must be held in pet carriers. Dog owners may purchase a 2011 license for \$10 with proof of rabies inoculation.

Lt. Shawn Sears, supervisor of Henrico Police's Animal Protection unit, encourages residents to vaccinate their pets.

"(Vaccination) will ensure the safety of our residents' pets and will help protect the community as well," Sears said.

Cats and dogs ages 4 months and older are required to be vaccinated for rabies. Contact Animal Protection at 727-8800 for more information.

October 6, 2011

CONTACT: Anna McRay, Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management, Division of Fire
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Disaster Loan Outreach centers closing at 7 p.m. today

Henrico County residents and businesses working to recover from Hurricane Irene have until 7 p.m. to obtain in-person assistance with disaster loan applications at two area Disaster Loan Outreach centers operated by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). After the centers close, the SBA will continue to provide assistance online and by telephone.

The SBA is closing at 7 p.m. its walk-in Disaster Loan Outreach centers at the New Kent Visitor Center, 7324 Vineyards Parkway in New Kent; and at Petersburg Station, 100 W. Washington St. in Petersburg.

Homeowners can obtain low-interest loans up to \$200,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters can apply for loans up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. Businesses and nonprofit organizations of any size are eligible for loans up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets.

Residents and businesses also can ask questions and receive assistance with loan applications by calling the SBA at 1-800-659-2955, sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by visiting the SBA website at www.sba.gov. The deadline to file an application for property damage is Nov. 21; the deadline to file an application for economic injury is June 21, 2012.

Contact the SBA for additional information.

October 4, 2011

CONTACT: Linda Leigh, Executive Assistant, Board of Supervisors
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Fairfield meeting Oct. 10 to tour new medical center

The next constituent meeting of Henrico County Board of Supervisors Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank Thornton will offer an inside look at the recently

opened JenCare Neighborhood Medical Center, located in the Glen Lea Shopping Center, 3806 Mechanicsville Turnpike. The meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10 at the facility.

JenCare officials will lead a tour of the senior-focused medical center, which is designed to provide primary and multi-specialty care and additional services for Medicare-eligible patients. The officials 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.

October 4, 2011

CONTACT: Edwin W. Smith, Chief, Division of Fire
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Henrico to dedicate Fire Station no. 8 on Saturday

Henrico County will hold a public dedication ceremony for the newly renovated and expanded Fire Station no. 8 at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at the station, 8000 Patterson Avenue.

The new station more than doubles the size of the original Fire Station no. 8, built in 1950 on the same site. The 8,234-square-foot facility features a two-bay, drive-through garage and houses an engine company, an attack pumper and a reserve engine. Like all new Henrico fire stations, it is equipped with an emergency generator capable of powering the entire station for three days before refueling. Staffed with 13 personnel, the station features enhanced Henrico voters approved funding for the \$2.05 million station in the 2000 bond referendum.

The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony, which will be followed by a reception and tours of the station. Additional public parking will be available at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 1101 Forest Avenue.

For more information, contact Henrico Fire at 501-5877.



October 3, 2011

CONTACT: Kendra Young, Extension Agent
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Henrico 4-H apple, peanut and honey sale now under way; orders due by Oct. 21

The Henrico County Extension Office has launched its annual 4-H apple, peanut and honey sale. Proceeds will benefit local 4-H youth programs.

The sale features Virginia-grown produce:

- Winesap and York apples, \$16 per half bushel;
- Raw peanuts, with recipes, \$9 per two-pound sack;
- Deluxe cocktail peanuts, salted and unsalted, \$12 per two-pound sack; and
- Honey, \$7 per one-pound jar.

Order forms are available at the Extension Office, located in the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive; at any Henrico County library; online at www.co.henrico.va.us/extension; and by calling 501-5160 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Because supplies are limited, orders placed after Friday, Oct. 21 will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Staff will distribute orders Nov. 8-9 at the Human Services Building loading dock.

Contact the Extension Office for more information.

October 3, 2011

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Tuckahoe town meeting Oct. 10 to examine utilities' response to Irene

The next town meeting of Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will examine the effect of Hurricane Irene on local utilities and their response in the aftermath of the storm. The meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10 at Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive.

Representatives from Dominion Virginia Power, Comcast and Verizon will discuss the impact of the storm and their companies' efforts to restore electricity, phone and cable services. Officials from the State Corporation Commission and Henrico General Services Director Chris Winstead also will be on hand. The officials will join O'Bannon for a question-and-answer period.

Tuckahoe town meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 501-4208 or log on to www.patobannon.com.

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