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Henrico to install flashing-yellow traffic signals to improve safety

The Henrico County Department of Public Works will install new traffic signals at four intersections during the week of Feb. 6 to help motorists better understand the need to yield to oncoming traffic before turning left.

The signals will feature a new flashing yellow arrow, which will indicate that motorists may proceed after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. The signals will replace ones that have permitted left turns by showing a solid green circle with a sign that says, "Left Turn Yield on Green". The flashing yellow arrow will appear during the signal's normal cycles, which also will guide motorists with solid red, green and yellow arrows.

The Federal Highway Administration and Virginia Department of Transportation have approved the use of flashing yellow signals in light of research showing they reduce the number of left-turn accidents by more clearly conveying that motorists must yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians before proceeding.

The Traffic Engineering Division will install the new signals at the following intersections: Hungary Road and West End Drive; Hungary Road and Francistown Road; Gaskins Road and Ridgefield Parkway; and Creighton Road and Cedar Fork Road. Motorists may experience temporary delays during installation.

Engineers plan to monitor the signals for about one month before deciding whether to install them at additional intersections.



January 24, 2012

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Henrico program to recognize Community Champions, Outstanding Youth on Jan. 24

Henrico Area Mental Health and Developmental Services and the Henrico Too Smart 2 Start Coalition will recognize seven youth and adult leaders for their volunteer efforts and work to improve the lives of county youth.

The 16th annual Community Champions and Outstanding Youth Awards ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the Strawberry Hill Ballroom of the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave. Steve Hixon, prevention coordinator with Henrico Area Mental Health and Developmental Services (MH/DS), will be the keynote speaker.

The program will honor Amber Blair, a student at Varina High School; Alyson Johnson, a student at Glen Allen High School; Andrew Smithwick, a student at Deep Run High School; Jordan Taylor, a student at Hermitage Technical Center; Gena Jones, a counselor at Varina High School; Kevin Robertson, president of Virginia Randolph Athletic Association; and Winifred Williams, a youth and family services community outreach coordinator with MH/DS.

The awards ceremony is being co-sponsored by Virginia Commonwealth University Honors College, the VCU Division of Community Engagement and the Henrico County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

The Henrico 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 information, log on to www.toosmart2start.com.

January 20, 2012

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Tuckahoe town meeting Jan. 31 to promote neighborhood safety

The next town meeting of Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will offer tips on how residents can protect their homes and property. The meeting will be held at 1 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31 in the Story Room of Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Dr.

Representatives of the Henrico County Division of Police will join O'Bannon at each session to discuss community policing initiatives and explain the process to establish a community watch program.

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

January 17, 2012

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Free tax assistance sites to open in Henrico Feb. 2

Eligible taxpayers can receive free help preparing their 2011 income tax return — and potentially increase their refunds by claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) — at sites hosted by MetroCASH and Henrico County.

The EITC is a refundable credit designed to help families and individuals who work and earn modest incomes — generally, families with children earning less than

\$49,078 and individuals without children earning less than \$13,660. The benefit could provide a federal refund of \$5,751 for families with three or more children and \$464 for individuals.

Trained volunteers will help eligible taxpayers prepare and file returns at 13 sites throughout the metropolitan area, including two in Henrico: Dumbarton Area Library; 6800 Staples Mill Road, Thursdays Feb. 2-April 12, 4-8 p.m., and Wednesdays Feb. 29-April 11, 4-8 p.m.; Fairfield Area Library, 1001 N. Laburnum Ave.; Saturdays Feb. 4-March 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

MetroCASH works to help qualifying families maximize their tax refunds. The organization also offers eligible taxpayers a free alternative to paid tax-preparation services. Last year, volunteers helped area residents file 2,093 tax returns, generating \$932,216 in EITC funds and a total of \$2,577,886 in federal returns. The free service saved clients an estimated \$418,600 in tax preparation fees.

Additional information is available at www.metrocash.org or by calling (804) 225-7915.

January 11, 2012

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Henrico names Foster deputy county manager for Community Operations

Henrico County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. announces the appointment of Timothy A. Foster, P.E. as deputy county manager for Community Operations, effective Jan. 28.



Foster, who currently serves as director of the Department of Public Works, will succeed Robert K. Pinkerton, P.E. who is retiring after more than 17 years in the position and 34 years with Henrico County.

As deputy county manager for Community Operations, Foster will have direct responsibilities over the departments of Public Utilities, Public Works and Real Property and the Division of Recreation and Parks — agencies with nearly 750 full-time personnel and combined budgets of more than \$132 million. He also will oversee the Henrico office of Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Foster began his Henrico career as an assistant traffic engineer in 1989. He later worked as traffic engineer and assistant director of Public Works before being appointed director of the agency in March 2009.

A native of Damascus, Va., Foster earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Virginia Tech University. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia. A member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers, Foster is a past president of the organization's Virginia section. He also is a member of the American Public Works Association.

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Henrico County Board of Supervisors elects chairman, vice chairman for 2012

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors has voted Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover chairman and Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele vice chairman for 2012. Each will serve a one-year term.

Glover is beginning his fifth term as board chairman, a position he held most recently in 2006. First elected Brookland District supervisor in 1987, Glover previously had served on the county's Planning Commission. He has served in leadership positions on a variety of national, statewide and regional governmental organizations, including the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Transportation steering committee, the Virginia Municipal League's (VML) Community and Economic Development policy committee, the Virginia Association of Counties' (VACo) Community Development and Planning steering committee and the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission. He also serves on Henrico's Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and the county's Board of Social Services.

Glover is a lifetime member of the Glen Allen Youth Athletic Association and the Hermitage High School Band and Auxiliary Boosters. A native of Victoria, Va., he is a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

The longest-serving member of Henrico's board, Kaechele was first elected to represent the Three Chopt District in 1979. He has served on a variety of governmental and civic boards and organizations, including NACo, VML, VACo, the Richmond Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Capital Region Airport Commission, the Greater Richmond Partnership and the Richmond Metropolitan Authority Stadium Operating Committee. A retired senior development engineer for Reynolds Metals Company, he is a graduate of Michigan State University and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

January 4, 2012

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Henrico to host free 'Survivor Day' classes Jan. 14

Area residents can learn how to prepare for — and live through — natural disasters and other emergencies at Survivor Day, a free event hosted by Henrico County on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Henrico Training Center, 7701 E. Parham Road.

Participants will get medical, fire and safety tips for keeping their homes and families safe during hurricanes, tornadoes, winter storms and similar emergencies. Program topics include living at home without electricity for 72 hours or longer; packing for an emergency departure from home; and preparing a disaster supplies kit.

Emergency and community-response professionals will lead the classes. Attendees will receive a free backpack and survivor-kit supplies.

Pre-registration is required and is available online at www.survivorday.com or by calling Henrico's Office of Emergency Management at (804) 501-7183.

Henrico is one of seven area localities participating in Survivor Day, which is presented by the Central Virginia Urban Area Security Initiative. Classes will be held at additional sites throughout the metropolitan region. Visit the Survivor Day website for more information.

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