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Henrico to provide free curbside pickup of storm debris

The Henrico County Department of Public Utilities (DPU) will provide residents with free curbside pickup of tree limbs and other yard debris that was left by the storm on Monday, June 25.

To receive the special service, residents must register in advance by calling (804) 501-4275. Registrations will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 2 through Monday, July 9, excluding the July 4 holiday and weekend.

DPU will pick up only residential yard debris, including small trees, limbs and branches, that meets the following criteria:

- Debris must be placed curbside or along the edge of a nearby public road;
- Limbs must not exceed four inches in diameter or four feet in length;
- Limbs and other debris must weigh less than 50 pounds; and
- Small items, including sticks, must be bundled.

Root balls, trunks and logs from large trees, bagged yard debris and storm-related household waste, including scrap wood, drywall, roofing materials and spoiled food, will not be collected as part of the special storm-related service.

DPU expects to complete all pickups in the coming weeks. A schedule for pickups cannot be guaranteed and will be based on the number of registrations received.

At no cost, Henrico residents also can take storm-related yard debris to the public-use areas of the Springfield Road Landfill, at 10600 Fords Country Lane, and the Charles City Road Landfill, at 2075 Charles City Road. Both areas are open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Henrico accepts storm debris at landfills, through pickup service

Henrico County residents can clean up yard debris left by Monday afternoon's storms through services of the Henrico Department of Public Utilities (DPU).

Without paying a fee, residents can take vegetative debris, including brush and tree limbs, to the public-use areas of the Springfield Road Landfill, at 10600 Fords Country Lane, and the Charles City Road Landfill, at 2075 Charles City Road. Both areas are open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Residents also can arrange for a bulky waste pickup by calling (804) 501-4275. The cost is \$43. Limbs must not exceed 4 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length. Details are available at www.co.henrico.va.us/utility. Click the links to "Solid Waste" and "Bulky Waste Collections." (click [here](#))

The drop-off and pickup services and their costs are standard for DPU.

June 26, 2012

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Henrico to build new Dumbarton Area Library at Staples Mill Centre

Henrico County plans to build a new Dumbarton Area Library on a parcel provided in Staples Mill Centre, a mixed-use community to be developed by Gumenick Properties between West Broad Street and Staples Mill Road near Libbie Avenue.

Under an agreement approved Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors, the three-story library will be built beside a two-acre lake with a fountain, creating an attractive gathering place surrounded by residences and shops. The library, which will have 50,000 to 60,000 square feet of floor space, is expected to be under construction in spring 2014 with an opening slated for fall 2016.

"This agreement represents an exciting collaboration between the public and private sectors," said Richard W. Glover, chairman of the Board of Supervisors and supervisor for the Brookland District. "The new library will be a tremendous resource for Henrico residents and will be a focal point for other activity in Staples Mill Centre, which in turn will generate jobs and economic activity for the area."

Under the agreement, Henrico will receive the 3.3-acre library site at no cost. It will contribute \$250,000 toward the construction of a lake plaza and other pedestrian features and will make a one-time payment of \$150,000 in lieu of annual fees to a property owners association.

In exchange, Gumenick Properties will prepare the library site for construction. The company also will extend utilities and build roads and amenities, including the lake, plaza, walks, lighting and landscaping. Storm water runoff from the library will be managed offsite as part of the development of Staples Mill Centre.

Gumenick Properties estimates that when completed the cost of all buildings and improvements in Staples Mill Centre will be about \$434 million.

"We're proud to have the library in the neighborhood," said Wayne A. Chasen, president and CEO of Gumenick Properties. "The facility complements our vision for Staples Mill Centre as a vibrant community, a regional destination and a pedestrian-friendly environment for people living near and in Staples Mill Centre."

Before the library opens, Gumenick Properties will begin construction on the first of four private buildings that are planned along Staples Mill. The company will start construction of a second building before the first anniversary of the library's opening.

The library is expected to cost about \$30.5 million. Initially, only the building's first and second floors will be finished. The facility will have 236 surface parking spaces.

Henrico voters approved funding in the 2005 bond referendum to replace the Dumbarton Area Library. The current Dumbarton Area Library, at 6800 Staples Mill, is

about 1.5 miles west of the site for Staples Mill Centre. At 22,500 square feet, the library opened in 1976 following a renovation of what had been Dumbarton Elementary School.

The 80-acre Staples Mill Centre is planned in accordance with the land's urban-mixed use zoning designation, which was approved in 2007. Upon completion, the community will have about 2,000 residential units, plus 100,000 square feet of retail space and 50,000 square feet of office space.

Based in Henrico, Gumenick Properties is an award-winning real-estate development and property management company with operations throughout the Southeast. Founded in the late-1940s, the company engages primarily in the development and operation of apartments and in homebuilding. Gumenick Properties is currently developing the Grayson Hill and Monument Square communities in Henrico.

June 25, 2012

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Keep Henrico Beautiful honors attractive residential, business properties

The Keep Henrico Beautiful Committee has selected the winners of its annual awards that recognize residential and commercial properties that are attractively landscaped and maintained.

The 2012 Land Lover and Clean Business awards will be presented to the 10 winners during the Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday. The recipients, who represent a residential and a commercial property from each of Henrico's five magisterial districts, also will be commended on signs placed at their properties.

The winners of the Land Lover award for residential properties are Andrew and Linda Young of the Brookland District, Norman and Margaret Jones of the Fairfield District, Charlotte Bales of the Three Chopt District, Marti Proctor of the Tuckahoe District and Sue and Allen Wimett of the Varina District.

The winners of the Clean Business award are Ray's Italian Water Ice of the Brookland District, BB&T of the Fairfield District, BB&T of the Three Chopt District, Rivah Flowers and Gifts, Inc. of the Tuckahoe District and Varina Veterinary Clinic of the Varina District.

The Keep Henrico Beautiful Committee has presented the awards annually since 1995 to promote high standards for property maintenance. To be eligible for the Land Lover award, residents must perform their own landscaping and lawn care. Nominees for either award must participate in a recycling program, such as composting, curbside pickup or drop-off service.

Photos of winning properties will be posted after Tuesday's meeting at www.co.henrico.va.us/utility/keep-henrico-beautiful/awards/.

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Henrico County Television wins Emmy for program on early TV in Central Virginia

A feature program produced for Henrico County Television won a 2011 Emmy from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

The 29-minute program "Airwaves of Yesteryear: Early Television in Central Virginia," produced and directed by Geoff Weidele, received the award in the category of arts and entertainment program or special. The winners were announced during The 54th Emmy Awards ceremony held Saturday at the Newseum in Washington.



The Emmy marks the first won by Weidele and the fourth by Henrico County Public Relations & Media Services since it launched HCTV in 2003 to produce original programming focused on Henrico.

A graduate of James Madison University, Weidele joined HCTV in 2005. He has worked for more than 25 years in television production, including for local television and video production companies in the metro Richmond and Northern Virginia areas.

Two other programs produced by HCTV were nominated for Emmys in 2011, both in the historical documentary category. They were "Henrico's Legacy: Commemorating 400 Years" produced and directed by Steven Dunn and Ben Sheppard, and "Richard Evelyn Byrd: Admiral of the Antarctic," produced and directed by Sheppard.

All three programs have been broadcast on HCTV and are available online at: www.co.henrico.va.us/pr/channel-17/online-programs.html.

June 5, 2012

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Henrico collects national awards for jail academy, other programs

Henrico County has earned 20 Achievement awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo), plus a Best of Category honor for a Sheriff's Office program that allows qualifying college students to earn credits toward a degree in criminal justice.

The awards will be presented during the 2012 NACo annual conference July 13-17 in Pittsburgh. The NACo Achievement Award Program recognizes groundbreaking programs in a variety of service areas, including children and youth, administration, parks and recreation, health and human services.

"The NACo awards are truly noteworthy achievements in which all of us can take great pride," County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. said. "I have said time and again that the reason we are considered one of the best-run counties in America is because of the high quality and extraordinary professionalism of our staff, a strength that has been nurtured and developed over many years. These awards reflect the excellence of our organization and are well deserved."

In 2012, Henrico had more winning programs than any other county in Virginia and the fifth most nationally, trailing only Los Angeles County, Calif.; Maricopa County, Ariz.; Miami-Dade County, Fla.; and San Diego County, Calif. Since 2000, Henrico has won 191 NACo awards, including 22 in 2011 — the most of any Virginia county and the sixth most nationally.

Henrico's awards for 2012 recognize the efforts of 10 departments and agencies to modernize county government and to better serve the needs of residents. Henrico County Public Schools earned eight awards, the most of any Henrico department or agency. The programs and agencies recognized by NACo are:

"Summer-Student Basic Academy," Sheriff's Office: A collaboration of the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Human Resources, the program allows students who are studying criminal justice at Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Union University to earn college and internship credits, plus certification as a correctional deputy from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. The program was selected for a Best of Category award in the criminal justice and public safety group.

"Historical County Data Book," County Manager's Office: With information on Henrico from 1790 to the present, the data book was created at the request of the 2011 Commemoration Advisory Commission and serves as a resource to residents and the public via the county's website.

"Sustaining Civic Education Throughout a 400th Anniversary Commemoration," County Manager's Office: To help mark Henrico's 400th anniversary as the second English settlement in the New World, the 2011 Commemoration Advisory Commission and county staff created a comprehensive program that spurred resident and business involvement for 16 months and focused on civic education, public information, partnerships, historic research and tourism.

"iBusiness System," Department of Finance: A system created to help correct the misallocation of local sales- and use-tax revenues, iBusiness has improved

auditing functions, boosted total revenue from corrections and produced higher average corrections per account.

"Henrico Advantage Card," Department of Finance: Established to support local businesses, the free card gives residents rewards and discounts to more than 100 participating restaurants and other businesses across the county.

"Competencies in Action: Preparing Employees for the Workforce of Tomorrow," Department of Human Resources: In recognition of the demands of a rapidly changing work environment, the initiative developed a set of core competencies that reflect the skills and behaviors required of all employees, not just those in leadership positions.

"eBooks Launched at the Public Library," Public Library: Following an extensive planning process that included focus groups and surveys, the Public Library expanded its offerings of free, digital content by launching OverDrive, which provides eBooks and audiobooks that can be accessed on a variety of mobile devices.

"A New Lease on Life," Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services: A joint project of Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services, a community services board and CrossOver Ministry, "A New Lease on Life" serves patients who have diabetes and depression by providing access to a full-time clinician and 10 hours of psychiatric services per week.

"3-C Report Base Data Update," Department of Planning: The project updated and improved the accuracy of each component of the 3-C (Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive) Transportation Report, including population, housing and land use data that is used by county officials and others in making decisions that affect residents and county operations.

"Henrico Police Logistics Regional Incident Response Unit," Division of Police: Paralleling techniques adopted under the federal homeland security effort, the unit allows sustaining support during long-term emergencies in Henrico and elsewhere in the region. The unit has provided such assistance as remote lighting, rehabilitative services, specialized equipment, food and water.

"400th Anniversary Employee Training and Support," Division of Recreation and Parks: To support the celebration of Henrico's 400th anniversary in 2011, 224 employees who regularly interact with the public received advance training in the county's history, the commemoration and marketing plans.

"Henrico African-American History Initiative," Division of Recreation and Parks: To promote a united commemoration of Henrico's 400th anniversary in 2011, the initiative developed a governmental and community partnership that focused on further preserving and interpreting African-American history as a cultural asset for Henrico tourism. The initiative resulted in the renovation and reopening of the Virginia E. Randolph Museum, a panel exhibit and reception on African-American trailblazers, a two-day tribute to African-American history in music and stories, the preservation of Springfield School and an African-American heritage bus tour.

"Capturing the History of Henrico County Public Schools," Henrico County Public Schools: To provide a comprehensive record of the past and a blueprint for future success, each school community captured and digitally maintained the school's history using oral histories, documents, photographs, school registers, newsletters and yearbooks.

"Hallway of Hope — Bringing Light & Joy to Cancer Patients Through Children's Art," Henrico County Public Schools: Through a partnership with Henrico Doctors' Hospital, a permanent art exhibit featuring the work of Henrico students enlivens a hallway that connects a parking garage to the hospital building. The inspirational exhibit was envisioned in 2010 by a mother of two elementary students who was receiving radiation therapy for breast cancer.

"Henrico Federal Credit Union: A Financial Education Partnership," Henrico County Public Schools: To promote financial literacy among students, student-run satellite branches of the Henrico Federal Credit Union (HFCU) were opened at three high schools to serve school-based staff and students. The effort is supported by a full-time financial literacy specialist who serves as a teacher-liaison.

"On-Time Graduation in Henrico County," Henrico County Public Schools: To help track how well students are being prepared for the future, the initiative was created to keep students attending school and earning credits toward graduation. It provides individualized support, student-specific interventions and nine credit-recovery options.

"Partnership with FLiPM and Henrico Business and Marketing Classes," Henrico County Public Schools: To enhance the workplace readiness skills that are taught in Career and Technical Education (CTE), business and marketing teachers partnered with PM Harmony, Future Leaders in Project Management (FLiPM) and the local chapter of Project Management Professionals to adopt the globally recognized standards, terminology and methodology of the Project Management Institute. The standards provide additional rigor and relevance to the CTE curriculum and are designed to prepare students for employment whether they go on to college or directly enter the workforce.

"Reflective Friends: A Measure of 21st Century Instruction," Henrico County Public Schools: The Reflective Friends process uses a series of classroom observations and interviews with students and teachers to provide schools with objective data on their efforts to create learning environments that prepare students for an ever-changing world.

"Succession Plan for School Leaders," Henrico County Public Schools: To ensure the district will continue to produce effective, accountable leaders, Henrico County Public Schools created an associate principal position and a structured training program to prepare eligible administrators for school leadership positions.

"Young Henrico Historians & Explorers," Henrico County Public Schools: An initiative that was researched and developed by Henrico educators and historians provides an overview of Henrico's geography, history, economy, government and school system. The information is presented to help fifth-graders learn and appreciate the county's history.

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