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Henrico emergency shelters open

Henrico County will open emergency shelters for residents at 6 p.m. at Elko Middle School, 5901 Elko Road; and at John Rolfe Middle School, 6901 Messer Road. Food and bottled water will be provided; residents with special dietary needs should bring their own food. Blankets and basic bedding will be provided; residents should bring their own pillows, toiletries, medicines and other comfort items. Residents are welcome to bring their electronic devices for recharging. Pets are allowed at the shelters. With the exception of service animals, pets will be kept in a separate location at the shelter. Residents will need to provide food for their pets.

Residents can call the Henrico storm hotline at (804) 501-7900 for more information.

Oct. 10, 2012

CONTACT: Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., Henrico County Manager
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Henrico names McDowell as fire chief

Henrico County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. announces the appointment of Anthony E. McDowell as chief of the Division of Fire, effective Oct. 20.

McDowell, who has been serving as battalion chief of administration in the Henrico Division of Fire, will succeed Edwin W. Smith, who retired in September after five years as fire chief.

As fire chief, McDowell will oversee a department with 539 employees, including more than 500 state-certified firefighters, and a budget of \$49.6 million for fiscal 2012-13.

The Division of Fire provides fire protection and prevention services and is the primary provider of emergency medical services in Henrico. The department manages 20 fire stations and a training facility and covers an area encompassing 244 square miles. It also operates a regional hazardous materials team and provides technical rescue, ground search and water rescue. The Division of Fire responded to more than 39,000 calls in fiscal 2011-12.

McDowell joined the Division of Fire in 1997 as a firefighter. He later rose to fire lieutenant and fire captain before becoming battalion chief of administration in 2011. He holds a bachelor's degree in geography from Virginia Tech and a master's degree in public administration from the University of North Texas. He is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Virginia Fire Prevention Association, Virginia Chapter of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors and Central Virginia All Hazards Incident Management Team. He is certified as an executive fire officer by the U.S. Fire Administration and a chief fire officer by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Oct. 5, 2012

CONTACT: Steven J. Yob, P.E., Director, Henrico County Department of Public Works
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North Gayton extension opens to traffic on Oct. 6

The North Gayton Road Extension will open to traffic on Saturday, Oct. 6, improving access to northwestern Henrico County and relieving traffic on Pouncey Tract Road and at West Broad Street's intersection with Pouncey Tract and Pump roads.

The road is tentatively expected to open by 1 p.m. The Henrico Department of Public Works recommends that motorists use caution as they acclimate to the new road and traffic patterns. Some work by contractors will be ongoing.

The 2.1-mile project has provided a new, divided, six-lane road that extends North Gayton northward from West Broad. After a bridge crossing of Interstate 64, the North Gayton extension narrows to four lanes at a relocated Bacova Drive before linking to Pouncey Tract. In addition, Shady Grove Road has been widened to four lanes between Pouncey Tract and Twin Hickory Road.

The project includes sidewalks and pedestrian and bicycle paths, and, in some areas, curbs and gutters.

The \$48 million North Gayton extension project has been funded entirely by Henrico through the bond referendum approved by county voters in 2005. It was pursued as a design-build project through the Virginia Public-Private Transportation Act, which allowed the contractor to plan and construct the road to the county's specifications for a fixed price. The Board of Supervisors in September 2007 approved a contract with a group led by W.C. English of Lynchburg. Construction started in December 2009.

The North Gayton Extension is projected to carry as many as 15,000 vehicles per day.

Oct. 4, 2012

CONTACT: Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., Henrico County Manager
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Henrico names Steinhauser as director of Social Services

Henrico County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. announces the appointment of Cynthia J. Steinhauser as director of the Department of Social Services, effective Oct. 6.

Steinhauser, who has been serving as an assistant director of Social Services, will succeed Jane D. Crawley, who was promoted Sept. 8 to deputy county manager for



community services.

As director, Steinhauser will lead a department with 168 employees and a budget of \$14.6 million for fiscal 2012-13. Social Services assists individuals and families in meeting their basic needs, increases their capacity to live independently and provides protection for elderly and disabled adults and abused and neglected children. The department's programs include child and adult protective services, foster care, adoption, child day care and adult services. Social Services also administers benefits from such state and federal programs as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

A Henrico employee since 1998, Steinhauser served as manager of the human services division of Social Services before being promoted to assistant director. She holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and public administration from Radford University. Her professional affiliations include the Virginia Benefit Programs Organization, Virginia League of Social Services Executives and National Association of Counties.

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