



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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The Henrico County Department of Public Works will temporarily alter traffic patterns on roads around Richmond International Raceway (RIR) to accommodate fans attending the NASCAR races Friday, Sept. 6 and Saturday, Sept. 7.

Motorists are advised to expect heavy traffic and delays in the area on both days, especially from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., before the races, and from 10:15 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., afterward.

Henrico Police officers will direct motorists before and after the races. Race fans and other motorists are encouraged to check traffic updates on message boards along interstates and other roads approaching RIR. WRVA-1140 AM will broadcast traffic reports.

The following traffic patterns will be in effect Saturday, Sept. 7 during peak hours:

- Carolina Avenue between Laburnum and Azalea avenues will be one-way outbound after the race. Access to businesses along Carolina Avenue will be maintained from Laburnum Avenue.
- Richmond-Henrico Turnpike/Meadowbridge Road from the Henrico/Hanover county line to Azalea Avenue will be one-way southbound from about 1 p.m. until the race starts. Sections of Meadowbridge Road farther north in Hanover County will continue to accommodate northbound and southbound traffic at all times.
- *After the race*, Laburnum Avenue from Carolina Avenue to Mechanicsville Turnpike will be one-way eastbound. Eastbound Laburnum Avenue from Richmond-Henrico Turnpike/Meadowbridge Road to Carolina Avenue will be closed until race traffic disperses. Two-way traffic will be maintained on Laburnum Avenue west of Richmond-Henrico Turnpike/Meadowbridge Road.
- *After the race*, beginning at about 10 p.m., Richmond-Henrico Turnpike/Meadowbridge Road north of Azalea Avenue will be one-way northbound to Atlee Road in Hanover County. Richmond-Henrico Turnpike/Meadowbridge Road will be restored to two-way traffic when race traffic disperses.
- *After the race*, three lanes of Azalea Avenue from Richmond-Henrico Turnpike/Meadowbridge Road to Henrico High School will be routed westbound; one lane will be routed eastbound. This change will require all median crossovers on Azalea Avenue from Richmond-Henrico Turnpike/Meadowbridge Road to Henrico High School to be closed from about 10 p.m. until race traffic disperses. Police will assist motorists turning from Azalea Avenue onto Thrush Lane and Pony Farm Drive.

While the traffic modifications are in effect, median crossovers on Laburnum Avenue will be closed from North Avenue to Mechanicsville Turnpike, except at Alma Avenue, Pilots Lane and Austin Avenue. Only right turns will be permitted to and from Laburnum Avenue. Police will be at these intersections before and after the race to assist motorists turning onto or crossing Laburnum Avenue.

On-street parking on major routes to RIR will be prohibited each day. Parking will be available for \$6 on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Richmond Coliseum parking deck at 501 N. Seventh St. in downtown Richmond. Free shuttle bus service to and from RIR will begin at 1 p.m.

The Henrico Division of Police recommends the following routes for traffic approaching the raceway:

- ***From the east (Hampton Roads area)*** — Follow Interstate 64 west to Interstate 295 north (Exit 200). Follow Interstate 295 north and exit onto Mechanicsville Turnpike west (Exit 37B). Follow Mechanicsville Turnpike to Laburnum Avenue. Turn right and proceed to the raceway.
- ***From the east (Route 360)*** — Follow Route 360 west (Mechanicsville Turnpike), cross Interstate 295 and continue west to Laburnum Avenue. Turn right and proceed to the raceway.
- ***From the east (local traffic)*** — Follow Interstate 64 west and take the Laburnum Avenue exit (Exit 195). Turn right and proceed to the raceway.
- ***From the north*** — Follow Interstate 95 south to the Interstate 295 east interchange (marked “To Norfolk-Williamsburg”). Follow Interstate 295 east and exit onto Meadowbridge Road west (Exit 38B). Follow Meadowbridge Road (Richmond-Henrico Turnpike) and proceed to the raceway.
- ***From the north (local traffic)*** — Follow Route 1 (Brook Road) to Azalea Avenue. Turn left onto Azalea Avenue and proceed to the raceway.
- ***From the west*** — Follow Interstate 64 east to the Interstate 295 south interchange (Exit 177). Follow Interstate 295 south and exit onto Meadowbridge Road west (Exit 38B). Follow Meadowbridge Road (Richmond-Henrico Turnpike) and proceed to the raceway.
- ***From the west (local traffic)*** — Follow Interstate 64 east to the Laburnum Avenue/Powwhite Parkway exit. Take the Laburnum Avenue exit, turn left and proceed to the raceway.
- ***From the south*** — Follow Interstate 95 north to the Interstate 295 interchange south of Petersburg. Follow Interstate 295 north and exit onto Mechanicsville Turnpike (Exit 37B). Follow Mechanicsville Turnpike to Laburnum Avenue. Turn right and proceed to the raceway.
- ***From the south (local traffic)*** — Follow Interstate 95 north to the Interstate 64 east interchange (Exit 75). Follow Interstate 64 to Route 360 east (Mechanicsville Turnpike). Follow Route 360 east to Laburnum Avenue. Turn left and proceed to the raceway.

August 22, 2013

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Varina meetings to highlight meals tax referendum

Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson will hold a series of Community Conversations meetings in September to provide information on Henrico County’s upcoming meals tax referendum.

The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9 at Varina High School, 7053 Messer Road; 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16 at Elko Middle School, 5901 Elko Road; and 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 19 at the Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nine Mile Road.

Nelson and county staff will lead the discussion, which will include a question-and-answer period.

As part of the general election ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 5, Henrico voters will be asked whether a 4 percent tax on prepared meals and beverages should be authorized in the county. All of the revenue generated by the tax would be used to boost funding for Henrico County Public Schools. For information on the Community Conversations meetings, call (804) 501-4208.

August 20, 2013

CONTACT: Patricia Shaw, Administrator, Henrico County Drug Court
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Henrico Drug Court to celebrate 10th anniversary with Sept. 17 gala

The Henrico County Drug Court will celebrate its 10 years of helping individuals overcome alcohol and drug addictions with a red carpet gala at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nine Mile Road.

The event is open to the public and will support various Drug Court activities, including Family Day functions and alumni gatherings. Tickets cost \$25 and may be purchased in advance. Checks payable to "Henrico County Community Partners, Inc." should be sent by Friday, Sept. 13 to Henrico Drug Court, attn. Patricia Shaw, P.O. Box 90775, Henrico, VA 23273.

The gala will feature a dessert bar and remarks by Circuit judges Catherine C. Hammond and Gary A. Hicks, County Manager John A. Vithoukias and a Drug Court graduate. The event also will include a showing of "Turning Point: Inside Henrico's Drug Court," an Emmy award-winning program produced by Henrico County Television, and an announcement of the first recipient of the Drug Court Champion Award.

The Henrico Drug Court started in 2003 after Hammond and Hicks began looking for ways to stop the cycle of individuals with alcohol and drug problems reappearing before the court.

Since its first docket on Jan. 24, 2003, the Drug Court has served more than 300 participants, including 122 graduates. A total of 58 individuals are currently enrolled. The voluntary program provides intensive treatment and strict supervision for at least 12 months, allowing participants to address their addictions, secure jobs, care for family members and satisfy court-ordered financial obligations.

For information on the gala, contact Drug Court Administrator Patricia Shaw at (804) 501-2301, ext. 222, or sha66@co.henrico.va.us.

August 16, 2013

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Henrico Extension to offer lawn care workshop in September

The Henrico County office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension will hold a free workshop Tuesday, Sept. 3 and Thursday, Sept. 12 to help residents grow healthy, attractive lawns naturally.

The workshop, "Improving Your Lawn the Natural Way," will be held Sept. 3 at the Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive; and Sept. 12 at the Fairfield Area Library, 1001 N. Laburnum Ave. Both sessions will begin at 7 p.m.

The class will offer tips for maintaining a healthy lawn using limited or no synthetic chemicals that could be harmful to pets or children.

The workshop is free, but participants are asked to register by calling (804) 501-5160. For information, go to www.co.henrico.va.us/extension.

August 12, 2013

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Henrico to provide free curbside pickup of storm debris through Aug. 26

Henrico County will provide residents with a limited, free curbside pickup of downed trees, limbs and other yard debris left by the severe thunderstorm on Saturday, Aug. 10.

The special collection will begin Monday, Aug. 12 and conclude Monday, Aug. 26. Residents are asked to place tree debris at the edge of the road, but without blocking ditches or gutters.

The collection will focus on the Laurel area — where storm damage was heaviest — specifically the area bounded by the CSX railroad to the west, East Parham Road to the south, Woodman Road to the east and Mountain Road to the north. Crews from the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) will be collecting tree waste in this area; residents do not need to request assistance.

Residents of other areas must call (804) 501-4275 to add their address to a list for storm debris pickup.

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.

Other waste, including appliances, bags of leaves or lawn clippings, demolition materials, lumber, shingles and loose leaves, will not be collected as part of the special service.

In addition, residents can take yard debris at no cost 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 wanting to dispose of large items may schedule a county pickup of bulky waste for \$43. For information, call (804) 501-4275.

August 11, 2013

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Henrico salutes Tuckahoe All-Stars, highlights county's recreation facilities and programs

Henrico County officials congratulate the Tuckahoe American Little League All-Stars for an outstanding season that carried the team to the brink of the 2013 Little League Baseball World Series. The team finished its campaign with a 15-1 record, not falling until the championship game of the Southeast Region in Warner Robins, Ga. on Friday.

Tuckahoe American's home fields are in western Henrico at the county's Tuckahoe Park. Henrico's Division of Recreation and Parks maintains the park's grounds and fields, while the league is organized independently by Tuckahoe Little League. Tuckahoe American narrowly missed becoming the fourth team from Tuckahoe Little League to reach the international stage of the Little League World Series.

"Henrico County is very proud of the Tuckahoe American All-Stars — with both their success on the field and the way they put such a good foot forward for our community," said Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon. "This has been a very exciting time for these boys, their families and friends. We want them to know that Henrico was behind them each step of the way."

O'Bannon noted Tuckahoe's players, as well as young athletes countywide, have honed their skills on some of the finest fields and facilities in the country — such as Glen Allen Stadium at RF&P Park, Dorey Park and Tuckahoe Park — benefiting the quality of play as well as the county's bottom line. Henrico has hosted more than 20 youth and adult sports tournaments this summer, bringing 17,000 visitors to the county and a \$10.5 million boost to the local economy. In 2013, Henrico's sports tourism program will draw more than 130 tournaments to county fields, with an estimated economic impact of \$36 million.

"Henrico County has invested in its park system over the years, and now we're seeing the rewards," O'Bannon said.

Additional information is available at www.henricorecandparks.com and at www.VisitHenrico.com.

August 7, 2013

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Henrico earns Virginia Association of Counties awards for two model programs

Henrico County won awards from the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) for programs that promote a safe learning environment within Henrico County Public Schools and document more than 40,000 historical artifacts maintained by the Division of Recreation and Parks.

Henrico was one of 10 counties to receive a 2013 Achievement Award from VACo in recognition of a model local government program. Henrico and Orange County each received two awards, the most of any county. VACo announced the awards Aug. 1 and will recognize the winners at the 2013 Annual Conference in November. VACo's Achievement Award program is in its 11th year.

Henrico received an award in the criminal justice and public safety category for its "Comprehensive School Safety Audit Process," which was developed by Henrico County Public Schools to provide students and staff with a safe environment in which to learn and work. The initiative led to the creation of a safety and crisis manual, which provides safety guidance to

schools and helps them develop a crisis plan that meets divisional expectations and considers unique characteristics of schools. In addition, schools follow a comprehensive safety audit protocol to continually monitor their adherence to safety standards and conditions.

Henrico also won an award in the recreation and parks category for "Museum Collection Management Program Database Documentation." As the custodian of more than 40,000 artifacts related to Henrico's history, the Museum Services section of the Division of Recreation and Parks strives to use the highest museum standards as it collects, documents, preserves and interprets the material culture of previous generations. By ensuring proper documentation of artifacts, Recreation and Parks is able to realize the full educational value of the county's collection and make the information accessible to the community.

August 6, 2013

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Henrico Master Gardener open house set for Aug. 22

The Henrico County Office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension will hold an open house Thursday, Aug. 22 for residents who are interested in learning about the Henrico Master Gardener program.

The open house will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 7 to 8 p.m. in the demonstration kitchen of the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive. There is no cost to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Participants will hear from Master Gardeners about the program and its requirements, as well as receive an application and cost information. The Henrico Master Gardener program provides training and instruction in all aspects of horticulture, including lawn care, trees, shrubs, vegetable gardening and pest management.

To register for the open house, call (804) 501-5160. Information also is available under the "Agriculture & Natural Resources" link at www.co.henrico.va.us/extension/.