



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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Henrico supervisors, deputy county managers appointed to Virginia Association of Counties committees

All five members of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors and three deputy county managers will serve on policy and operational committees of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) in 2014.

Members of the Board of Supervisors received this month the following appointments:

- Chairman and Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon, Administration of Government, Public Safety and Telecommunications Steering Committee; also represents Region 3 on the VACo Board of Directors;
- Vice Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, Education Steering Committee;
- Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover, Community Development and Planning Steering Committee;
- Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele, Finance Steering Committee; and
- Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson, Transportation Steering Committee and Nominations Committee.

Henrico administration officials who received appointments are:

- Deputy County Manager for Administration Joseph P. Casey, Finance Steering Committee;
- Deputy County Manager for Community Development Randall R. Silber, Environment and Agriculture Steering Committee; and
- Deputy County Manager for Community Services Jane D. Crawley, Health and Human Resources Steering Committee.

VACo committees review legislative requests from member counties, recommend an annual legislative program and provide policy guidance to VACo staff. The association represents local governments at the state and federal levels and provides a resource network for planning and implementing ideas and technologies.

January 24, 2014

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Henrico officials back CVWMA vote to refuse plan amendment on landfill's expansion

Henrico County officials applauded today's decision by the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) to deny a request to amend the Central Virginia Regional Waste Management Plan to allow expansion of the East End Landfill on Darbytown Road.

The CVWMA board of directors, representing 13 localities in the region, voted unanimously to deny the request. The East End Landfill, which accepts construction and demolition debris, had sought to expand its operations on the property.

At its Dec. 10, 2013 meeting, the Henrico County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to oppose amendment of the regional plan. Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson, whose Varina District is home to the landfill, spoke on behalf of Henrico's board at today's CVWMA meeting.

Nelson noted that there had been operational problems at the landfill for several years.

"Today's decision is the culmination of efforts by county staff, state legislators and the Board of Supervisors coming together on this issue," he said. "Today is a good day."

Deputy County Manager Randall R. Silber said that denial of the landfill's expansion proposal was consistent with the current plan and that the region's existing landfill space is more than adequate to meet the area's needs.

"CVWMA staff has reported there is sufficient landfill capacity to meet the region's construction and demolition debris needs for 117 years," Silber said. "Henrico County does not need the additional capacity and does not want it at the East End Landfill."

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Henrico to offer rabies vaccinations for pets Feb. 15

The Henrico County Division of Police will offer rabies vaccines for dogs and cats from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Henrico County Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road. The clinic will be on the first level of the parking deck adjacent to the Administration Building.

The vaccines cost \$10 and must be paid in cash. A rabies tag and certificate of inoculation are included. Pets from all localities are welcome. Cats must be in carriers.

Under Virginia law, dogs and cats 4 months of age and older must be vaccinated for rabies.

Henrico dog licenses will be available for \$10, for a one-year license, and \$15, for a three-year license. Officers will be available to discuss license options and vaccination requirements.

For information, call the Animal Protection Unit at (804) 727-8801 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

January 16, 2014

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Fairfield meeting Jan. 27 to spotlight services of Virginia Cooperative Extension

Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton will hold a constituent meeting Monday, Jan. 27 to highlight programs and services of the Henrico County office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension.

The Fairfield meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave. Thornton and representatives of Henrico Extension will lead the discussion, which will include a question-and-answer period.

The Virginia Cooperative Extension is a joint program of Virginia Tech, Virginia State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and state and local governments. It offers information and educational programs to individuals, families, organizations and communities in the areas of agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development and family and consumer sciences.

For information, call (804) 501-4208.

January 15, 2014

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors
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Henrico supervisors vote O'Bannon chairman, Thornton vice chairman for 2014

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday elected Patricia S. O'Bannon chairman and Frank J. Thornton vice chairman for 2014.

This year will mark O'Bannon's fourth service as board chairman, a position she held most recently in 2010. She first was elected Tuckahoe District supervisor in 1995 and currently is serving her fifth term on Henrico's board. She replaces Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele as chairman.



"Henrico County will remain steadfast in our role as a leader in this region (in 2014)," O'Bannon said. Henrico will continue to work hard to maintain its business-friendly climate, a trait for which the county is "noticed nationally," she said.

O'Bannon also discussed Mental Health First Aid, a new initiative that is training frontline county employees to recognize and respond to signs of mental illness when working with the public.

"This program is a new way to help save lives and assist people who may be experiencing mental health crises," she said. "It is one example of how Henrico County works very hard to provide excellent customer service to everyone."

O'Bannon serves on a variety of national, statewide and regional governmental organizations, including the National Association of Counties (NACo), Virginia Association of Counties (VACo), Virginia Executive Council for Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth and Families, Virginia Coalition for Open Government, Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Greater Richmond Partnership and the Henricus Foundation.

O'Bannon is a past recipient of the Patrick Henry Award for Government Service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and of Good Housekeeping magazine's Women in Government award. A Richmond native, she is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and a former English teacher, news editor for a local publication and development associate for public television.

Thornton, who first was elected to represent the Fairfield District in 1995, also is serving his fifth term on the Henrico board. He holds appointed positions with a number of organizations, including NACo, VACo, Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, Richmond Area MPO and the Maymont Foundation.

Thornton, a Richmond native, is a co-founder and past president of the Henrico County Civic League. He earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Union University and a master's degree from American University. He works as an assistant professor of French at Virginia Union, where he has received the university's Teacher of the Year award. He also is a recipient of the John Jasper Trailblazer Award from Richmond's Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church.



January 6, 2014

CONTACT: Barbara Herzog, Director, Henrico County Court Appointed Special Advocates
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Henrico CASA seeks volunteers for training as child advocates

Henrico County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will offer a training program beginning Saturday, March 1 for volunteers who would work in the court system on behalf of abused or neglected children.

The free, 10-session training course will include classes at the Henrico CASA office in suite A of the Hungary Spring Office Park, 3001 Hungary Spring Road. A swearing-in ceremony will follow Wednesday, April 2 at the Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer advocate must apply by Friday, Feb. 14, be at least 21 years old and have regular access to a computer. Applicants will be interviewed, fingerprinted and undergo criminal background and reference checks. Henrico CASA serves a diverse population and needs volunteers who can speak Spanish. For information, contact Jeannine Panzera at (804) 501-1673 or pan01@co.henrico.va.us. Applications are available at www.henicocasa.org.

Henrico CASA is a private, nonprofit organization that works closely with the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Working typically 10 to 15 hours per month, volunteer advocates gather information on a child's circumstances to supplement information provided to the court.

The training program prepares volunteers to interview children and others involved in their cases, submit reports to judges and assist case attorneys. Henrico CASA volunteers worked 11,006 hours and served 346 children in fiscal year 2012-13.