



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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Henrico Extension to offer money-saving tips at free workshop Feb. 24

The Henrico County office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension will hold a free workshop Tuesday, Feb. 24 to help individuals meet their goals for saving money.

The Three Keys to Savings workshop will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the board room of the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive. Lunch will be provided. Registration is required by Monday, Feb. 23.

The workshop is open to the public and coincides with America Saves Week, which is Feb. 23-28. The nonprofit Consumer Federation of America coordinates America Saves Week to help individuals save money, reduce debt and build wealth.

The workshop will outline simple strategies for saving money for emergencies, a large purchase, debt payments or other needs. The program also will provide information about Central Virginia Saves, a free program to help individuals control their finances.

For information or to register, call (804) 501-5160.

Feb. 10, 2015

CONTACT: Lt. Shawn M. Sears, Animal Protection Unit, Henrico County Police Division
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Henrico to offer rabies vaccinations for pets

The Henrico County Police Division will provide rabies vaccines for dogs and cats from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Henrico County Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road.

Pet owners must register and pay at the cashier's office in the Administration Building before seeing a veterinarian on the first level of the adjacent parking deck.

Each vaccine costs \$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.

Feb. 10, 2015

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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 steering and operational committees of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) in 2015.

Members of the Board of Supervisors received the following appointments:

- Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, Education Steering Committee;
- Vice Chairman and Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson, Transportation Steering Committee (vice chair) and Resolutions Committee;
- Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover, Economic Development and Planning Steering Committee;
- Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele, Finance Steering Committee; and
- Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon, General Government Steering Committee. She also represents Region 3 on the VACo Board of Directors.

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's 11 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.

Feb. 5, 2015

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Free tax-preparation service underway at sites in Henrico, metro region

Families and individuals who earned less than \$53,000 last year can receive free assistance with their 2014 income tax returns at locations in Henrico County and throughout the metropolitan region.

Metrocash, a coalition of local nonprofit, business and government organizations, is hosting 12 sites, including two in Henrico. IRS-certified tax preparers and other volunteers will help qualifying taxpayers prepare and file their federal and state returns at Dumbarton Area Library, 6800

Staples Mill Road, 4-8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays through April 9; and Fairfield Area Library, 1001 N. Laburnum Ave., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays Feb. 7-March 14. A complete list of sites and their operating hours is available at metrocash.org.

To receive assistance, participants should bring photo ID, Social Security or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number cards, copies of tax returns from 2013, W-2 and 1099-R forms, and any other income tax-related documents.

In addition to getting help with their taxes, participants will learn if they are eligible for the Earned Income Credit (EIC), a tax benefit that could boost a federal refund by more than \$6,100 for families with at least three children and nearly \$500 for individuals. EIC eligibility is based on income.

Last year, Metrocash volunteers helped area residents file more than 3,000 tax returns, generating nearly \$995,000 in EIC funds and \$2.7 million in federal refunds. Metrocash estimates the free service saved its clients more than \$600,000 in preparation fees.

More information is available at the Metrocash website and by calling 211.

Feb. 4, 2015

CONTACT: Linda Leigh, Executive Assistant, Henrico County Board of Supervisors
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Fairfield meeting Feb. 16 to feature Elegba Folklore Society, Recreation and Parks

Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton will hold a constituent meeting Monday, Feb. 16 to highlight the Elegba Folklore Society and opportunities available through the Henrico County Division of Recreation and Parks.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave.

Janine Bell, founder and artistic director of the Elegba Folklore Society, and representatives of Recreation and Parks will join Thornton for the discussion and will answer questions.

For information, call (804) 501-4208.

Feb. 3, 2015

CONTACT: Barbara Herzog, Director, Henrico County Court Appointed Special Advocates
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Henrico CASA to celebrate 20th anniversary with Feb. 6 musical event

Henrico Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will present an evening of musical entertainment Friday, Feb. 6 to commemorate its 20 years of working on behalf of abused and neglected children.

The event, Bluebird at the Hipp, will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Hippodrome Theater, 528 N. 2nd St. in Richmond. The evening will feature performances by singer-songwriter Dane Ferguson, country duo James & Emma and bluegrass band The Woodshedders, as well as a full bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, raffles and silent auctions.

Guests are encouraged to wear denim. Tickets are \$125 per person and may be purchased at the door. Proceeds will benefit Henrico CASA, a private, nonprofit organization that works with the Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court to advocate for children who have been abused or neglected.

For information, call (804) 501-1671 or go to henricocasa.org.