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Tuckahoe town meeting Oct. 5 to highlight body cameras, emergency notification system

Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will hold a town meeting Monday, Oct. 5 to discuss the body-worn cameras issued to Henrico police officers and the county's Community Emergency Notification System.

The meeting will include sessions at 1 and 7 p.m. at the Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive.

Representatives of the Police Division will discuss a recent initiative to equip officers with body cameras and provide training in the "fair and impartial policing" method. A representative of the Division of Fire will provide an overview of the Community Emergency Notification System, also known as CodeRED, and explain how residents can register.

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Sept. 16, 2015

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*UCI cycling races to trigger road closures Sept. 19, 20, 23 in Henrico
Satellite parking, shuttles to Lewis Ginter will be available Sept. 19, 20*

The UCI Road World Championships, which will take place in the city of Richmond and surrounding counties Sept. 19-27, will result in temporary road closures in Henrico County for races on Saturday, Sept. 19; Sunday, Sept. 20; and Wednesday, Sept. 23.

Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead and exercise patience with any travel delays. Police officers will be posted throughout the courses for security and traffic management. Information on the races affecting travel in Henrico is outlined below.

To review course maps and other information on the UCI Road World Championships, go to navigate.richmond2015.com and visithenrico.com. For updates on traffic and road closures, follow @Richmond2015JIC on Twitter.

For residents and others who would like to experience the races firsthand, satellite parking will be available at Anthem, near West Broad Street and Staples Mill Road, on Saturday, Sept. 19 and Sunday, Sept. 20. Satellite parking will be available for \$10 per day, which includes shuttle service to and from the starting area by Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Spaces must be reserved in advance at 2015worlds.clickandpark.com. No cash payments will be accepted.

Race: Team Trial Training Day**Date: Saturday, Sept. 19; 9 a.m. to noon**

Race Summary: Teams will start at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Henrico and travel south on Lakeside Avenue through Richmond's Northside neighborhoods and then downtown Richmond. Teams will continue along Osborne Turnpike in Henrico to Mill Road, making a loop through the Richmond National Battlefield Park. After leaving the park, they will continue west on Route 5 (New Market Road) and then re-enter Richmond through Shockoe Bottom until they reach the finish line at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

Road Closures: Lakeside Avenue, (southbound lane only) between Fairway Avenue/Jefferson Lakeside Country Club and Hilliard Road, will be closed starting 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18 until about midnight Sunday, Sept. 20.

Beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, all travel lanes will be closed to traffic on: Lakeside Avenue from Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden to the Richmond line; Osborne Turnpike from the Richmond line to Mill Road; and Route 5 from Willson Road to the Richmond line. All travel lanes will reopen about 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19.

Crowds: As many as 5,000 spectators are anticipated in the Lakeside area.

Parking: Expect temporary parking disruptions along the course. Satellite parking will be available at Anthem, near West Broad Street and Staples Mill Road, for \$10 all day, which includes shuttle service to and from Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Spaces must be reserved in advance at 2015worlds.clickandpark.com.

Race: Team Time Trials**Date: Sunday, Sept. 20; 11:30 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. (women's event); 1:30 to 3:35 p.m. (men's event)**

Race Summary: Same course as Team Trial Training Day on Saturday, Sept. 19

Road Closures: Lakeside Avenue, (southbound lane only) between Fairway Avenue/Jefferson Lakeside Country Club and Hilliard Road, will be closed beginning 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18 until about midnight Sunday, Sept. 20. Beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, all travel lanes will be closed to traffic on: Lakeside Avenue from Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden to the Richmond line; Osborne Turnpike from the Richmond line to Mill Road; and Route 5 from Willson Road to the Richmond line. All travel lanes will reopen about 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20.

Crowds: As many as 10,000 spectators are anticipated in the Lakeside area and in the Varina area.

Parking: Same details as outlined for Team Trial Training Day on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Race: Men's Elite Individual Time Trial**Date: Wednesday, Sept. 23; 1 to 3:35 p.m.**

Race Summary: Cyclists will start at Kings Dominion, about 20 miles north of Richmond. Racers will pass Meadow Event Park and proceed south on U.S. 301 through the Hanover County Courthouse area. In Henrico, riders will follow Chamberlayne Road (Route 301), Wilkinson Road, Azalea Avenue, Richmond-Henrico Turnpike and Laburnum Avenue before entering Richmond. Riders will turn onto Brook Road, pass Virginia Union University and head into downtown.

Road Closures: Chamberlayne Road, Brook Road (in Richmond), Wilkinson Road, Azalea Avenue, Richmond-Henrico Turnpike and Laburnum Avenue will be closed at noon until about 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23. During the race, local traffic will be severely limited.

Crowds: As many as 1,000 spectators are anticipated on Henrico portions of the course.

Parking: Expect temporary parking disruptions along the course.

Sept. 16, 2015

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Henrico, Habitat for Humanity to offer free home-maintenance workshops

The Henrico County Department of Community Revitalization and Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity will offer a series of free workshops to help residents maintain and improve their homes.

The workshops will begin Saturday, Oct. 17 with a session on weatherization and seasonal maintenance. Experts will explain how residents can reduce their heating and cooling costs and improve their safety by sealing air leaks, repairing duct systems and replacing unsafe heating systems. They also will offer advice on installing carbon monoxide and smoke detectors, cleaning gutters, washing siding and other seasonal activities.

The workshops will continue with sessions on small home repairs Saturday, Nov. 14; home improvements Saturday Feb. 6 and landscaping and curb appeal Saturday, March 5.

All of the workshops will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Harvie Elementary School, 3401 Harvie Road. The sessions will include exhibits, hands-on demonstrations, door prizes and refreshments.

For information, call (804) 501-7640 or go to henrico.us/revit.

Sept. 10, 2015

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Henrico officials to serve on NACo committees

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has appointed nine Henrico County officials to the organization's policy-making committees for 2015-16.

Members of the Henrico Board of Supervisors received the following appointments:

- Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, Human Services and Education Steering Committee;
- Vice Chairman and Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson, Transportation Steering Committee;
- Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover, Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee;
- Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon, Telecommunications and Technology

Steering Committee (vice chair); Resilient Counties Advisory Board (vice chair); Information Technology Standing Committee; and Large Urban County Caucus;

In addition, Henrico administration officials received the following appointments:

- County Manager John A. Vithoukas, Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee;
- Deputy County Manager for Administration Joseph A. Casey, Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee;
- Deputy County Manager for Community Services Jane D. Crawley, Health Steering Committee;
- Deputy County Manager for Community Operations Timothy A. Foster, Public Lands Steering Committee; and
- Deputy County Manager for Community Development Randall R. Silber, Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee.

A national organization uniting more than 3,000 counties across the United States, NACo works to improve county government and increase public understanding of the role of counties. The association's steering committees form its policy-making arm. The committees and other governing bodies meet several times annually to examine key issues of county government and to make recommendations on legislative policies and goals.

Sept. 9, 2015

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Fairfield meeting Sept. 21 to highlight RIR contributions, Police Athletic League

Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton will hold a constituent meeting Monday, Sept. 21 to discuss how Richmond International Raceway (RIR) and the Henrico Police Athletic League are building a stronger community.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave.

RIR President Dennis Bickmeier will join Thornton to discuss the raceway's contributions to the community. Representatives of the Police Athletic League will explain the benefits and opportunities available to Henrico County youth through the organization's programs and activities.

For information, call (804) 501-4208.

Sept. 8, 2015

CONTACT: Capt. Daniel E. Rosenbaum, Public Information Officer, Henrico County Division of Fire
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*Henrico earns superior rating from Insurance Services Office
Designation may reduce insurance costs for homeowners, businesses*

Henrico County has earned the highest-possible rating from the Insurance Services Office (ISO), a distinction that reflects highly on the Division of Fire and may qualify homeowners and businesses for lower property insurance premiums.

The county received a Class 1 rating in ISO's Public Protection Classification Program based on a comprehensive evaluation of its emergency communications; fire department equipment, personnel and training; water supply; and fire-prevention efforts, including inspections and code enforcement.

"Protecting residents and their homes and businesses is the highest priority of Henrico County and the Division of Fire," County Manager John A. Vithoukas said. "This Class 1 rating from the Insurance Services Office is great news for our entire community. It reflects our high quality of life, our commitment to excellence in public service and our drive to build a stronger county as we grow."

Henrico scored 95.66 points on a 105.5-point scale during a review this spring, well above the 90-point threshold to qualify for Class 1 status. The county previously held a Class 3 rating based on a score of 73.48 from 2011. Henrico's classification reflects the relative low risk of fire losses in both developed and rural areas of the county.

Henrico's superior rating could help reduce individual costs for property insurance because insurance companies use ISO or similar classification services to establish their rates. Insurance companies have found a correlation between a community's investment in fire protection and future fire losses. In general, that means property owners in areas with better ISO ratings represent a lower risk and therefore qualify for lower insurance rates.

ISO has reviewed 48,754 communities and fire districts across the United States. Only 132, or 0.3 percent, have earned a Class 1 rating. In Virginia, four out of 765 communities and fire districts, or 0.5 percent, hold a Class 1 rating: Henrico, Fairfax County and the cities of Charlottesville and Newport News.

Henrico is the first county in the country to have both a Class 1 ISO rating and a fire department accredited by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International.

"The Division of Fire takes great pride in helping Henrico achieve this superior rating from the Insurance Services Office," Fire Chief Anthony E. McDowell said. "This accomplishment is a credit to the training, professionalism and commitment of the men and women of our department and the support we enjoy from the community, including the Board of Supervisors, other county leaders and, especially, Henrico residents."

The Division of Fire provides fire protection and suppression services as well as emergency medical services to Henrico. With 548 employees and a \$52.7 million annual operating budget, the department logged nearly 44,000 calls for service, including 733 fire calls, during fiscal 2014-15.

The department operates 20 firehouses across the county's 244 square miles and is served by a modern emergency communications system, with enhanced 911 capabilities and computer-aided dispatch facilities, plus an extensive water-distribution system that includes more than 12,500 hydrants. For information, go to henrico.us/fire.

Sept. 8, 2015

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Henrico CASA to hold 10th annual art exhibition and silent auction Sept. 18

Henrico County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will host its 10th annual benefit art exhibition and silent auction from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 at The Crossroads Art Center, 2016 Staples Mill Road.

Event proceeds will support CASA, a nonprofit organization that works on behalf of abused and neglected children before the Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. CASA's volunteers served 329 children in fiscal 2014-15, donating more than 13,000 hours to their cases.

The silent auction will feature donated work by local artists, including Matt Lively and Dr. Baxter Perkinson, as well as other items valued at more than \$6,000. These include airfare for two from Southwest Airlines, paintings, jewelry, gift baskets, pottery and photography packages.

Guests will be able to stroll through the center and learn from the artists about what inspires their work. The exhibition will feature art by David Cressman and Dare Boles, music by Quiet Step Ensemble and Whiskey Django Foxtrot, magic by the Richmond Magic Club and International Brotherhood of Magicians, food trucks and a cash bar.

Admission is free and open to the public. For information, join Henrico CASA's Art in Action on Facebook, call (804) 501-1671, go online to henricocasa.org or crossroadsartcenter.com.