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Tuckahoe meeting Sept. 7 to focus on technology, be live streamed on YouTube

Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will lead a Tuckahoe Town Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 7 to highlight how Henrico County is using technology to provide emergency information and to enhance the delivery of services.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive. Residents will be able to attend or watch via a live stream on YouTube.

Henrico has created a YouTube channel, available at [youtube.com/watch?v=JoCtEWaDerw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JoCtEWaDerw) or by searching "Henrico County, Virginia channel," to begin offering virtual town halls that will expand public access to meetings. Residents will be able to live chat or comment through their Google accounts.

For more information on the Tuckahoe meeting, call (804) 501-4208 or go to patobannon.com.

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Henrico Board to meet again Sept. 13

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, following its scheduled break in late August.

The board regularly meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday each month. Meetings typically are not scheduled for the fourth Tuesday in August and December.

Meetings are held in the Government Center Board Room, 4301 E. Parham Road. For more information, call (804) 501-4318 or go to henrico.us/supervisors.

Aug. 3, 2016

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Henrico to offer rabies vaccinations for pets Aug. 20

The Henrico County Police Division will provide rabies vaccines for dogs and cats from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 20 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

Aug. 1, 2016

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Henrico earns 3 VACo awards for Fire, Police initiatives

Henrico County's Fire and Police divisions have been recognized by the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) for initiatives that have improved diversity among entry-level firefighters, mobilized volunteers to assist a local emergency response and reduced student arrests at Henrico County Public Schools.

The Division of Fire earned two 2016 Achievement Awards from VACo in recognition of model local government programs. The Police Division received one award.

Overall, VACo honored 29 programs among 91 entries submitted by member counties across the state. Henrico, Arlington, Stafford and York counties each collected three awards, more than any other county. VACo will salute the winners of its 14th awards competition during its annual conference in November.

Fire earned an Achievement Award for an effort to help the agency attract and retain high-quality entry-level firefighters who better reflect the community's racial, ethnic and gender diversity.

Working with the Department of Human Resources and the County Attorney's Office, Fire reviewed and updated its hiring processes, focusing on applicant recruitment, screening, evaluation and support. The changes helped produce a 28-person recruit class that was described by training staff as exceptional and the most diverse in the department's history.

Fire also won an award for the Henrico County Virtual Operations Support Team. VOST, established in August 2015, represents a no-cost way to enhance public-safety response by using trained volunteers to relay information, such as neighborhood concerns posted on social media, during an emergency or event. After a severe storm, for example, VOST would augment the county's Emergency Operations Center staff by helping to identify areas needing assistance, providing photographs of damage or alerting authorities to issues that have not been addressed. VOST's 28 volunteers served during the NASCAR races last fall, the UCI bicycle event in 2015 and the snowstorms in January.

Police earned an Achievement Award for a new policy that gives school resource officers greater discretion to avoid arresting a student for an offense at Henrico County Public Schools.

The policy directs an officer to prepare a juvenile violation report for consideration by court officials when it is reasonable, in the interests of the juvenile and his or her family, and when the safety of the community or another person is not at risk. The policy has resulted in a dramatic reduction in custodial arrests of students, from 199 in the first semester of 2014 to four in the first semester of 2015. Under the previous policy, students often were arrested for lesser offenses that could have been handled by school administrators.