

HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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Henrico, Habitat for Humanity to offer free home-repair workshop March 5

The Henrico County Department of Community Revitalization and Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity will offer a free workshop Saturday, March 5 to help residents improve their home's landscaping and curb appeal.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Harvie Elementary School, 3401 Harvie Road. Experts will explain how attractive landscaping can enhance a home and neighborhood. They also will provide design tips for landscaping that will be sustainable year to year and will discourage crime. The session will include exhibits, hands-on demonstrations, door prizes and refreshments.

The workshop will conclude a four-part series of classes designed to help residents maintain and improve their homes.

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

Feb. 24, 2016

CONTACT: Steven J. Yob, P.E., Director, Henrico County Department of Public Works PHONE: (804) 501-4395

Safety enhancements set for Parham, Shrader Construction expected to last 2-4 weeks, beginning Feb. 29

A series of safety improvements at East Parham and Shrader roads will result in lane closures for two to four weeks, beginning Monday, Feb. 29.

The Henrico County Department of Public Works will be working in the intersection's southwestern corner, across Shrader from Henrico's Public Safety Building. The right eastbound lane of Parham and the adjoining right southbound lane of Shrader will be closed during construction.

The \$669,000 project is supported with federal Highway Safety Improvement Program funds and will remove traffic-signal poles from medians, increase turning radiuses, shift traffic-signal poles away from the road and provide 1,600 feet of sidewalk, a crosswalk and other pedestrian features.

The project is one of six underway or planned to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians at key intersections. Work has begun at Darbytown Road and Laburnum Avenue and at Parham's intersections with Villa Park Drive, Woodman Road and Ackley Avenue. Improvements to Parham

and Three Chopt Road will begin once the other projects along Parham have been completed. The series of projects, which require lane closures during work hours or throughout construction, started in September and is expected to be completed by late summer.

Feb. 23, 2016

CONTACT: Kendra J.K. Young, Extension Agent, Henrico County 4-H Youth Development PHONE: (804) 501-5160

Henrico berry plant sale benefits 4-H youth programs

The Henrico County office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension is selling a variety of berry plants to support its 4-H Youth Development program.

Blackberry, raspberry and blueberry plants are available for \$5 each. A bundle of 25 strawberry plants is \$7.

Order forms are available from the Extension Office, in the Human Services Building at 8600 Dixon Powers Drive, and any location of the Henrico County Public Library. They also are available online at henrico.us/extension. To receive a form by fax, call (804) 501-5160.

All orders received by Thursday, March 10 will be filled. Those received later will be filled while supplies last.

Plants will be distributed from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 at the Virginia Randolph Recreation Center, 2175 Mountain Road.

The berry plant sale is a fundraiser for the 4-H Youth Development program, which is a diverse, volunteer-led program that provides a safe and nurturing environment for youth to develop confidence, leadership and other life skills.

Feb. 18, 2016

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Henrico to hold Feb. 29 public hearing on community development needs

The Henrico County Department of Community Revitalization will conduct a public hearing Monday, Feb. 29 to seek input from residents on housing and other community development needs.

The hearing will be held at 6 p.m. at Libbie Mill Library, 2100 Libbie Lake East St. Residents, particularly those with low- or moderate incomes or living in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, are encouraged to share their opinions on Henrico's community development needs, including housing, neighborhood enhancements and expansion of economic opportunities.

Henrico will use the input to submit a Consolidated Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The plan will outline the county's proposed use of funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30, 2017. Agencies interested in requesting CDBG, HOME or ESG funds in 2016-17 may obtain an application at henrico.us/revit. Click the link to "federal block grant programs." The deadline to apply is Monday, March 7. For information about the public hearing or application process, call (804) 501-7640.

Feb. 16, 2016

CONTACT: Linda Leigh, Executive Assistant, Henrico County Board of Supervisors PHONE: (804) 501-4208

Tuckahoe town meeting March 1 to focus on economic development

Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will hold a town meeting Tuesday, March 1 to explain efforts to attract economic development and to support job creation in Henrico County.

O'Bannon will lead the presentation with Barry I. Matherly, president and CEO of the Greater Richmond Partnership; Gary R. McLaren, executive director of the Henrico Economic Development Authority; and Brian K. Davis, director of the Capital Region Workforce Partnership. A question-and-answer session will follow.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive.

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

Feb. 9, 2016

CONTACT: Barry R. Lawrence, Assistant to the County Manager for Board Affairs PHONE: (804) 501-4318

Henrico supervisors, deputy county managers appointed to VACo committees

All five members of Henrico County's Board of Supervisors and three of its deputy county managers will serve on committees of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) during 2016.

Members of the board received the following appointments:

- Chairman and Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson, Transportation Steering Committee (vice chair) and Resolutions Committee;
- Vice Chairman and Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover, Economic Development and Planning Steering Committee;
- Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, Education Steering Committee;
- Three Chopt District Supervisor Thomas M. Branin, 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.

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. 4, 2016

CONTACT: Lt. Shawn M. Sears, Animal Protection Unit, Henrico County Police Division PHONE: (804) 727-8801

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. 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.