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*Henrico, Habitat for Humanity to offer free home-improvement workshop Feb. 6*

The Henrico County Department of Community Revitalization and Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity will offer a free home-improvement workshop Saturday, Feb. 6 at Harvie Elementary School, 3401 Harvie Road.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and will cover such projects as sheetrock repair and grout removal as well as provide tips on hiring a contractor. The session will include exhibits, hands-on demonstrations, door prizes and refreshments.

The workshop is part of a four-part series designed to help residents maintain and improve their homes. The final session will be held Saturday, March 5 on landscaping and curb appeal.

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

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Jan. 21, 2016

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*Hughes to lead Community Corrections*

Henrico County Manager John A. Vithoukas has appointed Gary A. Hughes as director of Community Corrections, effective Feb. 22.

Hughes currently serves as the local program supervisor for Community Corrections Services for Chesterfield County. He earned a bachelor's degree in justice studies from Arizona State University and has more than 17 years of experience in community corrections, probation and court services in Maricopa County, Ariz. and Chesterfield. He also serves on several statewide committees focused on community corrections and probation.

As director, Hughes will oversee a 27-member department and a \$1.8 million budget for fiscal 2015-16. He will be responsible for coordinating a program of probation and pretrial services for adults that provides Henrico's court system with alternatives to incarceration. Community Corrections aims to enhance public safety by conducting assessments and providing community supervision guided by best practices. Probationers perform community service work and make restitution to their victims as retribution and restorative justice.

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Jan. 13, 2016

CONTACT: Barry R. Lawrence, Clerk, Henrico County Board of Supervisors  
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*Nelson, Glover to lead Henrico Board of Supervisors in 2016*

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors began a new, four-year term Tuesday by voting unanimously to elect Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson as chairman and Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover as vice chairman for 2016.



Varina Supervisor, Tyrone E. Nelson, Chairman

The appointment marks Nelson's first service as chairman since he became the board's Varina District representative in 2012. He served as vice chairman in 2015.

In remarks to his colleagues, Nelson said he was humbled and honored to serve and pledged to work cooperatively with them and the county's staff. He said he expected the board to spend much of the year focused on maintaining Henrico's aging infrastructure, including schools, libraries, parks, fire houses and public utilities, while upholding its standards for government excellence and efficiency, known as "the Henrico way."

"The challenge is before us, and we will meet it head on with all deliberate speed," Nelson said. "I can assure you that the board would not take any actions that would jeopardize the county's coveted triple-A bond rating, which is shared by only 1 percent of all localities in the United States, or result in an increase in our real estate tax rate, which has not been raised in 38 years and remains the lowest of any urban jurisdiction in the country."

A native of the Varina District, Nelson is pastor of Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church in Richmond. He also serves on a variety of governmental and community organizations, including the Richmond Region Tourism board of directors, Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (RRPDC), Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) board of visitors, Sports Backers board of directors, Capital Region Workforce Partnership Consortium and Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority board of directors.

He earned an associate degree from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, a bachelor's degree from VCU and a master's degree from Virginia Union University.



Glover, the board's longest-serving active member, has represented the Brookland District since 1988. He has served as chairman five times and begins his fourth service as vice chairman.

A native of Victoria and veteran of the U.S. Navy, Glover has amassed an extensive résumé of service on local, state and national boards, including current appointments to the Henrico Social Services Board and RRPDC. His prior service includes the Capital Area Training Consortium, Capital Region Airport Commission, Henrico Planning Commission, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden board of directors,

Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, National Association of Counties, Virginia Association of Counties and Virginia Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

Henrico's board also includes Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, Three Chopt District Supervisor Thomas M. Branin and Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon. Thornton and O'Bannon are beginning their sixth terms. Branin is starting his first term. He won election in November to succeed David A. Kaechele, who retired from the board after representing the Three Chopt District since 1980.

The board usually meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Board Room at the Henrico County Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road. For information, call (804) 501-4318 or go to [henrico.us/supervisors](http://henrico.us/supervisors).

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CONTACT: Linda Leigh, Executive Assistant, Henrico County Board of Supervisors

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*Fairfield meeting Jan. 27 to focus on regional transit, Eastgate Town Center*

Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton will hold a constituent meeting Wednesday, Jan. 27 to highlight GRTC's plans for transit services in the region and to provide an update on the development of Eastgate Town Center.

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

Carrie Rose Pace, public relations manager of GRTC, and Joshua Rector, senior vice president of Bromont Development, will make presentations and answer questions.

For information, call (804) 501-4208.

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Jan. 12, 2016

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, Feb. 20 for volunteers who would work in the court system on behalf of abused or neglected children.

The free, 14-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, March 23 at the Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer advocate must apply by Friday, Feb. 5, 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. For information, contact Jeannine Panzera at (804) 501-1673 or [jeannine.panzera@henrico.us](mailto:jeannine.panzera@henrico.us). Applications are available at [henricocasa.org](http://henricocasa.org).

Henrico CASA is a private, nonprofit organization that has worked closely with the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for more than 20 years to serve children in the community. 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 10,200 hours and served 329 children in fiscal year 2014-15.