



# HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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*Henrico to offer free workshop Nov. 4 on minor home repairs, maintenance*

The Henrico County Department of Community Revitalization will present a free workshop Saturday, Nov. 4 to show residents how to make minor home repairs, maintain their heating system and prepare for cold weather.

The class will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Community Room at the Eastern Henrico Government Center, 3820 Dabbs House Road. Exhibits, hands-on demonstrations and refreshments will be included.

The session is part of a workshop series that began in October and will continue through March to help residents maintain and improve their homes.

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

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October 16, 2017

CONTACT: Kimberly Edmonds, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent, Henrico County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension  
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*Henrico Extension to offer free workshops to help with holiday spending, eating*

The Henrico County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension will offer a series of free workshops in November to help residents to minimize debt, stress and unhealthy eating during the holidays.

The workshops are scheduled as follows:

- Thursday, Nov. 2 — Tips to Minimize Holiday Debt and Stress will explain simple ways to save \$100 in a month, budgeting for the holidays and how to avoid overspending.
- Thursday, Nov. 9 — Saving on Gifts and Decorations will focus on making and selecting inexpensive gifts as well as decorating on a budget.
- Thursday, Nov. 16 — Healthy Holiday Meals will highlight ways to lighten meals and offer ideas for leftovers.

The workshops, which are open to the public, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the demonstration kitchen of the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive. Registration is encouraged by Monday, Oct. 30. To register or for more information, call (804) 501-5160. Information also is available at [henrico.us/extension](http://henrico.us/extension).

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October 13, 2017

CONTACT: Charlotte Whitten, Executive Assistant, Henrico County Board of Supervisors  
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*Fairfield meeting Oct. 25 to focus on cybersecurity*

Henrico County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton will hold a constituent meeting Wednesday, Oct. 25 to discuss cybersecurity.

Thornton also has invited candidates who will be seeking election to local offices on Tuesday, Nov. 7 to introduce themselves.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave. For information, call (804) 501-4208.

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Oct. 12, 2017

CONTACT: David Calkins, Local Emergency Health Coordinator, Henrico County Health Department, Virginia Department of Health  
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*Henrico to provide free flu shots Oct. 25*

The Henrico County Health Department will offer free flu vaccinations to the public Wednesday, Oct. 25 at clinics in western and eastern Henrico.

The seasonal flu shots will be provided from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Adult Education Center, 7850 Carousel Lane, near the intersection of West Broad Street and Parham Road in western Henrico; and from 1 to 7 p.m. at the East Henrico Health Clinic, 1400 N. Laburnum Ave. in eastern Henrico.

The clinics will provide standard-dose flu vaccine to individuals age 3 and older on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

In addition to the flu vaccine, the Henrico County Health Department will offer free home-screening kits for colorectal cancer to qualifying individuals.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), flu season takes place in fall and winter, with the peak occurring anywhere from late November through March. The CDC recommends only injectable vaccines for the 2017-18 flu season.

For more information, go to [henrico.us/health](http://henrico.us/health).

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October 10, 2017

CONTACT: Veta Herbaugh, Executive Assistant, Henrico County Board of Supervisors  
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*Brookland meeting Oct. 26 to highlight resources, programs for seniors*

Brookland District Supervisor Harvey L. Hinson will host a town hall meeting Thursday, Oct. 26 to discuss resources and programs available to seniors living in Henrico County.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at the Henrico Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road.

Hinson will be joined by Jelisa S. Turner, Henrico's advocate for the aging, and other staff members. For more information, call (804) 501-4208.

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October 9, 2017

CONTACT: Jean Moore, Assistant Director, Henrico County Planning Department  
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*Henrico to hold Oct. 19 workshop on Route 5 Corridor/Marion Hill Study*

The Henrico County Planning Department will hold a workshop Thursday, Oct. 19 for residents and other members of the public to provide additional input for a study of the Route 5 corridor and Marion Hill areas.

The workshop will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at John Rolfe Middle School, 6901 Messer Road. The meeting will include an overview of community input received so far and an explanation of how it is reflected in the study's draft goals and objectives.

The presentation will be followed by an exercise that will allow attendees to express their opinions about the draft goals and objectives. Participants will use electronic keypads to register their opinions, and results for the group will be displayed on-screen in real time. Participants also will be asked to provide feedback about a restroom facility that is planned at the Four Mile Creek Park trailhead.

The draft Route 5 Corridor/Marion Hill Study, with summaries of previous meetings, is available at [henrico.us/projects](http://henrico.us/projects).

Once the community input phase is complete, the study will be presented to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for review and approval. For more information, contact Rosemary Deemer at (804) 501-4488 or [dee12@henrico.us](mailto:dee12@henrico.us).

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October 9, 2017

CONTACT: Lt. Shawn M. Sears, Animal Protection Unit, Henrico County Police Division  
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*Henrico to offer rabies vaccinations for pets Oct. 21*

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

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October 5, 2017

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**Henrico officials join governor to announce plans for Facebook facility  
\$750 million data center slated for site in county's White Oak Technology Park**

Henrico County officials celebrated this morning's announcement that Facebook will invest \$750 million to establish a data center in the county's White Oak Technology Park, noting that the industrial center was designed to accommodate such high-tech operations and pointing to tax-rate changes earlier this year intended to make Henrico more attractive to businesses like Facebook.

County officials joined Gov. Terry McAuliffe, representatives from Facebook and others at the Virginia State Capitol, where the governor announced the social media giant's plans to build a 970,000-square-foot data center on a 300-acre site in the eastern Henrico industrial park. The project will bring thousands of construction jobs to the region, McAuliffe said, and will create more than 100 full-time positions when complete.

The project's total investment will top \$1 billion, including the construction of solar facilities throughout the state to power the data center entirely with renewable energy.



Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson nodded to Henrico's investment in infrastructure for White Oak, which offers high-speed fiber optic cable from multiple providers, high-capacity electric power designed for large-volume loads and water service with a firm capacity of 10 million gallons per day, among other features.

"When Henrico invested over \$40 million in infrastructure improvements to make White Oak the unique park it is today, we believed it would yield these kinds of announcements," Nelson said.

The supervisor also pointed to a near-90 percent tax-rate reduction for data centers approved earlier this year by the county's Board of Supervisors. The change established a business property tax rate of 40 cents per \$100 assessed value for computers and related equipment for data centers, dropping it from the previous rate of \$3.50.

"When the county set up the special tax rate for data centers, we could only hope it would yield a \$750 million investment like this," Nelson said. "Thank you, Facebook, for making us look so smart."

With the addition of Facebook, Henrico now has nearly 20 data centers. County Manager John A. Vithoukas noted that with the benefit of the data-center tax rate, assets like White Oak Technology Park and proximity to a new trans-Atlantic fiber optic cable that will connect North America to Europe through Virginia, he is optimistic the county will be able to recruit more. The businesses provide high-paying jobs and bring significant and ongoing capital investment, he said.



"The last 10 months have been special — and intense — for Henrico County as we've worked with the Facebook team," Vithoukas said. "Today's announcement makes all the effort worthwhile."

Vithoukias noted that county staff had worked to prepare land-disturbance permits in time for the announcement.

“We’ve been with you for the last 10 months, and I promise we’ll continue to be with you as you build out your 300-acre site,” he told Facebook officials.

Rachel Peterson, director of data center strategy for Facebook, pointed to Henrico’s quality infrastructure and supportive business climate for data center development as important factors in the company’s decision. Other factors included partnerships within the local community and a strong pool of local talent.

“We could not be more thrilled to locate our next data center here,” Peterson said. “Henrico County and the Commonwealth of Virginia have it all.”