



# HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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Aug. 29, 2018

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*Tuckahoe Town Meeting Sept. 17 to discuss GRTC's expanded transit service*

Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will host a Tuckahoe Town Meeting on Monday, Sept. 17 to discuss GRTC's expanded transit service in Henrico County as well as its specialized CARE services and new Pulse bus-rapid-transit line.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive. Residents are welcome to attend or watch via a livestream on the Henrico County Government channel on YouTube, at [youtube.com/c/henricocountygovernment](https://youtube.com/c/henricocountygovernment).

O'Bannon will be joined by Carrie Rose Pace, director of communications for GRTC Transit System. For more information, call (804) 501-4208 or go to [patobannon.com](http://patobannon.com).

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August 28, 2018

CONTACT: Tanya Harding, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors  
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*Henrico Board to meet again Sept. 11*

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 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, go to [henrico.us/supervisors](http://henrico.us/supervisors).

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Aug. 27, 2018

CONTACT: Ed Olsen, Associate Extension Agent, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Horticulture, Henrico County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension  
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*Henrico Master Gardener training program accepting applications through Oct. 26*

The Henrico County Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension is accepting applications for its volunteer Master Gardener training program, which provides instruction in all aspects of horticulture.

Participants will work alongside other gardening enthusiasts to learn about lawn care, tree and shrub maintenance, fruit and vegetable gardens, flowers, pest management, tree pruning and

other topics. After completing 50 hours of classroom training, participants will serve a 50-hour internship with the Extension Office and will help conduct educational programs for the public.

Classes will be held two mornings per week from January through March. Applications will be accepted through Friday, Oct. 26. The training program costs \$135 for materials.

For an application or other information, call (804) 501-5160 or go to [henrico.us/extension](http://henrico.us/extension).

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Aug. 20, 2018

CONTACT: Linda McBride, Chair, Master Gardener Pollinator Committee, Henrico County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension

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*Henrico Master Gardeners to hold Pollinator Plant Festival on Sept. 22*

Henrico County Master Gardeners will present the Pollinator Plant Festival on Saturday, Sept. 22 to highlight the importance of birds, bees, butterflies and other pollinators and to explain the plants that will attract them to a garden.

The festival will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at Short Pump Park, 3329 Pump Road. Henrico Master Gardeners will answer questions and lead tours of the park's Pollinator Garden, which they maintain.

Beth Farmer, owner of GardenGate Landscape & Design, will give a presentation on plants for pollinators at 2 p.m. and will have plants available for sale. The presentation is free to attend, but registration is requested. To register, call the Henrico County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension at (804) 501-5160.

Master Gardeners also will be selling plants for fall planting, gently used garden equipment and garden-themed items. Proceeds from the Master Gardener sales will support ongoing maintenance and expanded programming at the Pollinator Garden.

Junior Master Gardeners will be selling garden gloves to support their programs. The scholarship committee will be selling its month-by-month garden guide.

"Fall is the perfect time to plant perennials, shrubs and trees," said Linda McBride, chair of the Master Gardeners Pollinator Garden Committee. "They acclimate to their surroundings while their roots grow all winter, so next spring they will be ready to beautify your yard with flowers, birds and pollinators."

Short Pump Park's Pollinator Garden is located by the dog park and behind the children's water spray area. The garden attracts butterflies, moths, hummingbirds, songbirds, bees and other pollinators, and serves as a living educational resource for children and adults. Henrico's Master Gardeners are volunteers who act on behalf of Henrico Extension as community educators. They receive training in environmental horticulture through programming with Virginia Cooperative Extension. For information on becoming a Master Gardener, go to [henrico.us/extension](http://henrico.us/extension), call (804) 501-5160 or attend the Pollinator Plant Festival.

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Aug. 15, 2018

CONTACT: Leslie Martin Stephen, Program Manager for Adult Substance Abuse, Outpatient, Court and Jail Services, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services

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*Henrico to present Oscar-nominated film 'Heroin(e)' Sept. 19 to promote recovery*

Henrico County will present a free showing of the Oscar-nominated film “Heroin(e)” Wednesday, Sept. 19 to promote hope for those battling addiction.

Released in 2017, the Netflix-original documentary highlights three women — a fire chief, a judge and a street missionary — as they confront the opiate epidemic in Huntington, W.Va.

The film presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nine Mile Road. A fair of community service providers will start at 5:30 p.m. The event is organized by the Henrico County Sheriff’s Office, Henrico County Adult Drug Treatment Court and Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services.

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Aug. 14, 2018

CONTACT: Barbara Herzog, Director, Henrico County Court Appointed Special Advocates  
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*Henrico CASA seeks volunteers to serve as child advocates  
Information session set for Aug. 27, training starts Sept. 22*

Henrico County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will hold an information session Monday, Aug. 27 for people who may be interested in volunteering to work in the court system on behalf of abused or neglected children.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the CASA offices in suite A of the Hungary Spring Office Park, 3001 Hungary Spring Road. To reserve a seat, contact Rebecca Kalman-Winston at (804) 501-1670 or [kal001@henrico.us](mailto:kal001@henrico.us).

Henrico CASA will offer a 14-session training program for new volunteers beginning Saturday, Sept. 22. The classes will be held at Henrico CASA’s offices and be followed by a swearing-in ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at the Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

Henrico CASA is a private, nonprofit organization that has worked closely with the court for more than 23 years. Working typically 10 to 15 hours per month, volunteer advocates gather information on a child’s circumstances to supplement information provided to the court. Henrico CASA volunteers served 333 children by donating 14,473 hours during fiscal year 2017-18.

Prospective volunteers must apply by Friday, Sept. 7, be at least 21 years old, have regular access to a computer and attend all training sessions. All applicants will be interviewed, fingerprinted and undergo criminal background and reference checks.

Anyone interested in applying but unable to attend the information session is asked to contact Jeannine Panzera at (804) 501-1673 or [pan01@henrico.us](mailto:pan01@henrico.us). For an application or more information, go to [henricocasa.org](http://henricocasa.org).

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Aug. 13, 2018

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*Central Virginia localities joining forces for regional business expo Sept. 10*

Several central Virginia localities and their procurement offices are hosting an event Monday, Sept. 10 that is designed to help companies learn how to do business with local governments.

The 2018 Growing Business Together Regional Expo is set for 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Virginia Crossings Hotel and Conference Center, 1000 Virginia Center Parkway. Registration is

available at [eventbrite.com/e/regional-vendor-expo-hosted-by-chesterfield-hanover-henrico-richmond-tickets-48346445520](https://eventbrite.com/e/regional-vendor-expo-hosted-by-chesterfield-hanover-henrico-richmond-tickets-48346445520) until Thursday, Sept. 6. The cost is \$25 plus a transaction fee. Walk-up registration will not be accepted at the event.

A collaborative effort between Chesterfield, Hanover and Henrico counties and the city of Richmond, Growing Business Together is designed for small, women- and minority-owned companies and other businesses interested in becoming vendors with the four localities. The regional expo will feature sessions on entrepreneurship and marketing and will offer insights into the procurement process. Participants can learn about upcoming business opportunities with the local governments and take part in networking activities.

Jeff Conley, supplier relations manager with Henrico County, noted that typically the participating localities have held separate procurement events for prospective vendors but are combining efforts for the expo. Businesses will benefit from the regional focus and the show of unity, he said.

“Growing Business Together will allow participants to explore the region’s assets and engage a wide audience,” Conley said. “It’s a collaborative event to help build growth for the region.”

For additional information, contact Conley at (804) 501-5689 or [con086@henrico.us](mailto:con086@henrico.us).

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Aug. 7, 2018

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*Henrico earns VACo awards for STEM education, mentorship programs  
Association also salutes regional effort to find solutions to the opioid epidemic*

Henrico County’s general government and Henrico County Public Schools have been honored by the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) for two initiatives offering hands-on learning opportunities in STEM subjects for older elementary students and providing role models for students at The Academy at Virginia Randolph. VACo also recognized the region’s efforts to identify community-based solutions to the opioid crisis.

VACo recognized 25 programs in its 2018 Achievement Awards competition among a record 106 submissions by member counties across the state. VACo will salute the winners of its 16th awards competition during its annual conference in November.

“One of the greatest tests of any local government is how it responds to the evolving needs of its community,” Henrico County Manager John A. Vithoulkas said. “In Henrico, we embrace this challenge and empower our employees and departments to continuously look for new and better ways to meet the needs of our residents. The VACo awards program is an excellent way to celebrate local-government innovation in Virginia. Congratulations to all the winners.”

Henrico received an award for the Elementary Explorers program of the Henrico County Public Library. Started in 2016, the program teaches STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) topics to third through fifth graders at the Tuckahoe Area Library. Popular with children and parents, the program offers hands-on instruction, promotes discovery and provides age-appropriate learning opportunities that complement school curriculum.

Henrico County Public Schools earned an award for the 100 Men Challenge at The Academy at Virginia Randolph. The initiative invites 100 men from various professions onto the campus one day each month to serve as role models and to motivate, encourage and support the male students.

VACo also recognized the region's efforts to identify solutions to the opioid epidemic. Hanover County received an award for the Revive RVA: Regional Solutions to the Opioid Crisis summit, which was organized by Henrico, Chesterfield and Hanover counties and the city of Richmond. The summit, held in October at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, attracted about 850 community members and included speakers, moderated discussions and training on how to save someone's life following an overdose.

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Aug. 1, 2018

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*Henrico to offer rabies vaccinations for pets Aug. 18*

The Henrico County Police Division will provide rabies vaccines for dogs and cats from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 18 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. Licenses now are valid for the life of the animal while the owner lives in Henrico and its rabies vaccinations are kept current.

Officers will be available to discuss license and vaccination requirements. For information, call the Animal Protection Unit at (804) 727-8801.