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Henrico's Independence Day celebration set for Dorey Park

Red, White and Lights to feature Richmond Symphony, fireworks and laser light show

Henrico County's celebration of Independence Day — Red, White and Lights — will be held for the first time at Dorey Park on Wednesday, July 4.

The free event will begin at 5 p.m. and will feature family activities and live music, including a performance by the Richmond Symphony set to a fireworks and laser light show finale. Guests are encouraged to arrive early and bring blankets or chairs.

"Henrico County is thrilled to celebrate our nation's 242nd birthday in a setting as beautiful and spacious as Dorey Park," County Manager John A. Vithoukas said. "Red, White and Lights is part of a wonderful summer tradition in Henrico. We invite the entire community to join us for an evening of patriotic, family fun."

Henrico has held a Fourth of July celebration at the Meadow Farm Museum at Crump Park on Mountain Road each year since 1981. Beginning in 2016, the event was scheduled later in the day to include the Richmond Symphony performing with a laser light show. Last year's Red, White and Lights attracted an audience estimated at 10,700 to the Meadow Farm site.



For 2018, Red, White and Lights is shifting to Dorey Park, 2999 Darbytown Road, and will include an enhanced fireworks and laser light show. Spread across 400 acres, Dorey is Henrico's largest park, with athletic fields, playgrounds, picnic shelters, a disc golf course, a dog park, a lake and trails, including a link to the Virginia Capital Trail.

Red, White and Lights will include a Family Fun Zone from 5 to 8 p.m., with contests and games, inflatables, an obstacle course, airbrush tattoos, juggler Jonathan Austin, Miss Sheri the Clown and Uncle Sam on Stilts.

DJ Lonnie B will provide music starting at 5 p.m., followed by the Afro-funk jazz group Plunky & Oneness at 6 p.m. Kelli Lemon, a personality for Radio One Richmond's Kiss FM and iPower Richmond and host of the "Coffee with Strangers" podcast, will serve as emcee. The Richmond Symphony will perform beginning at 8 p.m. under a state-of-the-art mobile covered stage that allows the orchestra to share its music with more communities.

Red, White, and Lights is sponsored by Henrico County and Genworth. The Henrico Division of Recreation and Parks offers the following tips for an enjoyable evening:

- Wear comfortable shoes. Dorey is a large park. Guests may walk up to a quarter-mile from parking areas;
- Bring chairs and blankets to set on the lawn in front of the symphony tent;
- Bring plenty of water to stay hydrated;
- Concessions will be available for purchase. Guests also may bring food into the park. All coolers must have soft sides; and
- As always, no alcohol is permitted in Henrico's parks.

For more information on Red, White and Lights, go to henrico.us/calendar/red-white-and-lights.

June 27, 2018

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Henrico recognizes attractive residential, business properties

The Keep Henrico Beautiful Committee has selected the winners in its annual awards program that recognizes properties that are beautifully landscaped and highlight best practices for soil and water conservation and garden habitats.

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, June 26 recognized the 10 recipients of the 2018 Land Lover and Clean Business awards. The recipients, who represent a residential and a commercial property from each of Henrico's five magisterial districts, also will be commended on signs placed at their properties. This year marks the 23rd year of Henrico's Land Lover and Clean Business awards.

The winners of the Land Lover award for residential properties are Cindy Blanchard of the Brookland District, Michelle Brown and Darren American of the Fairfield District, Michael and Jenna Murray of the Three Chopt District, Sarah and Zack Vaughan of the Tuckahoe District and Beverly Baskette of the Varina District.

The winners of the Clean Business award are Grease Monkey, 8509 Staples Mill Road in Brookland; Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen, 4402 S. Laburnum Ave. in Fairfield; Renewal by Andersen, Richmond Window Corp., 3895 Deep Rock Road in Three Chopt; The Steward School, 11600 Gayton Road in Tuckahoe; and Citizens and Farmers Bank, 2651 New Market Road in Varina.

The Keep Henrico Beautiful Committee has presented the awards annually since 1995 to promote high standards for property maintenance. To be eligible for the Land Lover award, residents must perform their own landscaping and lawn care. Nominees for either award must participate in a recycling program, such as composting, curbside pickup or drop-off service.

June 25, 2018

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Henrico Extension to offer food-canning workshops in summer

The Henrico County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension will present a series of workshops this summer to teach basic canning and freezing methods to help preserve food safely and economically.

The Home Food Preservation workshops will begin Friday, June 29 with a class on boiling water canning, which will cover the basics on canning jams, jellies and pickled products.

The series will continue Friday, July 20 with a session on pressure canning, which will highlight canning methods for low-acid foods, such as vegetables, beans and meats. The workshops will conclude Friday, Aug. 17 with a class on boiling water canning and freezing, which will address canning basics for tomatoes and tips on freezing.

All classes will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the demonstration kitchen of the Henrico Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive. Participants will receive canning resources and samples to take home. The cost is \$10 per workshop or \$25 for the entire series. To register, call (804) 501-5160.

June 15, 2018

CONTACT: John A. Vithoukas, Henrico County Manager

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Weedman named director of Henrico County Public Library



Henrico County has appointed Barbara F. Weedman as director of Henrico County Public Library (HCPL), effective June 23.

Weedman joined HCPL in 2009 as public services coordinator and was named assistant director in 2016. She will succeed Gerald M. McKenna, who is retiring from the position after leading the county's library system since 1995.

As director, Weedman will oversee an agency with a staff of 206 employees and a budget of \$18.8 million in fiscal 2017-18. HCPL offers a range of informational services and programs through five area libraries, four branch libraries and a mobile library service. Henrico's libraries were visited by more than 2.1 million patrons and circulated more than 4.2 million materials during fiscal 2016-17.

Before coming to Henrico, Weedman worked as the head of branches for Nashville Public Library in Nashville, Tenn. She received a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and earned a Master of Library Science from the University of Maryland.

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Sheppard named director of Public Relations & Media Services



Henrico County has appointed Ben A. Sheppard to serve as director of the Department of Public Relations & Media Services (PRMS), effective June 23.

Sheppard has served as assistant director of PRMS since 2016. He joined the department in 2004 as a media specialist and later served as a senior television producer/director and television and media services manager.

He will succeed Tamra R. McKinney, who retired after serving as

director since 2002.

Sheppard will oversee a department responsible for promoting public awareness and understanding of Henrico's government activities and policies. PRMS provides public relations and information; television services; and audio-visual technology support. PRMS has a 19-position staff and a budget of \$1.8 million in fiscal 2017-18.

Sheppard earned a Bachelor of Arts in communication from Virginia Tech.

June 14, 2018

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*Highland Springs Historic District added to state, national historic registries
Designation makes homes, commercial buildings eligible for rehabilitation tax credits*

An approximately 60-block area of Highland Springs has been added to the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

Henrico County sought approval of the Highland Springs Historic District to recognize the community's significance as a streetcar suburb of Richmond and its extensive architecture from 1890 through 1969. The district contains more than 1,000 historic resources, including homes and commercial buildings, that may be eligible for state and federal tax credits to offset the costs of rehabilitation projects.

"With its listing on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places, the Highland Springs Historic District receives recognition that it richly deserves," said Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson, who also serves as vice chairman of the Henrico Board of Supervisors. "Highland Springs is truly a one-of-a-kind place in eastern Henrico, with a wide variety of historic homes, small-town charm and ample opportunities for growth and reinvestment."

The Highland Springs Historic District encompasses the Nine Mile Road commercial corridor and surrounding residential area bisected by Holly Avenue. Established in 1890, the area's early residential development was gradual and followed the construction of an electric trolley line from downtown Richmond. The community's growth continued through a building boom that followed World War II.

Today, Highland Springs displays a variety of residential architectural styles and periods, including Colonial Revival, Craftsman, Italianate, Queen Anne, Tudor Revival, Folk Victorian and Dutch Revival. The Art Deco-style Henrico Theatre, operated by the Henrico Division of Recreation and Parks, is the only building in Highland Springs previously listed in the state and national registries.

With the addition of the Highland Springs Historic District, Henrico now has two historic districts and 30 individual property listings on both the state and national registries. The Highland Springs district represents one of the largest historic districts in Virginia added to the registries in the past decade, with more than 1,000 homes and other resources that contribute to its historic character. These include homes, commercial buildings and such features as Bonanza Springs, from which Highland Springs derives its name.

Recognition of the Highland Springs Historic District offers a variety of benefits, including:

- State and federal tax credits totaling up to 45 percent of a project's costs when property owners rehabilitate homes and other buildings recognized as contributing resources to

- the historic district. Additional financial incentives are available with the donation of preservation easements;
- Increased public awareness of the community's historic resources and support for their preservation;
 - Educational resources for schools, historical societies and other interested members of the public; and
 - Opportunities for property owners to receive technical assistance through the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

"A historic designation does not affect or limit a property's zoning or the ability of the property owner to make changes to the appearance of the structures on the property," said S. Mark Strickler, director of the Henrico Department of Community Revitalization, which guided the process to earn historic designation. "Property owners wishing to take advantage of the historic tax credits will need to meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties."

Strickler added, "In addition to historic tax credits, commercial property owners along Nine Mile Road can take advantage of grants and other incentives through the Enterprise Zone program, and both commercial and residential properties may qualify for local property tax abatement for improvements."

A letter from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and a brochure about the Highland Springs Historic District will be mailed to the owners of homes and other properties in the district to explain the designation. In the coming weeks, Henrico will launch a website — historichighlandsprings.com — to provide information about the area's history as well as maps of the historic district, photos and other property information, details on applying for tax credits and links to other resources.

The Highland Springs Historic District was added to the Virginia Landmarks Register in December and the National Register of Historic Places in May. Local, state and federal funds and grants offset the costs for historic surveys and related work to prepare the application for historic designation. Information on the Highland Springs Historic District also is available on the Henrico County Government YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/8jJJMPmuZ4w>.

June 1, 2018

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Henrico to welcome Virginia High School League Spring Jubilee Class 5, 6 state tournaments set for June 7-9 at Deep Run, Glen Allen high schools

Henrico County will serve as a location for Virginia High School League (VHSL) state tournaments in baseball, lacrosse, soccer, softball and tennis June 7-9, further strengthening the county's reputation as a destination for sports tourism.

The VHSL Class 5 and Class 6 Spring Jubilee will be held at Deep Run and Glen Allen high schools, marking the first time the event will take place in the Richmond region. Held in Northern Virginia from 2008 to 2017, the Class 5 and Class 6 Spring Jubilee regularly attracts from 600 to 650 athletes and 6,500 to 7,000 spectators. The event will return to Henrico again in 2019 and is supported through a partnership between the Division of Recreation and Parks, VHSL, Henrico County Public Schools and Richmond Region Tourism.

“Henrico County is thrilled to bring these exciting state championship tournaments to central Virginia,” said Neil Luther, director of the Division of Recreation and Parks. “It’s a testament to the outstanding sports facilities we have in the county and their proximity to hotels, restaurants and other attractions. Student athletes, their families and other fans from Henrico and neighboring localities will enjoy having these championships decided on familiar turf so close to home.”

Henrico launched the Visit Henrico County initiative in 2013 to attract leisure travelers as well as national and regional tournaments to county athletic fields and complexes. The visithenrico.com website and a smartphone app help visitors plan where to stay, shop and eat, and what to do during their stay. In 2017, Henrico’s parks and sports complexes hosted 150 tournaments and other events, which generated an estimated \$47.3 million in local spending.

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Virginia High School League Class 5 and Class 6 Spring Jubilee

WHAT: State championship tournaments in baseball, lacrosse, soccer, softball and tennis for schools at the Class 5 and Class 6 levels

WHEN: Thursday, June 7 through Saturday, June 9

- Schedules are available at vhsl.org

WHERE:

- Deep Run High School, 4801 Twin Hickory Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059
- Glen Allen High School, 10700 Staples Mill Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060

TICKETS: \$10 per day at vhsl.org or the gate