Summer 2013

Volume 16, No. 3

Henrico to build East Health Clinic

\$6.2 million clinic will open in 2014, support other investments

Henrico County is poised to start construction of a health clinic on North Laburnum Avenue that will accommodate expanded clinics and medical services in the county's growing eastern area.

The 13,252-square-foot clinic will be part of a growing hub of county facilities supporting residents in mind, body and spirit.

The Henrico East Health Clinic is expected to open in October 2014 on a 4-acre site southwest of North Laburnum and Watts Lane, across Watts from the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center.

The \$6.2 million health clinic will replace a 10,200-square-foot clinic that has operated since September 2011 in modular units at the Eastern Government Cen-

This Issue

- 3 What purchases would be impacted by a meals tax?
- 4 Henrico programs earn national honors
- 5 HCTV schedule
- 7 Recreation Roundup & Library Lineup

ter, behind the Glen Echo Building.

"We're just expanding our current services and will have a more user-friendly and up-todate facility," said Carla Bennett, administrator of the Henrico County Health District.



Henrico will build the Henrico East Health Clinic along a stretch of North Laburnum Avenue where key county facilities are located or planned.

Clinic to help create focal point for key services

The Henrico East Health Clinic will help create a cluster of key county services along North Laburnum.

The county opened the \$13.3 million Eastern Henrico

Recreation Center in 2011 and later purchased land southeast of North Laburnum and Watts for a new Fairfield Area Library. A timetable for construction has not been set, but the library is

> envisioned to have 40,000 square feet and be similar to the Twin Hickory Area Library.

The wave of investment in the North Laburnum corridor began in 2008, with the opening of Harvie Elementary School. The school sits less than one-third of a mile from the recreation center and the health clinic and library sites.

Residents will appreciate the convenience of having county services clustered along a corridor served by the GRTC Transit System, Bennett said. She envisions individuals and families coordinating appointments at the health clinic with visits to the recreation center or library. Sidewalks will allow pedestrians to move safely between the facilities.

The result, she added, will be stronger bodies, sharper minds and healthier relationships.

"It'll give that access to public services, and, to me, it'll build

-CONTINUED, PAGE 2-

County weighs parameters of meals tax

Voters to consider 4 percent tax in Nov. 5 referendum

As Henrico County voters prepare to decide whether the county can charge a 4 percent tax on meals, officials have been considering exactly what would — and would not — be taxed.

"When in doubt, it's out. That's the philosophy," County Manager John A. Vithoulkas said. "We want to keep this as simple and straightforward as possible. That's the way it will be interpreted locally."

Henrico will hold a referendum Nov. 5 as part of the general election, asking voters to decide whether to authorize a 4 percent meals tax in the county.

If the tax is approved, the Board of Supervisors will consider an ordinance establishing an effective date and other details of the tax. Any consideration of an ordinance would include opportunities for comment by the public.

A 4 percent meals tax would require diners to pay an additional 4 cents on every dollar spent on prepared meals. For example, a \$10 restaurant bill would become \$10.40, and a \$50 bill would become \$52.

All new revenue - an

-CONTINUED, PAGE 2-

Henrico to build East Health Clinic (continued)

family," she said.

Henrico's investment in facilities and services will benefit the entire eastern area, said Jane D. Crawley, deputy county manager for community services.

"It's going to beautify, as a whole, our community," she said. "It strengthens the sense of be-

The Henrico Health District also operates a western clinic in the Human Services Building at the Henrico Government Center, at 8600 Dixon Powers Drive, and a smaller clinic, at 7740 Shrader Road, for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program.

The county is designing the project to meet Silver standards of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program of the U.S. Green Building Council.



The planned Henrico East Health Clinic will be built along North Laburnum Avenue at Watts Lane. The 13,252-square-foot clinic will provide a larger, permanent space for public health services in eastern Henrico.

longing and ownership and value
— the type of value that you
can't measure. It's intrinsic."

Clinic project caps years of planning

County officials have been working since summer 2010 to find a suitable, long-term home for the Health District's eastern clinic.

For two decades, the clinic operated in a 7,500-square-foot space in the Glen Echo Building at the Eastern Government Center. However, space limitations and other concerns forced the move to a larger, temporary home in the modular units.

"Twenty years ago, the Glen Echo Building might have been a suitable location," Bennett said. "But you've got to think of the future and growth patterns. The east end is the green ground." The Health District, a locally operated branch of the Virginia Department of Health, will occupy the one-story building under a 20-year lease.

Clinic to provide expanded medical services

The new clinic will provide office and support spaces for 32 staff members, plus an area for the WIC program. The program provides a wide range of family-support services, including classes on breastfeeding, nutrition and family planning.

"It's really a holistic approach to family," Bennett said.

The rest of the facility will serve as a medical clinic, with eight examination rooms, a nurses station and a lab. That space will accommodate a variety of full-service clinics on immunizations, family planning, sexually transmitted infections and other issues

By having a larger, properly designed home serving eastern Henrico, the Health District will be better equipped to provide services when they are needed, Bennett said.

That means clinics will be able to occur simultaneously — an option that has not been available.

The facility also will be able to accommodate more walk-in clients, allow greater flexibility

in scheduling appointments and accommodate more than twice as many people in its waiting areas.

In the past, space limitations have forced the Health District to schedule appointments up to eight weeks in advance and turn away some walkin clients. That kind of response is far from ideal from both a customer service and a public-health standpoint, Bennett said.

"When you have to turn people away, that's a health hazard by itself,"

she said.

County reviews meals tax details (continued)

estimated \$18 million annually
— would boost funding for Henrico County Public Schools.

Henrico tax would be 'lowest of the low'

Vithoulkas has emphasized that any meals tax in Henrico must be the "lowest of the low," meaning it should apply to as few items as possible in accordance with state law.

A total of 209 localities across the state already charge a meals tax — a list that includes the city of Richmond and all 38 other independent cities, as well as the town of Ashland. Overall, meals taxes are in force in 10 of the 15 most-populous localities.

Meals taxes are so prevalent that all but 10 of Virginia's 95

counties have a meals tax that applies either countywide or in a town that is incorporated within the county limits.

Henrico is one of the 10 counties unaffected by either a county or a town meals tax. It also is one of two counties in that group that has more than 30,000 residents. Henrico's population is more than 10 times greater, at about 318,000.

Vithoulkas emphasized that Henrico, if authorized to charge a meals tax, would set its own rules and would avoid many of the items that are taxed elsewhere.

To help develop a framework for a meals tax, Henrico officials have been working with a 20-member committee that includes county finance and legal staff, plus various business representatives.

In general, Vithoulkas said, a meals tax in the county would apply widely to meals in restaurants, but it would have a narrow impact on purchases from a grocery store's deli counter or a convenience store. In those businesses, the only taxable purchases would be, in effect, single servings of a prepared meal, such as a ready-to-eat breakfast sandwich or a hot slice of pizza.

Henrico would avoid taxing snack items, such as a soft drink in a cup, a bag of popcorn, an ice cream cone, and a combination of a cup of coffee and a doughnut or muffin.

Also excluded would be prepared meals from a grocery store's deli counter that are intended to serve more than one person, such as a bucket of hot chicken, Vithoulkas said.

"Our hope is to avoid a tax that will impact a family that is stopping at the grocery store to pick up a quick dinner," he said.

Henrico also would exempt a variety of other kinds of food sales, including those from employee-only cafeterias, day care centers and hospitals, as well as religious and community organizations that have occasional fundraisers involving the sale of food and drinks.

Meals tax would boost Henrico schools

Henrico is proposing a meals tax after lagging revenues brought by the national recession forced the county to slash \$115 million from its budget during the past four years.

Despite those cuts, the county is projecting a nearly \$120 million gap between revenues and expenses over the next five years. The gap stems largely from teacher-retirement costs passed on by the state and the need to maintain schools and other public facilities.

The proposed meals tax would generate an estimated \$18 million annually. As part of the referendum, Henrico is committing to dedicate all of the additional revenue to Henrico County Public Schools, which represents about 55 percent of the county's budget.

The intent, Vithoulkas said, is to use the meals tax to boost overall funding for schools, not just to supplant other revenues.

"This is a moral commitment we are making to our school system," he said.

County officials said a meals tax and ongoing cost-cutting measures would allow Henrico to close its budget gap without resorting to less-desirable alternatives — specifically, approving a 6-cent increase in the real estate tax rate or making further budget cuts that would affect schools and public safety.

A meals tax also would have less of an impact on residents because it would leverage Henrico's position as a destination for employment, shopping and other entertainment, officials said.

About 40 percent of meals tax revenues would come from non-Henrico residents, according to county estimates.

By comparison, Henrico residents would pay 100 percent of any increase in the real estate tax rate, which currently stands at 87 cents per \$100 of assessed value



and is the lowest among the rates of Virginia's 15 largest localities.

"Having a low real estate tax is a key component of our economic development strategy," Vithoulkas said. "This meals tax is about maintaining our quality of life and education services going forward. There is a clear link between a quality education system and the value of residential real estate in a community."

Henrico would offer rebate to businesses

Officials recognize that restaurants and other businesses would face additional work to collect a meals tax and remit payments to the county.

As a result, officials are looking to let the businesses retain 3 percent of their meals tax collections to defray their administrative costs.

The idea of a rebate is rare among localities that charge a meals tax, but it's consistent with Henrico's long-established business-friendly approach, Vithoulkas said.

"That is our tax philosophy, to be the lowest of the low," he said. "You do whatever you can to help the business that is providing the tax."

County launches efforts to inform voters

Henrico is taking a variety of steps to help residents understand the meals tax proposal and Nov. 5 referendum.

The county has launched a website, www.henrico.us/meals-tax. It also has created a speakers bureau of county representatives who are available to meet with neighborhood and community groups to discuss the issues and answer questions. Meetings can be scheduled through Monday, Nov. 4 by calling (804) 501-4242 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Henrico also plans to hold informational meetings for the public at county high schools.

"This is a true community conversation about the future of our county," Vithoulkas said. "I cannot change the trajectory of reduced revenues because of the economy and increased expenses passed on by the state. What we must do is react within our ability to do so.

"I believe we have a potential revenue source that takes into account businesses and would be paid to a significant degree by out-of-towners who choose to eat in restaurants of the county."

What would be taxed?

Henrico officials have been considering the parameters of a potential meals tax ahead of the Nov. 5 referendum. The following reflects an initial sense of what would and would not be taxed. A final determination would be subject to an ordinance approved by the Board of Supervisors.

At a restaurant or café:

- A sandwich or entrée? *Yes*.
- A cup of coffee or other drink alone? *No*.
- A dessert alone? No, for most desserts.
- A drink with a sandwich or entrée? Yes.
- A dessert with a sandwich or entrée? Yes.
- A carry-out or home-delivered pizza? *Yes*.
- A salad alone? Yes, for most salads.
- A cup of coffee and a plain bagel, muffin or doughnut? *No*.

At a convenience store or a grocery store's deli counter:

- A slice of hot pizza? Yes.
- A hot dog, bag of chips and fountain drink? *Yes, for the hot dog.*
- A single-serving, prepackaged salad? *No.*
- Salads or sliced fruit by the pound? *No*.
- Sliced deli meat or cheese by the pound? *No*.
- A whole rotisserie chicken? *No*.
- A hot three- or six-piece chicken dinner with a side item and a roll? *Yes*.
- A cup or bowl of hot soup? *Yes*.
- A hot, ready-to-eat breakfast sandwich? *Yes*.
- A doughnut, muffin or bagel? *No*.
- A whole cake or pie? *No*.
- A slice of cake or pie? *No*.
- A made-to-order hot or cold sandwich? *Yes*.
- A container of cookies?

Henrico earns national honors for 17 programs

Police and Schools projects also praised as Best in Category

Henrico County departments and agencies have received 17 Achievement awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo), plus two Best in Category honors for programs focused on crime involving local hotels and the international problem of human trafficking.

"The NACo awards are truly noteworthy achievements in which all of us can take great pride," County Manager John A. Vithoulkas said. "The awards continue the county's tradition of providing cutting-edge programs to our residents and businesses."

Henrico representatives received the awards July 21 during the 2013 NACo annual conference in Fort Worth, Texas.

The NACo Achievement Award Program recognizes groundbreaking programs in a variety of service areas, including children and youth, administration, parks and recreation, health and human services.

> Henrico has earned 479 NACo awards

> > 2013 County Solutions and Idea Marketplace
> > The Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties

since 1987, including 209 since 2000.

The 17 awards in 2013 gave Henrico more than any other county in Virginia and the sixth-highest total nationally, trailing Los Angeles; San Diego; Maricopa, Ariz.; San Bernardino, Calif.; and Montgomery, Md. Each of those counties has between 1 million and 10 million residents, compared with Henrico's population of about 318,000.

Henrico's awards for 2013

recognize the efforts of eight departments and agencies to modernize county government and to better serve the needs of residents.

Henrico County Public Schools received awards for seven programs, which was the most of any department or agency. The Department of Human Resources earned an award for the 27th consecutive year, a feat unmatched by any other human resources agency in the country.

The Henrico programs and agencies recognized by NACo are:

- "Operation Innkeeper," Division of Police: A cooperative effort with the FBI, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, other law-enforcement agencies and the Richmond Retail Merchants Association, the initiative aims to identify people and organizations that are engaged in crimes that negatively impact area lodging establishments. The operation educates hotel owners and employees on how hotels and their guests can be targets of crime. The program was selected Best in Category in the criminal justice and public safety group.
- ❖ "The Prevention Project," Henrico County Public Schools: A summer project at The Center for Humanities at Hermitage High School taught students about the international problem

of human trafficking. During their studies, students heard from FBI

agents, victims of human trafficking, members of the Richmond Justice Initiative and other educators. The effort led to a movie night and panel discussion, presentations to three middle schools and a trip to the Virginia General Assembly to discuss with lawmakers pending legislation related to the issue. The program was selected Best in Category in the children and youth group.

"iRae — Internet Real Estate

Assessment Express," Department of Finance: The Internet application provides easy access to public data on real estate assessments, photos of parcels and mapping information. Henrico has more than 111,000 taxable parcels with a combined value of \$30.8 billion. As a result,

the county receives hundreds of requests for information each day. The iRae application replaced a telephone-based system that could be difficult and time-consuming to use. The Department of Information Technology

and Finance's Real Estate Assessment Division performed all programming and training for the application.

"Permanent Dog Tag and Multiyear License," Department of Finance: The initiative led to code changes creating a dog tag that is valid for the life of the animal and a multiyear license that runs concurrent with a rabies vaccination. The permanent tag and multiyear license were developed with support from the County Attorney's Office, Department of Information Technology and Animal Control after the 2007 General Assembly required veterinarians to report rabies vaccines to localities. That requirement increased workloads for county staff and revealed a license and renewal process that had become outdated. The permanent tag and multiyear license provides a more manageable workload and cost savings for the county, as well as convenience and cost savings for residents.

* "Hose and Nozzle Shop — Sale of Recyclable Metal," Division of Fire: The internal shop is responsible for maintaining, servicing and repairing more than 20 miles of fire hose and nearly 250 nozzles and related water appliances for all Fire companies.

As part of a new initiative, damaged nozzle couplings are sold as recyclable metal.

* "Executive Development for Middle Managers: Preparing Tomorrow's Top Leaders," Department of Human Resources: The initiative promotes smooth transitions in departmental leadership

"The awards continue

the county's tradition

edge programs to our

County Manager

John A. Vithoulkas

of providing cutting-

residents and busi-

nesses."

by preparing middle managers for executive roles. Developed as a significant number of county leaders became eligible for retirement, the initiative provides professional development through

classroom instruction, facilitated dialogue, group projects and informal conversation. More than 300 middle managers have participated, with 35 percent so far having received promotions or greater responsibilities.

- ❖ "eBook Classes at Senior Centers," Public Library: As part of its community outreach efforts, the Mobile Library Service staff provided classes and one-on-one help with eBooks during visits with library patrons at senior centers. The staff had noticed an increasing need to help senior patrons check out eBooks on electronic tablets and other devices.
- ❖ "Electronics Recycling at Twin Hickory Area Library," Public Library: Library staff worked with the Department of Public Utilities on an event to accept recyclable electronics from area residents. Initially held in October 2011, the event is now offered each April and October, giving residents a convenient alternative to disposing of outdated electronics at the county landfill.
- * "Time Travel Programs," Public Library: Staff commemorated Henrico's 400th anniversary in 2011 by creating interactive and educational family programs

-CONTINUED, PAGE 6-

HCTV–Channel 17 schedule For program descriptions or more information, go to www.co.henrico.va.us/pr.

H	17	Even Hours Midnight, 2 a.m., 4 a.m., 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.	Odd Hours 1 a.m., 3 a.m., 5 a.m., 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m.
Aug 12 through Aug 18	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Still in the Game: Adult Sports in Henrico — 18 mins	The Four Legged Force: Life in Henrico's K-9 Unit — 22 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Caring for the Animals: Livestock to Lizards in Henrico Recreation — 34 mins	A State of Mind: The History of the Glen Allen Community — 29 mins
Aug 19 through Aug 25	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Angels of Agriculture: Henrico's Honeybees — 20 mins	J.E.B. Stuart: Bold Cavalier — 35 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Never Forget: Marshall Ray Butler Homicide — 22 mins	The Great War Remembered: Henrico's Story of Service and Support — 31 mins
Aug 26 through Sep 1	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Inside Henrico: Summer 2013 Edition— mins TBD	Driving Force: Henrico's Traffic Safety Unit — 27 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Native Fish Species of the James River — 39 mins	An Evolving Legend: The Story of Robert E. Lee — 38 mins
Sep 2 through Sep 8	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Birds of the James — 26 mins	John Randolph Tucker: A Heritage of Law — 17 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Hermitage Enterprises: Staffing and Labor Services — 30 mins	Be Ready Henrico: Disaster Preparation — 18 mins
Sep 9 through Sep 15	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Sheriff's Student Academy — mins TBD	Henrico's Iron: Ironclad Battles on the James — 25 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	Inside Henrico: Summer 2013 Edition — mins TBD	Douglas Southall Freeman: Voice of the Confederate Soldier — 38 mins
Sep 16 through Sep 22	Mon Wed Fri Sun	Living Among Us: A Closer Look at the Bugs to Beware — 25 mins	Airwaves of Yesteryear: Early Television in Central Virginia — 30 mins
	Tue Thu Sat	City Limits: Henrico Escapes Richmond's Attempts to Merge and Annex — 19 mins	The Story of Maude F. Trevvett: A Lifetime of Teaching — 21 mins

NACo awards (continued)

exploring the county's history. Using a spray-painted refrigerator box as a time machine, librarians pretended to travel through time and kidnap two figures from Virginia's past: patriot Patrick Henry and aviator Richard Byrd. The historical figures, portrayed by costumed actors, were transported to the present day, allowing audiences to ask questions about their lives and times before they were returned to their respective periods. The program, which uses videos projected on a screen to give the illusion of time travel, was offered three times in 2011 and is now an annual event at the Twin Hickory Area Library.

- "Crisis Intervention Team — Mobile Response Team," Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services (MH/ DS) and the Division of Fire: Formed in partnership with the divisions of Police and Fire, the Sheriff's Office and MH/DS, the crisis intervention team (CIT) and mobile response team (MRT) provide assistance to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. Formed in 2008, the CIT offers targeted assistance with the support of hospitals, consumer advocacy and support groups, state agencies and community stakeholders. The MRT was developed in 2010 to address a significant gap in the availability of services. Since then, the team has provided more than 1,740 hours of assistance to more than 440 individuals.
- ❖ "Voices of Recovery," MH/DS: Developed in 2011 with the support of a community services board and the nonprofit radio station WRIR 97.3 FM, the project produced a series of public sevice announcements on mental illness. The one-minute messages sought to break the stigma of mental illness by highlighting notable people who have overcome men-



Students at the Center for Humanities at Hermitage High School showed a movie and led a panel discussion as part of The Prevention Project, which focused on the international problem of human trafficking. The Prevention Project in July received an Achievement Award and Best in Category honor from the

National Association of Counties. tal health challenges and found a path to recovery.

- "Discovering Healthy **Choices Through Nutrition** Education in the Classroom," Henrico County Public Schools: The division's School Nutrition Services created the program Food Explorers: Virginia Fresh & Local to provide instruction on nutrition, physical activity and agriculture. In 2011 and 2012, School Nutrition Services, school nurses, the Virginia Department of Health and Field of Dreams Farm partnered to offer the program to second-grade students. Lessons, presented each month November through May, provided hands-on learning and incorporated the Virginia Standards of Learning objectives for math, science, English and health.
- * "Entrepreneurship Enrichment for Business and Marketing Students," Henrico County Public Schools: The Young Entrepreneurs' Symposium and Marketing Conference was created to promote entrepreneurship education among Career and

- Technical Education students. A total of 200 marketing students and 86 middle school students attended the second-annual Young Entrepreneurs' Symposium and Marketing Conference at Virginia Center Commons.
- ❖ "The Henrico Inclusive Communities Coalition Initiative," Henrico County Public Schools: The initiative provides bully-prevention programming and mentoring support for struggling students. Last year, 524 mentors served 1,029 students while more than 48,000 students participated in bully-prevention programming.
- * "Stakeholder Engagement in the Budget Process," Henrico County Public Schools: A number of indicators were developed to measure and encourage community involvement in the budget process. Several survey tools measure and evaluate staff, parent and student engagement, as well as satisfaction with all facets of the division, including financial planning and stakeholder engagement in the budget process.
- "The Rain Garden at The Academy at Virginia Randolph," Henrico County Public Schools: Students in the horticulture program at The Academy at Virginia Randolph and Virginia Randolph Education Center created a rain garden to mitigate the amount of storm water that flows into the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The project included career and technical education students from the school, exceptional education students from an adjacent school, employees of Henrico County Public Schools Construction and Maintenance Department and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. The project allowed all stakeholders to take ownership of an environmentally beneficial effort to reduce damage to the local ecosystem.
- * "Truancy Reduction in Henrico County," Henrico County Public Schools: To counteract habitual absences that often contribute to students struggling academically and dropping out, the school division developed a new approach to resource assignment and truancy prevention. The effort helped to reduce truancy rates across the division.

Recreation Roundup

Fri, Aug 23: The Atkinsons in Concert

The Atkinsons mix roots, country, mountain and rock into their own style of rambling, swing rock-androll. *Reservations required*. Henrico Theatre. 7-8:45 p.m. Info: 328-4491.

Mon, Aug 26: Henrico Concert Band in the Park

Bring a blanket and lawn chair and enjoy your favorite band music by the lake. Dorey Park. 7-8 p.m. Info: 501-5859.

Wed, Aug 28: Barefoot Puppets present "The Little Bread Hen"

Inspired by the classic tale "The Little Red Hen," this version reveals the truth about what happened that day when a chicken decided to bake a loaf of bread. *Reservations required*. Henrico Theatre. 10-11 a.m. & 1-2 p.m. Info: 328-4491.

Thu, Aug 29: Henrico Community Band in the Park

Spend a casual evening at the Nature Pavilion listening to more of

your favorite band music. Deep Run Park. 7-8 p.m. Info: 501-5859.

Sat, Aug 31: The Story of Tom and Pharaoh

Hear the story of these Meadow Farm slaves and the role they played in uncovering a slave insurrection on Aug. 30, 1800. Meadow Farm Museum. 1, 2 & 3 p.m. Info: 501-2130.

Sun, Sep 8: Honky Tonk Experience in Concert

Enjoy country classics as well as songs of contemporary artists. *Reservations required*. Henrico Theatre. 4-5:45 p.m. Info: 328-4491.

Sat, Sep 14: Grandparents' Day Celebrate with games, activities, music and fun for all ages. Eastern Henrico Recreation Center. 10 a.m.-noon. Info: 501-5114 & 501-

Sat, Sep 21: Glen Allen Day Join the festivities at one of Henrico's largest outdoor festivals. Activities include a parade, custom and classic car show and live

5807.

musical performances. Concessions available for purchase. *Participant applications available at www. glenallenday.org.* Crump Park. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Info: 501-5134.

Sat, Oct 5: Bark in the Park Bring your "best friend" for an expo of pet vendors, a pet costume contest and a run in the fully-fenced Dorey Dog Park. Live music and children's activities as well; concessions available for purchase. Dorey Park. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: 501-5134.

Sat, Oct 12: Heritage Bluegrass Band in Concert

Enjoy bluegrass music ranging from traditional to contemporary. *Reservations required*. Henrico Theatre. 7-8:45 p.m. Info: 328-4491.

Sat, Oct 19: Harvest Festival

The popular annual event features hands-on activities and demonstrations of typical homemaking and farming tasks from the 19th century. Kids can visit the Children's Farm and Great Pumpkin Patch. Live entertainment; concessions avail-

able for purchase. Meadow Farm Museum/Crump Park. Noon-4 p.m. Info: 501-5134.

Fri, Oct 25: Monster Mash

Celebrate Halloween with a hay ride on the spooky trail, creepy crafts, a costume contest, games and more. Concessions available for purchase. Dorey Recreation Center. 6-9 p.m. Info: 501-5808.

Sat, Oct 26: Richmond Ballet's Minds in Motion Team XXL

Take in the exciting performance by Minds in Motion and its fourthgrade students. *Reservations* required. Henrico Theatre. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Info: 328-4491.

Programs are free and open to everyone except where noted. For additional activities, see "At Your Leisure," our catalog of events and classes, available at www.henricorecandparks.com, Henrico libraries and by calling (804) 501-7275.

Library Lineup

Fri, Aug 23: A *Free* Night at the Children's Museum

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading Club with free admission to the Children's Museum of Richmond. Meet Seymour, the museum's dinosaur mascot, take in a magic show and enjoy the museum. Children's Museum of Richmond (original location, 2626 W. Broad St.) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Info: 290-9032.

Friends of the Library Book Sales

Choose from a wide variety of books for all ages and support the Friends at two locations. Fri & Sat, Aug 23 & 24: Tuckahoe Area Library. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 290-9122. Sat, Sep 14: Sandston Branch Library. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. *Preview for Friends members Sep 13*, 4-7 p.m. Info: 290-9900.

Sat, Sep 7: Rockin' Birthday Bash with Music by Mo DeBree

Celebrate North Park Library's birthday with an outdoor concert and cool treats (concert will be moved indoors for inclement weather). Sponsored by the Friends of the

Library. North Park Branch Library. 1-3 p.m. Info: 290-9700.

Tue, Sep 24: How to Skype

Learn the basics of making online video phone calls and start "skyping" with family and friends. Varina Branch Library. 3-4 p.m. or 7-8 p.m. Info: 290-9800.

Thu, Sep 26: Discovering Richmond Monuments

Local historian Bob Layton will discuss his new book "Discovering Richmond Monuments: A History of River City Landmarks Beyond the Avenue" and relate its stories of fascinating monuments located in surprising places. Books will be available for purchase. Tuckahoe Area Library. 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 290-9130.

Mon, Oct 14: Arthur & D.W. Party

Enjoy a variety of fun activities, including stories, games and crafts, featuring Marc Brown's popular book characters. Dumbarton Area Library. 10-10:45 a.m. Info: 290-9400.

Wed, Oct 16: Autism Spectrum Disorder in Young Children

Join us for a workshop with Christine Holland of Commonwealth Autism Service for an overview of autism and tips for interacting with children and parents. Child care providers earn 1.5 credit hours. Gayton Branch Library. 6:30-8 p.m. Info: 290-9600.

Tue, Oct 29: Halloween Fire & Ice

Mad Science of Central Virginia will teach and amaze simultaneously with science demonstrations designed for young students. *Ages 5-11*. Twin Hickory Area Library. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Info: 290-9200.

Sat, Nov 2: Digital Power Meter Checkout

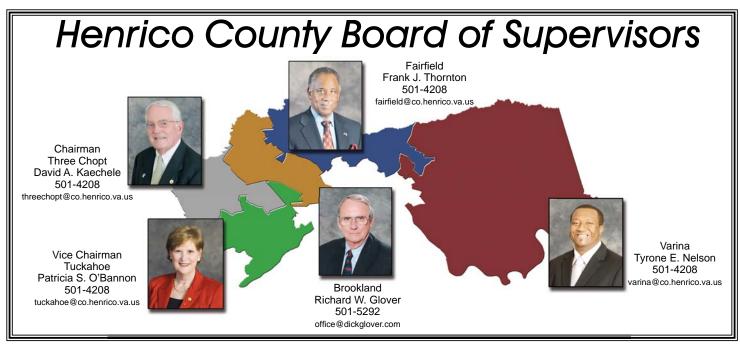
Learn about saving energy, reviewing your power bill and the Library's new free checkout program for the Kill-A-Watt 4400 Meters with Jerry Walker, Henrico County's energy manager. Fairfield Area Library Walker, Henrico County's

brary. 2-3:30 p.m. Info: 290-9300.

Sat, Nov 2: Resumé Workshop

Dr. Catherine Burr of the University of Phoenix will help you design an effective resumé. Group work as well as one-on-one help will be available; hands-on computer work will not be included. Glen Allen Branch Library. 3-4:30 p.m. Info: 290-9524.

Events are free and open to everyone. For more information go to www.henricolibrary.org; email library@henricolibrary.org; or call (804) 290-9000.



Quick Reference Telephone Numbers

Adult Protective Services	. 501-7346
Board of Supervisors	
Building Permits & Inspections	. 501-4360
Business Licenses/Personal Property	. 501-4310
Child Protective Services	. 501-5437
Community Maintenance	. 501-4757
Community Revitalization	. 501-7640
Fire, Non-emergency	. 501-4900
Food Stamps	
Health Clinic - East	. 652-3190
Health Clinic - West	. 501-4651
History/Historic Preservation	. 501-5736
Human Resources	. 501-4628
Libraries	. 290-9000
Magistrates	. 501-5285
Marriage Licenses	. 501-5055
Mental Health Emergency Services	. 727-8484
Permit Center, The	. 501-7280
Planning & Zoning	. 501-4602
Police, Non-emergency	. 501-5000
Real Estate Assessment	. 501-4300
Recreation & Parks	. 501-7275
Recycling Collection (CVWMA)	. 340-0900
Schools	. 652-3600
Sheriff	. 501-4571
Traffic Ticket Court	. 501-4723
Trash/Bulky Waste/Leaf Collection	. 501-4275
Vehicle Licenses/Personal Property	. 501-4263
Volunteer Program	. 501-4425
Voter Registration	. 501-4347
Water and Sewer Service	. 501-4275



Government Center 4301 East Parham Road 501-4000



Eastern Government Center 3820 Nine Mile Road 652-3600 ____.



HENRICO TODAY

The award-winning **Henrico Today** is published quarterly on behalf of the Henrico County Board of Supervisors. To comment or make suggestions contact: Public Relations & Media Services

County of Henrico P.O. Box 90775 Henrico, VA 23273-0775 (804) 501-4257 www.co.henrico.va.us/pr



Proud of our progress; Excited about our future.