



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

July 2001

DATE: July 26, 2001

CONTACT: Sgt. A. F. Dowdy, Animal Protection Supervisor

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The Henrico County Division of Police is holding a rabies clinic on Saturday, August 11, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at gate four of the Richmond International Raceway.

Rabies shots cost \$6 each and include a certificate of inoculation and a rabies tag. Dog owners may also purchase a license at the clinic for \$10, but must show proof of rabies inoculation. All dogs and cats ages 4 months and older are required to have a rabies shot.

DATE: July 20, 2001

CONTACT: Tim Foster, Traffic Engineer

PHONE: 501-4397

The Henrico Department of Public Works advises motorists that on Thursday, July 26, from 9 a.m. through 9 p.m., Meadowbridge Road will be closed between Azalea Avenue and the Henrico County line to repair a railroad crossing.

Motorists can follow the posted detour signs until the road reopens.

DATE: July 13, 2001

CONTACT: Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., County Manager

PHONE: 501-4386

Henrico County received 18 Achievement Awards recognizing 13 agencies in the 2001 National Association of Counties (NACo) awards competition. Additionally, NACo designated Keep Henrico Beautiful's Litter Really "Bugs" Me program as a Best of Category for Children and Youth. This special award is limited to exemplary model programs throughout the nation; only 15 Best of Category awards were conferred this year. Keep Henrico Beautiful Executive Coordinator Nancy W. Drumheller with the Department of Public Utilities, worked with Libraries and Recreation and Parks to create an environmental education program for preschool and elementary school children demonstrating how to keep the county and the environment looking beautiful.

The 17 additional NACo awards for innovative and progressive government administration include:

Business Personal Property Assessment Reforms

The county conducted an extensive study of depreciation schedules to assess business personal property to attract cutting-edge firms and encourage economic growth. Implementing accelerated depreciation schedules significantly lowered personal property taxes for the business community.

Agency: Department of Finance

Contact: Edward W. Trice, Director, Revenue Division

Operation Paintbrush

This program recruits volunteer groups to paint and perform minor house repairs for residents without resources and whose homes would deteriorate, ultimately preserving neighborhoods and maintaining sustainable communities.

Agency: Community Maintenance, Planning Office

Contact: Paul A. Johnson, Community Maintenance Manager

Wireless Communications Technology Element: 2010 Land Use Plan

The wireless communications technology amendment provides detailed criteria for citing communication towers and ensures telecommunications infrastructure meets industry needs while minimizing impact on surrounding land, especially residential communities.

Agency: Planning Office

Contact: John R. Marlles, Director

Central Gardens Neighborhood Plan

Central Gardens is a long-standing residential area with a high number of elderly homeowners on fixed incomes. County planners addressed resident concerns and educated them to better understand the constraints, opportunities and available resources. Together they formed a plan to construct the Hidden Creek Community Center, strengthen the existing civic association, and direct community crime prevention activities and strategies for neighborhood improvements.

Agency: Planning Office

Contact: John R. Marlles, Director

Protector

Due to increased recreational and commercial traffic within a narrow waterway, there are 28 miles of shoreline along the James River in eastern Henrico that produce a variety of challenges and hazards. The Henrico County Marine Patrol, a joint effort between the Fire and Police divisions, acquired a retired United States Coast Guard 41-foot patrol boat, and used in-house resources to place the "Protector" in service, saving Henrico more than \$200,000.

Agency: Division of Fire

Contact: Captain Kevin Bartal Agency: Division of Police

Contact: Lieutenant John Friend

Dragon 2000

Henrico hosted five talented folk artists from the Chinese Federation of Literary and Artistic Circles and an interpreter for a 12-day visit centering on the Chinese New Year celebration, the Year of the Dragon. Supported by the Richmond Chinese School, the Organization of Chinese Americans, Central Virginia Chapter and local businesses, the community celebrated the Chinese New Year for two days at The Cultural Arts Center at Glen

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Agency: Division of Recreation and Parks
Contact: Karen K. Mier, Assistant Director

Go with the Flow

Henrico teamed with local artist Dan Bartges to paint five scenes of the Tuckahoe Creek, which winds through 240 acres of environmentally sensitive land. All proceeds from his paintings and note cards will support educational programs through Recreation and Parks and the Stream Assessment and Watershed Management Program.

Agency: Division of Recreation and Parks
Contact: Gary Boyd, Community Relations, Marketing and Publicity Supervisor
Agency: Department of Public Works
Contact: Jeff Perry, Environmental Management Engineer

Read and Relax Summer Reading Program

Henrico adults needed a summer reading program that fit their busy schedules. Libraries devised a log for reading and listening selections; produced colorful bookmarks with reading suggestions; and gave awards for those who reached their goals.

Agency: Public Library, Innsbrook Branch
Contact: Jane Sumpter, Librarian

Make It and Take It

To promote literacy and enhance day care quality in Henrico, the Library teamed with Social Services to develop a series of four "Make It and Take It" workshops. Library staff organized the curriculum and provided classroom space. Instructors applied for grant money from Social Services to cover material costs for participants. The 75 childcare attendees of the "Make It and Take It" workshop received information about using effective flannel board presentations to enhance literacy.

Agency: Public Library
Contact: Joy Antrim, Children's Coordinator Agency: Department of Social Services
Contact: Helen Leonard, Employment Services Supervisor

Tech Construction Prep at Highland Springs Technical Center

Carpentry, electricity, and masonry teachers at Highland Springs Technical Center partnered with AT&T Broadband to establish an Internet web site where students can demonstrate their academic, technical, and employee skills on video resumes. Schools and employers can access this information in their search for individuals.

Agency: Public Schools
Contact: Janet S. Binns, Director, Public Relations

Reach Out Henrico Schools

Schools provide easily accessible and interactive information for parents, students, seniors, business people, school personnel and residents via a newspaper, television, and on the Internet. The Television Services department provides specialized programming from 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., seven days a week.

Agency: Public Schools
Contact: Janet S. Binns, Director, Public Relations

Bond Referendum 2000

Together, county government and schools initiated a massive information campaign to educate residents about each of the proposed questions listed on the November ballot. The county formed five speakers bureaus that included a member from each agency listed on the ballot and gave more than 120 informational presentations. The county sent letters to various organizations, and residents could access bond information on an interactive web site. Information was also available on local cable access stations, newsletters, brochures, in local newspapers and on television.

Agency: Public Schools
Contact: Janet S. Binns, Director, Public Relations
Agency: Public Information Office
Contact: Tamra McKinney, Assistant Director

Safe Work Program

The Safe Work Program is a crime prevention model that promotes organizational responsibility, executive level direction and employee level action in the workplace. The program's mission is crime prevention through partnership and education.

Agency: Division of Police
Contact: Colonel H. W. Stanley, Jr., Chief

Auto Theft Enforcement and Prevention Initiative

The Auto Theft Unit and the Problem Oriented Policing/Community Oriented Policing model participated in an aggressive campaign of selective enforcement actions and theft prevention programs to educate the public, foster community support and increase resident participation. Unit members received advanced auto theft training through accredited agencies and additional training in Community Oriented Policing practices.

Agency: Division of Police
Contact: Colonel H. W. Stanley, Jr., Chief

Excellence in Public Service Awards Program

Initiated by the County Manager, this inaugural program encouraged each county employee to nominate a co-worker who best exemplifies the values and qualities that are the hallmark of public service in Henrico. All employees received a letter from the manager with a nomination form. Once each department finalized its entry, the agency head submitted the name for consideration and a committee then selected the final award winner. The winning employee serves as a county ambassador for a year at the manager's discretion.

Agency: County Manager's Office
Contact: Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., County Manager
Agency: Department of Human Resources
Contact: George H. Cauble, Jr., Director

The Retention of Generation X

Henrico began an initiative to motivate and retain Generation X employees. By educating management on generational differences, and shifting the focus on career growth and development, employee turnover has dramatically declined among Generation X employees as promotions have skyrocketed. Their input is valued and rewarded as they prepare for future career opportunities within the county.

Agency: Department of Human Resources
Contact: Paula G. Reid, PHR, Human Resources Analyst/Trainer

A Creative Approach to Organizational Change

Many potential leaders in Mental Health/Mental Retardation were underdeveloped and often unaware of strategic issues. The agency has increased the effectiveness and number of its leaders by addressing these problems. As a result, collaboration among staff has noticeably increased in day-to-day operations.

Agency: Henrico Area Mental Health and Retardation Services
Contact: James W. Stewart, III, Executive Director

CONTACT: W. Forrest Matthews, Jr., Director of Finance, 501-4377

Rodney E. Gordon, Business Manager, 501-4253

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) honored Henrico County's Department of Finance with the 2001 Award for Excellence in Government Finance in the category of capital financing and debt administration for its Local Government Bond School. The award recognizes Henrico's contributions to outstanding financial management and stresses practical, documented work that offers leadership and innovation, and promotes improved public finance.

Henrico's Local Government Bond School presents the complexities of municipal debt financing and provides a forum for government officials to discuss debt issuance with a panel of professionals, including investment bankers, financial advisors, state issuance authorities, rating agencies and bond counsel. Last spring, more than 180 representatives from local, state and federal government attended the fourth annual bond school.

"We are extremely fortunate to employ such talented and committed staff. This prestigious award is not only an outstanding achievement, but it serves as a testament to this county's commitment to excellence," said Henrico County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E.

Henrico is one of only 18 counties in the nation to earn a triple-A bond rating from Fitch, Moody's Investors Service, and Standard and Poor's.

DATE: July 9, 2001

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Local High School Students Make a Difference One Paint Stroke at a Time

Henrico County's public health clinic on Dixon Powers Drive is sporting a bright new look thanks to five talented art students at Hermitage High School. A mural illustrating the clinic's diverse patient population now greets visitors in the public waiting area.

The concept was formed when Debbie Kammeter, a public health nurse at the clinic, decided she wanted a mural in the waiting room that would portray the growing number of refugees who use the clinic and to make it more inviting. Kammeter planted the seed for the mural when she ran into Janet Masterson, head of the art department at Hermitage High.

Masterson, recently named Henrico's Art Teacher of the Year by her peers, relayed the idea to her Advanced Art students, divided them into four competing teams and challenged them to develop proposals. The students met with Kammeter and visited the clinic to learn more about its services and patients.

Virginia Paint Company donated the paint and the winning design went to Brett Hinson, Allison Boyd, Adam Triplett, and Jackie Lohmann, all rising seniors and members of the National Art Honor Society.

The students spent several days after school painting the mural. Stephanie Hoffman, another art student and rising senior at Hermitage, pitched in to complete the mural before the summer recess began.

The mural depicts real people who have used the clinic: a Mexican mother and her child, a Vietnamese girl and her father, a Bosnian mother and her baby, a Cambodian girl, a couple from Sierra Leone, and a Russian girl, along with the Statue of Liberty. The students worked from photographs of the patients.

The mural has had a positive effect on many levels. Students not only learned about the clinic, but also were enlightened about Henrico's diverse multi-cultural population and the struggle of refugees. They also learned how to work together to provide a work of art for a real client.

The daily reminder of the people they help and the lives they have touched inspires the clinic's staff, says Kammeter. While the clinic serves the refugee population, its services are available to all Henrico residents.

The clinic provides pediatric, family planning, maternity, immunization and dental services, as well as services to the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program. Residents can call the clinic on Dixon Powers Drive in the West End at 501-4651, or the East End clinic on Nine Mile Road at 652-3190 for further information.

DATE: July 6, 2001

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

PHONE: 501-4318

Fairfield District Supervisor Frank Thornton will discuss the "Enforcement of County Ordinances Related to Adult Businesses" at an informational constituent meeting on Thursday, July 12, at 7 p.m., at Belmont Recreation Center, 1600 Hilliard Road.

Representatives from the offices of the County Manager, County Attorney, Planning and the Division of Police will join Thornton to address concerns, provide information and answer questions.

Thornton's meetings are open to the public; he encourages anyone interested in learning more about this subject to attend.

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