



# HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

## April 2003

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April 30, 2003

CONTACT: Command Sgt. Al Dowdy, Animal Protection Supervisor

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The Henrico County Division of Police will hold a rabies clinic on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at gate four of the Richmond International Raceway. Shots cost \$6 (cash only) and include a rabies tag and certificate of inoculation. Dog owners may purchase a license with proof of rabies inoculation for \$10. Cats and dogs ages 4 months and older are required to be vaccinated for rabies. Contact Animal Protection at 652-3360 for more information.

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April 30, 2003

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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The next town meeting of Tuckahoe District Supervisor and Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Pat O'Bannon will focus on West Nile virus and steps residents can take to protect themselves and their neighborhoods from the potentially serious mosquito-borne disease. O'Bannon will hold the meeting twice on Thursday, May 15, beginning at 3 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. at the Gayton Branch Library, 10600 Gayton Road.

The meeting, "Getting Prepared for the 2003 West Nile Virus Season," will feature remarks by Henrico Director of Health Curtis W. Thorpe, M.D., and Environmental Control Engineer Jeff Perry. The officials will join O'Bannon for a question-and-answer period as well. Tuckahoe town meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 501-4318 or go to [www.patobannon.com](http://www.patobannon.com).

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April 28, 2003

CONTACT: Mikki Knight, Executive Assistant, Board of Supervisors

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The next constituent meeting of Fairfield District Supervisor Frank Thornton will feature a guided tour of historic Brook Hill House, 5301 Brook Road. Set for Monday, May 12, the tour will begin at 7 p.m.

Joan Gates, the home's current occupant, will lead the tour. An antebellum plantation, Brook Hill became a site for Confederate defensive works during the Civil War. Robert E. Lee ordered construction of an earthen fort at Brook Hill to guard the old Brook Turnpike (now U.S. Route 1), an important roadway into Richmond at the time.

The tour is free and open to the public, and parking will be provided at the house. Advance registration is required and is limited to 40 people on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 501-4208 to make reservations.

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April 15, 2003

CONTACT: Tim Foster, Traffic Engineer

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In preparation for the upcoming Pontiac Excitement 400 NASCAR race, the Henrico County Department of Public Works will modify traffic patterns on major routes to the Richmond International Raceway (RIR) on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3. The temporary changes should minimize traffic congestion during the races.

"Anyone attending the race should arrive early," Traffic Engineer Tim Foster said. "I would advise everyone else to avoid the raceway area the evenings of May 2nd and 3rd if at all possible."

Local motorists should expect heavy traffic and delays all day Friday and Saturday in the RIR area, especially from 11 a.m. to 8:35 p.m. before the races and from 10:15 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. after the races.

The Henrico Division of Police will have officers on duty May 2-3 to direct traffic around the area before and after the races.

Foster recommends that motorists not attending the race turn on their headlights while driving in the vicinity of RIR during the afternoon and early evening Saturday, May 3. This measure will help police maintain a smooth flow of traffic through the area.

The following traffic patterns will be in effect May 3 during peak hours:

- ◆ Carolina Avenue between Laburnum and Azalea avenues will be one-way inbound before the race and one-way outbound after the race. Access to businesses along Carolina Avenue will be maintained from Laburnum Avenue.
- ◆ Meadowbridge Road between the Henrico/Hanover county line and Azalea Avenue will be one-way southbound beginning at approximately 10 a.m. and continuing until the race starts.
- ◆ Meadowbridge Road north of Azalea Avenue will close to northbound traffic; however, in Hanover County it will remain a two-way road at all times.
- ◆ Prior to the race, three lanes on Laburnum Avenue between Mechanicsville Turnpike and RIR may be routed westbound and one lane eastbound.
- ◆ Prior to the race, three lanes on Laburnum Avenue between Alma Avenue and RIR may be routed eastbound, one lane westbound.
- ◆ After the race, Laburnum Avenue between Carolina Avenue and Mechanicsville Turnpike will be one-way eastbound. Two-way traffic will be maintained westbound from Carolina Avenue.

◆ After the race, Meadowbridge Road north of Azalea Avenue will be one-way northbound between Azalea Avenue and Atlee Road, beginning at approximately 10 p.m. and continuing until race traffic is dispersed.

◆ After the race, three lanes on Azalea Avenue between Richmond-Henrico Turnpike and Henrico High School will be routed westbound and one lane eastbound. This change will require all median crossovers on Azalea Avenue between Richmond-Henrico Turnpike and Henrico High School to close at approximately 10 p.m. until race traffic is dispersed. Police will assist motorists turning from Azalea Avenue to Thrush Lane and Pony Farm Drive.

While these traffic patterns are in effect, median crossovers on Laburnum Avenue will be closed between North Avenue and Mechanicsville Turnpike, except for the intersections of Pilots Lane and Laburnum Avenue and Austin and Laburnum avenues. Only right turns will be permitted to and from Laburnum Avenue. Police will be positioned at these intersections before and after the race to assist motorists turning onto or crossing Laburnum Avenue.

WRVA-AM 1140 radio and Metro Traffic will broadcast traffic reports before and after the race. On-street parking on major routes to RIR is prohibited both days. Additional parking will be available Saturday, May 3 at two satellite lots:

◆ The VaPark parking lot, near the Richmond Coliseum between 4th and 5th streets, and East Jackson and East Leigh streets in downtown Richmond.

◆ The Coliseum parking deck, between 7th and 8th streets and at the Azalea Flea Market (formerly the Country Peddler) at Azalea Avenue and Richmond-Henrico Turnpike.

The cost of parking in satellite lots is \$5. Free shuttle bus service to and from RIR will be provided.

The Henrico Division of Police has recommended the following routes for traffic approaching the raceway May 2-3:

◆ From the east (Hampton Roads area) - Follow Interstate 64 west to Interstate 295 north (Exit 200). Follow Interstate 295 north and exit onto Mechanicsville Turnpike west (Exit 37B). Follow Mechanicsville Turnpike to Laburnum Avenue. Turn right and proceed to the raceway.

◆ From the east (Route 360) - Approach Richmond on Route 360 west (Mechanicsville Turnpike), cross Interstate 295, and continue west to Laburnum Avenue. Turn right and proceed to the raceway.

◆ From the east (local traffic) - Follow Interstate 64 west and take the Laburnum Avenue exit (Exit 195). Turn right and proceed to the raceway.

◆ From the north - Follow Interstate 95 south to the Interstate 295 east interchange (marked "To Norfolk - Williamsburg"). Follow Interstate 295 east and exit onto Meadowbridge Road west (Exit 38B). Follow Meadowbridge Road (Richmond-Henrico Turnpike) and proceed to the raceway.

◆ From the north (local traffic) - Use Route 1 (Brook Road) to Azalea Avenue. Turn left onto Azalea Avenue and proceed to the raceway.

◆ From the west - Follow Interstate 64 east to the Interstate 295 south interchange (Exit 177). Follow Interstate 295 south and exit onto Meadowbridge Road west (Exit 38B). Follow Meadowbridge Road (Richmond-Henrico Turnpike) and proceed to the raceway.

◆ From the west (local traffic) - Follow Interstate 64 east to the Powhite Parkway/Laburnum Avenue exit. Take the Laburnum Avenue exit, turn left and proceed to the raceway.

◆ From the south - Follow Interstate 95 north to the interchange with Interstate 295 south of Petersburg. Follow Interstate 295 north and exit onto Mechanicsville Turnpike (Exit 37B). Follow Mechanicsville Turnpike to Laburnum Avenue. Turn right and proceed to the raceway.

◆ From the south (local traffic) - Follow Interstate 95 north to the Interstate 64 east interchange (Exit 75). Follow Interstate 64 to Route 360 east (Mechanicsville Turnpike). Follow Route 360 east to Laburnum Avenue. Turn left and proceed to the raceway.

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April 15, 2003

CONTACT: Bev Donati

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The next town meeting of Varina District Supervisor Jim Donati will examine social services programs available for area adults. Donati will hold the meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 21, at the Eastern Government Center, 3820 Nine Mile Road.

Representatives from the Henrico Department of Social Services and Geraldine's Cottage Adult Life Center will give a presentation and will join Donati for discussion and a question-and-answer period. Varina town meetings are open to the public. Call 501-4208 for more information.

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April 8, 2003

CONTACT: Kendra Kyle, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth

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The Henrico County Extension Office is currently accepting applications for its annual 4-H Camp. Set for Aug. 11-15 at the Jamestown 4-H Center in Williamsburg, 4-H Camp is open to all children ages 9 to 13 (as of Sept. 30, 2003). The cost to attend is \$150 and includes lodging, meals, transportation, instructional classes and use of all camp facilities.

Campers will receive 24-hour supervision, stay in modern cabins, eat in the dining hall, swim in the Olympic-sized pool and canoe in the James River. Extension staff will process applications on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 501-5160 for an application or for more information.

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April 8, 2003

CONTACT: Valerie Liggins, Henrico County Youth Initiative

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Winners of the Henrico County Outstanding Youth Awards for 2003 were honored April 3 in a ceremony at the University of Richmond's Jepson School of Leadership Studies. Receiving awards were: Kalisha Blocker of Henrico High School for service in the Dominican Republic; Syreeta Edmonds of Highland Springs High School for work with middle school athletes; Erin Heller of Tuckahoe Middle School for fund-raising work for a statewide adoption network; Courtney Lawrence of Tucker High School for work with the Henrico Police Department; Kathryn Moran of Henrico High School for service with a volunteer rescue squad; Sohini Sircar of Byrd Middle School for work with the Children's Museum of Richmond; Kassie Skelton of Virginia Randolph Community High School for contributions to her school community; Braden Snyder for fund-raising work for the Henrico Fire Department; Michelle Sullivan of St. Gertrude High School for volunteer work with several feeding programs; and Amanda Washington for work with her church and school.

Each award winner received a \$500 savings bond from Capital One. Also sponsoring the event were the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and Healthy Communities, Healthy Youth, Healthy Henrico, a partnership of public and private agencies concerned about youth.

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April 4, 2003

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More than 100 high school seniors took the reigns of Henrico County's general government and public schools administrations Wednesday as they assumed the roles of elected officials and top administrators for the 46th annual Student Government Day.

Designed to give students a first-hand view of the operations of their local government, Student Government Day paired students from eight Henrico high schools with a variety of key county officials, including the county manager, police and fire chiefs, judges and members of the Board of Supervisors, as well as leaders of the public schools administration. Students "shadowed" their government counterparts throughout the day, gaining insight into the decision-making process and learning some of the details of local governance. Students also had the opportunity to make decision themselves, as they conducted a mock Board of Supervisors meeting and "ruled" on issues such as a shoplifting ordinance and a capital improvement bond issue.

"Student Government Day is an exciting day for county staff," said County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. "We get the chance to give these outstanding young people a snapshot of something we're truly dedicated to--serving the citizens of Henrico County."

The Kiwanis clubs of North Richmond, Tuckahoe and West Henrico sponsored the event.

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April 2, 2003

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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The Henrico County Board of Supervisors will begin its regularly scheduled meeting one hour early, at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, April 8, for a public hearing regarding the Operating and Capital Annual Fiscal Plans for Fiscal Year 2003-04. The board regularly meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public and are held in the Government Center Board Room, located at Parham and Hungary Spring roads.

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