



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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The Henrico County Department of Social Services will sponsor free relationship-skills workshops on Saturday, Aug. 14 at Mosby Memorial Baptist Church, 2901 Mechanicsville Turnpike.

Designed for single people as well as couples, the workshops will discuss skills needed to build and maintain lasting relationships:

◆ "Pick a Partner: How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk or Jerkette," 9 a.m.-2 p.m., will offer singles advice to help them better select a partner and sustain a relationship as it grows.

◆ "Fighting for Your Marriage," 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., will teach couples the skills and attitudes needed to maintain a relationship and to anticipate and adjust to problems before they develop.

Each workshop includes lunch. The free workshops are open to the public, but reservations are required. To register or to obtain additional information, call 282-9763, ext. 17; or e-mail info@marriagebuildersalliance.org.

Henrico Social Services is sponsoring the event through a grant from the Virginia Department of Social Services Healthy Marriage and Stable Families Initiative.

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The Henrico County Division of Police will hold a rabies clinic on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at gate four of Richmond International Raceway, 600 E. Laburnum Ave.

Shots cost \$6 (cash only) and include a rabies tag and certificate of inoculation. Dog owners may purchase a 2004 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.

July 15, 2004

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The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has presented Henrico County's Department of Finance the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the association's highest honor for governmental accounting and financial reporting.

Henrico's Department of Finance and its accounting division received the award for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the 2002-03 fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2003. The CAFR details all of the county's budgeting and accounting activities over the course of the fiscal year, covering all county agencies and funds. The public can access the report online at www.co.henrico.va.us/finance/.

This year marks the 23rd consecutive year the Department of Finance has garnered the award.

"Winning the GFOA Certificate of Achievement reflects Henrico's continuing commitment to excellence and indicates the county's dedication to providing good stewardship of taxpayers' funds," said County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E.

Established in 1945, the GFOA award program is designed to encourage and recognize excellence in financial reporting by local and state governments. The GFOA is a nonprofit association serving 15,000 government finance professionals in the United States and Canada.

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The Henrico County Department of Social Services will partner with leading hair care company Hair Cuttery Aug. 1-15 to help provide free back-to-school haircuts for underprivileged children in the area through the 2004 "Share-A-Haircut" campaign. Young people in Henrico and throughout the Richmond metropolitan area can participate in the campaign by getting a haircut at a local Hair Cuttery salon. For each child's haircut purchased from Aug. 1-15, Hair Cuttery will donate a free haircut to children served by Henrico's Department of Social Services. Qualifying young people will receive a certificate for a free haircut before the new school year. The 2004 Share-A-Haircut campaign hopes to donate 500 haircuts to children served by the county agency. "Henrico Social Services is proud to have been selected by Hair Cuttery as a beneficiary agency for this outstanding program," said Community Resource Developer Rod Gordon. "We encourage local residents to participate and help meet the campaign's goals." A nationwide program, the annual Share-A-Haircut campaign is designed to boost the self-esteem of underprivileged young people by helping them feel confident about their appearance before they return to school in the fall. The campaign hopes to provide 50,000 free haircuts nationwide this year. Call 501-4091 for more information.

July 21, 2004

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Henrico County has received 13 awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award Program, honoring innovative programs implemented by the county last year. The awards were presented at the 2004 NACo annual conference, held July 16-20 in Phoenix.

The NACo Achievement Award Program recognizes ground-breaking, successful county government programs annually in a broad range of service areas, including county administration, education, parks and recreation, health and human services. The program started in 1970 as part of a nationwide campaign to modernize county government and improve its level of service.

NACo honored 13 Henrico programs--the second-highest number of awards among Virginia counties--developed and implemented in 2003 by nine agencies. The awards continue the county's tradition of serving residents with cutting-edge programs: since 1995, Henrico programs have garnered 140 NACo Achievement awards.

Programs receiving awards were:

"Partnership to Learn: A Creative Approach to Quality Training," Department of Human Resources;

"Moving Forward with Technology," Department of Human Resources;

"GREITCC: Greater Richmond Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition," Department of Social Services;

"Fatherhood Initiative," Department of Social Services;

"Strike-Out Substance Abuse, Strike-Out the Violence," Division of Police and Division of Recreation and Parks;

"Wireless iBook Connectivity: A Public Library and School Partnership," Public Library;

"iBooks Rescue Lost Voters," Schools;

"Leadership Development Partnership," Schools;

"Outreach Program for Non-English Speaking Parents," Schools;

"Rigsby," Keep Henrico Beautiful, Department of Public Utilities;

"Technology Replacement Fund," Office of Management and Budget, Department of Finance;

"Sales and Use Tax Reform," Division of Revenue, Department of Finance; and

"Small Area Land Use Study Area," Planning Department.

For more information, log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/manager/naco04.htm, www.naco.org or call 501-4476.

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