



# HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

## May 2004

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May 7, 2004

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In recognition of National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, the Henrico County Division of Fire and volunteer rescue squads will host open houses on Sunday, May 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad, 1101 Horsepen Road; and Lakeside Volunteer Rescue Squad, 2007 Timberlake Ave.

The free event will feature safety information, equipment demonstrations, children's activities, blood-pressure tests and refreshments. Information about volunteer, training and ride-along opportunities will be available as well.

Set for May 16-22, National EMS Week will honor the 750,000 emergency medical services providers nationwide who deliver lifesaving emergency care for victims of sudden, serious illness and injury. The week is designed to raise awareness and boost public support for the vital service EMS workers provide 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

All of Henrico's career and volunteer firefighters also receive EMS training, giving the county more than 460 emergency medical services providers in the Division of Fire and approximately 340 in the Tuckahoe, Lakeside and Henrico volunteer rescue squads.

Call 501-7376 for more information.

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May 11, 2004

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The next town meeting of Varina District Supervisor Jim Donati will offer an overview of Henrico County's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, May 17, at the Eastern Government Center, 3820 Nine Mile Road.

The meeting will explain how CERT works and how residents can join and learn the leadership role they can play during a county emergency. Henrico CERT Coordinator Anna McRay will join Donati for a discussion and question-and-answer period as well.

Varina town meetings are open to the public. Call 501-4208 for more information.

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May 12, 2004

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The international Water Environment Federation (WEF) has named Henrico County Water Reclamation Facility Manager Mark W. Prentice the recipient of its prestigious Arthur Sidney Bedell Award. The WEF announced the award last week.

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors honored Prentice, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves currently serving in Iraq, at its regular meeting Tuesday.

Prentice received the Bedell Award for his 20 years of exemplary service to the Virginia Water Environment Association, the state chapter of the WEF. An educational organization working to preserve the global water environment, the WEF is comprised of water-quality professionals from more than 32 nations.

Also at the meeting, Board Chairman Patricia S. O'Bannon accepted a special gift on behalf of Henrico County from Prentice—a U.S. flag that accompanied him on a recent flight into Baghdad. On March 12, the Henrico employee and his crew piloted their C-130H transport aircraft on a combat mission into Baghdad; the flag presented to the county was on board during the flight.

The manager since 1994, Prentice oversees the operation and maintenance of the 60 million-gallon per day water reclamation facility. He also is responsible for the county's laboratory operations and industrial waste monitoring program.

Prentice has been on leave from his Henrico job since early March, when his 758th Airlift Squadron was activated for duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Henrico County is extremely proud to receive this flag and to have an employee the caliber of Mark Prentice as part of our staff," Hazelett said. "Not only is Mark an outstanding professional, but he is also a dedicated citizen, answering the call to serve his country. We honor him for his good work, thank him for his service and wish him a safe and speedy return."



(From left) Director of Public Utilities Art Petrini and Carol Isenhour, chief of laboratory operations at Henrico's Water Reclamation Facility, present an American flag to Henrico Board of Supervisors Chairman Patricia S. O'Bannon at the May 11 board meeting. The flag was flown into Baghdad on a March 12 combat mission by Mark Prentice, a Henrico employee and U.S. Air Force reservist who was recently activated for duty in Iraq.

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May 14, 2004

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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The next town meeting of Henrico County Board Chairman and Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will examine the key role and responsibilities of the Henrico County Community Emergency Response Team (HCCERT). The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at Gayton Branch Library, 10600 Gayton Road.

Comprised of community volunteers, HCCERT provides immediate assistance in a neighborhood or workplace following a county emergency. HCCERT Coordinator Anna McRay will explain how the team works and how residents can join. She will join O'Bannon for a discussion and question-and-answer period as well. Tuckahoe town meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 501-4318 or log on to [www.patobannon.com](http://www.patobannon.com).

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May 27, 2004

CONTACT: Wes Malcomb Director, Recreation and Parks

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Sections of Henrico County's Deep Run Park will close temporarily on weekdays beginning Tuesday, June 1 through approximately June 22 for blasting related to the construction of the park's new recreation center.

The park, located near Ridgefield Parkway and Gaskins Road, will not be affected on weekends. Blasting will occur between 3:30-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, for an estimated 15 workdays. The daily blast will consist of a single detonation lasting close to 15 seconds. Area residents may hear a muffled sound at the time of detonation, but the blasting otherwise should not impact their homes. County personnel will clear and monitor the affected park areas to ensure the safety of park users. Staff will cordon off sections of the park within 300 feet of the blast area. In addition, staff will close park trails in the immediate vicinity of the blast site from 2:30-5 p.m.; the trails will re-open thereafter. Park facilities and areas unaffected by the blasting will remain open and will continue regular operations. No blasting will occur on Saturday or Sunday.

For more information, contact the Division of Recreation and Parks at 501-7275.

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May 28, 2004

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The next constituent meeting of Henrico County Board Vice Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank Thornton will examine the current expansion and security programs of Richmond International Airport (RIC). The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, June 7, at the Eastern Government Center multipurpose room, 3820 Nine Mile Road.

John Rutledge, director of planning and engineering for RIC, and Tom Davis, federal security agent, will provide information about the airport's renovation program and its current security measures. They will join Thornton for a discussion and question-and-answer period as well. Fairfield constituent meetings are open to the public. Call 501-4208 for more information.

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