



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

September 2005

September 29, 2005

CONTACT: Arthur Petrini, Director of Public Utilities

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The recent dry weather pattern has caused low water levels in the James River. In response to these low water levels, the Henrico County Department of Public Utilities--along with the City of Richmond and Chesterfield, Hanover and Goochland counties--is requesting customers to implement voluntary water conservation measures beginning Friday, Sept. 30.

Voluntary compliance will assist Henrico and Richmond in providing water to all customers in the region while also meeting the requirements of the James River Regional Flow Management Plan. If significant rainfall occurs alleviating the current conditions, we will cease voluntary water conservation measures. However, if the current dry weather pattern persists, mandatory water conservation measures may be required.

HENRICO COUNTY VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

CATEGORY	CONSERVATION MEASURE
Established Landscape & Gardens	Monday - no watering Odd property addresses water Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday Even property addresses water Wednesday, Friday and Sunday (Odd/Even designation is determined by last digit of address number) Bucket watering (five gallon maximum permitted anytime)
New Landscape	Unrestricted for first 10 days after planting, then limited to the "Established Landscape & Gardens" measures
Vegetable Gardens	Limited to any two days per week and between 8 p.m. & 10 a.m. on any day. Watering by bucket is unrestricted
Paved Areas Washing (Streets, Drives, Patios, Walks, etc.)	Limited to two days per week. Unrestricted for immediate health and safety concerns
Vehicle Washing (Commercial Businesses Exempt)	Limited to two days per week using a hand-held hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle
Golf Courses (Greens Exempt)	Limited to 8 p.m. thru 10 a.m. on any day.
Swimming Pools	Limited to filling required to maintain health and safety
Fountains	Limited to any two days per week and between 8 p.m. & 10 a.m. on any day.
Businesses	Limited to essential uses
Restaurants	No restrictions
All Other Consumption Uses	Encourage conservation by any means

For more information, please contact a Henrico Department of Public Utilities Customer Service Representative at 501-4275.

September 27, 2005

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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The next town meeting of Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will examine Henrico's recent experiences with natural disasters and the county's current plans for responding to another one. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at Byrd Middle School, 9400 Quioccasin Road.

"Isabel, Gaston and Katrina--Hurricanes and Natural Disasters: The Henrico Experience and Plan" will feature remarks by Division of Fire Capt. Robert P. Woods, Deputy County Manager for Community Services George T. Drumwright, Jr., Sheriff Michael L. Wade and a representative from Dominion Virginia Power. 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 log on to www.patobannon.com.

September 26, 2005

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September 19, 2005

CONTACT: Lloyd Hicks, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Programs

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The Henrico County Extension Office has launched its annual 4-H apple, peanut and honey sale. Proceeds benefit local 4-H youth programs.

The sale features Virginia-grown produce:

- ◆ Winesap and York apples, \$12 per half bushel;
- ◆ Raw peanuts, with recipes, \$6 per two-pound sack;
- ◆ Deluxe cocktail peanuts, salted and unsalted, \$9 per two-pound sack; and
- ◆ Honey, \$4 per one-pound jar.

Order forms are available at the Extension Office, located in the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive; at any Henrico County library; or by calling 501-5160 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Because supplies are limited, orders placed after Monday, Oct. 10 will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Staff will distribute orders from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25 and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at the Human Services Building.

Contact the Extension Office at 501-5160 for more information.

Sept. 14, 2005

CONTACT: Anna McRay, Coordinator, Henrico CERT

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The Henrico County Community Emergency Response Team (HCCERT) will offer its basic training academy—an eight-week program teaching disaster-preparedness skills—beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20 at the Henrico Training Center, 7701 E. Parham Road.

Participants in the weekly class will receive training in severe-weather preparedness, fire suppression, first-aid, disaster psychology, search and rescue, incident command and other emergency-response measures.

The HCCERT basic training academy is free and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, with a maximum of 20 participants. The academy will meet 7-9 p.m. each Thursday from Oct. 20-Dec. 15; it also will hold Saturday drill exercises on Nov. 19 and Dec. 17.

To register, call 337-1528 or e-mail henricocert@comcast.net by Thursday, Oct. 13.

Comprised of community volunteers, HCCERT provides immediate assistance in a neighborhood or workplace following a county emergency or major disaster, when local public safety resources may be overwhelmed. For more information, log on to www.henricocert.org.

September 12, 2005

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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The National Association of Black County Officials (NABCo) has appointed Henrico County Board Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton to serve on two of its committees for 2005-06.

Thornton will serve as vice chairman of NABCo's Historical Committee and also was named to a seat on the association's Membership Committee.

NABCo is a national organization representing elected and professional officials who operate in a major policy role within county government. Formed in 1975, the association provides an organizational structure for African-American county officials to review, share and develop responses to local and national issues. It also promotes the sharing and use of resources and methods to improve government operations.

Thornton currently is serving his second term as Henrico's board chairman, a position he previously held in 2000. He has represented the Fairfield District since 1995, when he became the first African-American elected to the board. A member of numerous local, state and national boards and commissions, Thornton is a graduate of Leadership Metro Richmond and is a co-founder and past president of the Henrico County Civic League. The Richmond native works as an assistant professor of French at Virginia Union University, where he has received the university's "Teacher of the Year" award.

September 8, 2005

CONTACT: Veta Herbaugh, Executive Assistant, Board of Supervisors

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The next town meeting of Varina District Supervisor Jim Donati will examine the Neighborhood Watch program and homeowners associations and will provide information to help residents develop programs in their communities. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, in the Eastern Government Center multipurpose room, 3820 Nine Mile Road.

"Keep it in the Neighborhood" will feature presentations by representatives from Henrico's Division of Police and Department of Community Revitalization. They 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.

September 7, 2005

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

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Recognizing an opportunity to contribute to hurricane recovery efforts, Henrico County is launching an employee fund-raising campaign to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"Henrico County officials and staff have been deeply moved by the plight of our fellow citizens along the Gulf Coast who have been devastated by this tragic event," said County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. "The county is committed to do its part and help our friends in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and other affected areas as they rebuild their lives and their communities."

Henrico has created a special hurricane relief committee to coordinate the countywide fund-raising campaign. Director of Social Services Gordon Ragland and Director of Public Utilities Art Petri will serve as co-chairs of the committee, which will collect cash donations from the county's approximately 4,000 general government employees through Sept. 23.

Funds raised by the county campaign will be distributed to the Greater Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross. Henrico County Public Schools is coordinating a similar relief effort for hurricane victims.

"At this early stage, the American Red Cross and other disaster-relief agencies are advising that cash donations are the fastest, surest way to support recovery efforts," Hazelett said. "We're encouraging Henrico employees to give whatever they can; every gift will help victims of Hurricane Katrina. The recovery process will require the concerted, determined efforts of governments, private businesses and individuals alike."

September 1, 2005

CONTACT: Mikki Knight, Executive Assistant, Board of Supervisors

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The next constituent meeting of Henrico County Board Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank Thornton will feature information and a discussion about the new Medicare prescription drug plan as well as a demonstration of Henrico's new touch-screen voting equipment. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Eastern Government Center multipurpose room, 3820 Nine Mile Road.

Representatives from the Social Security Administration, Senior Connections and Henrico's Department of Social Services are scheduled to speak about the drug plan. They will join Thornton for a question-and-answer period as well.

In addition, meeting participants will be able to try Henrico's new WINvote touch-screen voting machine. Representatives from the Voter Registration and Elections Office will be on hand to demonstrate the new voting technology and answer questions.

Fairfield constituent meetings are open to the public. Call 501-4208 for more information.

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