



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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CONTACT: Barbara Herzog, Director, Henrico CASA

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The Henrico Court Appointed Special Advocates program (CASA) is seeking volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children in Henrico's court system.

Volunteers are appointed by a Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court judge to represent the best interests of a victimized child in court. Program participants come from a variety of educational and professional backgrounds; legal experience is not required. Qualifying participants will learn to conduct interviews, research and investigate cases, provide written reports for judges and assist child welfare professionals and case attorneys.

Before becoming a court-appointed special advocate, volunteers must apply and complete a free six-week training program. Henrico CASA will conduct the training from 6-9 p.m. each Monday and Wednesday beginning Monday, April 16 at its office in the Hungary Spring Office Park, 3001 Hungary Spring Road. Applicants will undergo interviews, background and reference checks.

To apply or to obtain additional information, contact Jamie Haskins at 501-1673 or e-mail has@co.henrico.va.us by Monday, April 9.

Henrico CASA is a private, nonprofit organization that works closely with the county's Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. For more information, log on to www.henicocasa.org.

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CONTACT: Lt. Shawn Sears, Animal Protection Supervisor

PHONE: 652-3385

The Henrico County Division of Police will hold a rabies clinic on Saturday, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at gate four of Richmond International Raceway.

Shots cost \$6, cash only, and include a rabies tag and certificate of inoculation. Dog owners may purchase a 2007 license for \$10 with proof of rabies inoculation.

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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CONTACT: Kendra Kyle, Extension Service

PHONE: 501-5160

The Henrico Extension Office's annual 4-H berry sale is under way, with proceeds benefiting local 4-H youth programs.

The sale features a variety of strawberry, blackberry and blueberry plants. Strawberry plants cost \$6 for a bundle of 25; blackberry plants cost \$4.50 each and blueberry plants cost \$3.50 each. Instructions for planting and care are included with each order.

To place an order, call 501-5160 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or pick up an order form at the Extension Office, located in the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive. Order forms also are available at any Henrico library.

Because supplies are limited, orders placed after Wednesday, Feb. 21 will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Extension staff will distribute orders from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 15 and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, March 16 at the Glen Allen Softball Complex on Mountain Road.

For more information, contact the Extension Office at 501-5160.

February 15, 2007

CONTACT: Paul Proto, General Services Director

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Henrico County is holding a free business opportunity fair for small, women and minority-owned businesses (SWaM) on March 28. The initiative, called Henrico County Connections, will offer informational sessions on how to do business with the county, the registration and bidding process, Web site content and insurance requirements. Representatives from county agencies as well as the Virginia Department of Business Assistance and the Department of Minority Business Enterprise will be on-hand to talk with attendees.

The county will offer two identical sessions on March 28, one from 9 a.m. to noon and the other from 1 to 4 p.m. The event will take place at the Henrico County Training Facility, 7701 E. Parham Road.

Due to space constraints, county officials strongly encourage people interested in attending the event to register early for one of the sessions. To register, go to www.co.henrico.va.us and click on the Henrico County Connections link or call 501-5687 for registration assistance.

February 8, 2007

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

PHONE: 501-4386

Henrico County may eliminate its personal property tax decal for vehicle owners, pending approval by the county's Board of Supervisors, effective Tuesday, Feb. 13. County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. announced the decision at a news conference today.

The Board of Supervisors will consider an ordinance to abolish the vehicle decal at its regular meeting Feb. 13. Hazelett said he expected board members to support the measure.

Henrico previously had issued new permanent decals to vehicle owners and required that they be displayed by Feb. 15. Residents expressed concerns about the size of these stickers; Hazelett said they now can be discarded.

"Henrico County appreciates the input of our residents regarding the vehicle decals," he said. "We are responding to their concerns. At this point, we believe that eliminating the decals, with the board's approval, is the best way to move forward."

Like other area localities, which eliminated their vehicle decals in the past year, Henrico will continue to assess annually the licensing tax – \$20 for a standard vehicle.

"Henrico County is committed to good stewardship of the taxpayer's dollar," he said. "This decision will allow us to eliminate some recurring costs and ultimately, to better serve our residents."

Residents can contact the Revenue Division at 501-4263 for more information.

February 6, 2007

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 ways residents can take advantage of the different technologies available at Henrico's public libraries. The meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22 at Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive.

"Making Technology Work for You at Your Public Library" will demonstrate how to complete a variety of tasks, such as accessing medical information online, using the libraries' automatic-checkout equipment or ordering a book online. There will be 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.

February 5, 2007

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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The Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) has appointed eight Henrico County officials to the association's steering and operational committees for 2007.

Members of Henrico's Board of Supervisors received the following appointments:

- * Chairman and Varina District Supervisor James B. Donati, Jr., Administration of Government steering committee;
- * Vice Chairman and Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele, Finance steering committee;
- * Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover, Community Development and Planning steering committee;
- * Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, Education steering committee;
- * Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon, chairman of the Telecommunications and Utilities steering committee; Resolutions committee; and VACo/Virginia Municipal League Study Task Force.

Other county officials receiving appointments were:

- * Deputy County Manager George T. Drumwright, Jr., Health and Human Services steering committee;
- * Deputy County Manager Harvey L. Hinson, Environment and Agriculture steering committee; and
- * Deputy County Manager Robert K. Pinkerton, Transportation steering committee.

VACo steering committees review legislative requests from counties, recommend an annual legislative program and provide policy direction for VACo staff. The association represents local governments at the state and federal levels and provides a resource network for planning and implementing new ideas and technologies.

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