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More than 160 high school seniors -- the largest group ever -- took the reins of Henrico County's general government and public schools administrations Thursday when they assumed the roles of elected officials and top administrators for the 50th annual Student Government Day.

Designed to give students a firsthand view of the operations of their local government, Student Government Day paired student leaders from nine Henrico high schools with key county officials, including the county manager, school superintendent, police and fire chiefs, Circuit Court judges and members of the Board of Supervisors and School Board.

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

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 decisions, conducting a simulated Board of Supervisors meeting in which they debated an ordinance regarding public intoxication, authorized expansion of Henrico's Real Estate Advantage Program and considered funding additional county routes for the Greater Richmond Transit Company.

"These are the kinds of decisions that affect the daily lives of all Henrico residents," Hazelett told the students. "Local government touches your life every day. We hope you've gained a deeper understanding of how it works."

Student Government Day is sponsored by the Kiwanis clubs of North Richmond, Tuckahoe and West Henrico.



Before taking the reins of local government, 32 students took the oath of office at an investiture ceremony at Hermitage High School. Here, students are sworn in as members of the Henrico County School Board.



Student Government Day activities culminate with a simulated Board of Supervisors meeting. Three Chopt District Supervisor Robert Wolf, Tucker High School, right, accepts a proclamation regarding National Library Week from Director of Libraries Collin Fitzsimmons, Deep Run High School.

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Henrico County officials advise residents that a "community development" survey letter they may have received in the mail has been issued by a private organization, not by a county agency or department. The county is not associated with the survey and is not seeking residents' participation in it, officials said.

The letter, which features a letterhead with a map of Virginia and the title "Henrico Community Development Feedback," directs residents to a commercial Web site and offers \$10 for their participation in an online survey. The survey does not appear to be fraudulent, county officials said; however, it has generated confusion among some residents who incorrectly believed it had been sent by a county agency.

March 19, 2007

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The next town meeting of Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will provide an update on changes to REAP -- Henrico County's Real Estate Advantage Program. The meeting is set for 2 p.m. Monday, March 26 at Deep Run Recreation Center, 9910 Ridgefield Road.

State Sen. Walter Stosch, R-Henrico, will join O'Bannon to discuss new state legislation that will increase eligibility for REAP, which offers real estate tax relief for qualifying senior and disabled residents. Representatives from Henrico's Finance Department also will be on hand to present information about the county's program and to help meeting participants with REAP applications.

Tuckahoe town meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 501-4318 or log on to www.patobannon.com.

March 14, 2007

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Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover will hold a special town meeting to provide an update on changes to REAP -- Henrico County's Real Estate Advantage Program -- at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at Hungary Creek Middle School, 4909 Francistown Road.

State Sen. Walter Stosch, R-Henrico, will join Glover to discuss new state legislation that will increase eligibility for REAP, which offers real estate tax relief for qualifying senior and disabled residents. Representatives from Henrico's Finance Department also will be on hand to present information about the county's program.

The meeting is open to the public. Call 501-4208 for more information.

March 13, 2007

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The next constituent meeting of Fairfield District Supervisor Frank Thornton will offer an update on REAP -- Henrico County's Real Estate Advantage Program. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at Belmont Recreation Center, 1600 Hilliard Road.

Representatives from the county's Finance Department will give information about REAP, the tax relief program that benefits Henrico's eligible senior and disabled residents. They will help meeting participants with REAP applications and will join Thornton for a question-and-answer period as well.

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

March 12, 2007

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The next town meeting of Henrico County Board of Supervisors Chairman and Varina District Supervisor Jim Donati will examine Internet safety at school and at home. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, March 19, at the Eastern Government Center, 3820 Nine Mile Road.

"Internet Technology: Playing it Safe" will feature remarks by representatives from Henrico County Public Schools and Henrico Police. There will be a question-and-answer period as well.

In addition, the town meeting will include a presentation about Henrico's Real Estate Advantage Program, better known as REAP. Representatives from the county's Finance Department will provide information about the special tax relief program, which benefits Henrico's senior and disabled residents.

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

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