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Henrico sets dates for fall electronic recycling events

Area residents can recycle televisions, computer monitors and other unwanted electronic items -- anything with a plug -- at four upcoming electronic waste recycling events. Sponsored by the Henrico County Department of Public Utilities' Solid Waste and Recycling division, Ukrop's Super Markets and Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA), the events are set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

- Saturday, Oct. 10, Ukrop's Short Pump, 3460 Pump Road;
- Saturday, Nov. 7, Ukrop's Cross Ridge, 10250 Staples Mill Road;
- Saturday, Nov. 7, Ukrop's White Oak, 4591 S. Laburnum Ave.; and
- Saturday, Nov. 14, Ukrop's John Rolfe, 2250 John Rolfe Parkway.

Recyclable items include cell phones and telephones, fax machines, scanners, printers, copiers, stereos, camcorders, microwave ovens, televisions, computers, computer monitors and accessories.

Most items will be accepted for free, although fees will be charged to recycle computer monitors, \$5 each; televisions, \$5 each; and console (wood-encased) televisions, \$10 each. Payment can be made by cash or check.

For more information, call Henrico Solid Waste and Recycling at 727-8770, log on to www.henricodpu.org or call the CVWMA recycling hotline at 340-0900.

September 29, 2009

CONTACT: Karen Mier, Director, Recreation and Parks

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Henrico Recreation and Parks wins statewide award

Henrico County's Division of Recreation and Parks has received an award from the Virginia Recreation and Park Society (VRPS) for "Keeping it Local: Staycation," a display advertisement created by in-house staff. The advertisement was selected as a 2009 VRPS award winner in the Best Promotional Award for Specialty Piece category at the society's recent annual conference.

Henrico Recreation and Parks created the advertisement for the "How to be a Tourist in Your Own Backyard" section in the August 2008 edition of Richmond Magazine.

VRPS is a private, nonprofit organization that works to unite professionals, students and interested lay persons engaged in the field of recreation, parks and other leisure services in Virginia. Members work together to promote and improve the profession. VRPS is affiliated with the National Recreation and Park Association.

September 24, 2009

CONTACT: Tamra McKinney, Director, Public Relations & Media Services

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Henrico County information now available through Twitter

Area residents now have a new way to keep in touch with the programs, services, news bulletins and other resources offered by Henrico County general government -- through Twitter.com, the social networking site.

Interested parties can follow Henrico County at the user name HenricoNews. To sign on, users can access Twitter through a link at Henrico County's Web site, www.co.henrico.va.us, or by logging on to <http://twitter.com/henriconews>.

HenricoNews followers regularly will receive county news releases, reminders about programs debuting on HCTV and other general government information. In addition, HenricoNews will provide timely updates and bulletins during a countywide emergency, such as a weather-related event.

For more information, contact Public Relations & Media Services at 501-4257 or log on to www.co.henrico.va.us.

September 24, 2009

CONTACT: Linda Leigh, Executive Assistant, Board of Supervisors

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Tuckahoe town meeting to examine Henrico's economic health

The next town meeting of Henrico County Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman and Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will take a look at how the county is managing the effects of the national economic recession. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6 in the cafeteria of Maybeury Elementary School, 901 Maybeury Drive.

"Weathering the Financial Storm: Impacts of the Current Economy" will provide an update on Henrico's fiscal condition and the potential effects the economic situation may have on the county's 2011 budget. Finance Director John Vitthoulkas will lead the discussion and will join O'Bannon for a question-and-answer period as well.

Tuckahoe town meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 501-4208 or log on to www.patobannon.com.

September 21, 2009

CONTACT: Jim Carey, Foster Care Supervisor

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Henrico Foster Care program sets fall information sessions

Henrico residents interested in becoming foster parents can learn about the county's Foster Care program at two information sessions offered this fall by Henrico's Department of Social Services (DSS). The sessions are scheduled for 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19 and again on Monday, Dec. 21 at the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive.

Participants will receive information on a variety of topics, including the special needs of foster children; what it takes to be a successful foster parent; working with DSS staff and the biological parents of a foster child; and the application and approval process. There will be a question-and-answer period as well.

Henrico DSS currently has a special need for families interested in serving as foster parents for young people ages 12 to 20.

Pre-registration for the information sessions is encouraged. Participants can register or obtain additional information by calling Georgia Phillips at 501-7496 or Tony Jones at 501-4245.

Foster parents are "professional parents," available around-the-clock to bring children into their homes and provide temporary and potentially long-term care in a safe, stable environment. Parents must be at least 21, have their own source of income and sufficient living space in their house or apartment to care for a child. They can be single or married, with or without children of their own, male or female, and from all backgrounds, races and nationalities.

For more information, log on to www.henicocares.com.

September 15, 2009

CONTACT: Kendra Kyle, Extension Agent

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Henrico 4-H apple, peanut and honey sale now under way

The sale features Virginia-grown produce:

- Winesap and York apples, \$15 per half bushel;
- Raw peanuts, with recipes, \$8 per two-pound sack;
- Deluxe cocktail peanuts, salted and unsalted, \$11 per two-pound sack; and
- Honey, \$5.50 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; online at www.co.henrico.va.us/extension/4h; or by calling 501-5160 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Because supplies are limited, orders placed after Friday, Oct. 9 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. 27 and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28 at the Human Services Building loading dock.

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

September 11, 2009

CONTACT: Veta Herbaugh, Executive Assistant, Board of Supervisors

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Varina town meeting to discuss H1N1 flu virus and infant mortality

The next town meeting of Varina District Supervisor Jim Donati will examine a pair of health topics: the H1N1 influenza virus and infant mortality. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21 at the Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nine Mile Road.

Representatives from Henrico's Department of Public Health will discuss Henrico's measures to prepare for H1N1 influenza, also known as swine flu, and will provide information about anticipated plans to distribute H1N1 vaccine in the county, once the vaccine becomes available. In addition, Public Health officials will discuss the county's ongoing efforts -- such as community-based education programs and information campaigns -- to address infant mortality. Officials will join Donati for a question-and-answer period as well.

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

September 4, 2009

CONTACT: Linda Leigh, Executive Assistant, Board of Supervisors

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Fairfield constituent meeting to discuss 2010 census

The next constituent meeting of Fairfield District Supervisor Frank Thornton will feature a presentation and discussion on the 2010 census. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Belmont Recreation Center, 1600 Hilliard Road.

Donna Lewis-Clayton from the U.S. Census Bureau and Henrico County Planning Director Joe Emerson will discuss the significance of the upcoming census and steps residents can take to prepare for it. They 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.

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