



## HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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April 19, 2011

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#### *Henrico's disabled veterans can apply for real estate tax exemption*

Henrico County officials are urging disabled American veterans who own their principal residence in the county to apply for a recently implemented real estate tax exemption.

Virginia voters adopted a constitutional amendment in the general election last November directing the General Assembly to provide a tax exemption for a disabled veteran's principal residence and the land it occupies. The exemption became effective for tax years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2011.

To qualify, a veteran must have a 100 percent service-connected, permanent and total disability, as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The exemption:

- Applies to the principal residence and its land, up to a maximum of 10 acres.

- Applies to the veteran or surviving spouse, if the veteran's death occurs on or after Jan. 1, 2011.

- Does not require annual refiging.

Revenue Division Director Ed Trice noted that unlike Henrico's Real Estate Advantage Program, there are no income or financial requirements for disabled veterans seeking the tax exemption. In addition, there is no cap to the amount of relief they will receive.

For more information or a veterans exemption application, contact Henrico's Revenue Division at 501-4263 or log on to [www.co.henrico.va.us/finance](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/finance) and follow the link for "Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption."

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April 18, 2011

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#### *Henrico Public Works advises motorists to plan for heavy traffic April 29-30 for NASCAR*

In preparation for the upcoming Bubba Burger 250 and Crown Royal Presents the Matthew and Daniel Hansen 400 NASCAR events at Richmond International Raceway (RIR), the Henrico County Department of Public Works will modify traffic patterns on major routes to the raceway on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30.

Motorists should expect extremely heavy traffic and delays all day Friday and Saturday in the raceway area, especially from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the races and from 10:15 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. afterward.

Henrico Police officers will direct traffic around the area before and after the races. Police encourage race fans and other motorists to consult message boards on interstate highways and roadways approaching RIR for traffic information. WRVA 1140 AM will broadcast traffic reports as well.

The following traffic patterns will be in effect April 30 during peak hours:

- Carolina Avenue between Laburnum and Azalea avenues will be one-way inbound before the race and one-way outbound after the race. Access to businesses along Carolina Avenue will be maintained from Laburnum Avenue.

- Meadowbridge Road between the Henrico/Hanover county line and Azalea Avenue will be one-way southbound beginning at approximately 9 a.m. and continuing until the race starts.

- Meadowbridge Road north of Azalea Avenue will close to northbound traffic; however, in Hanover County it will remain a two-way road at all times.

- After the race*, Laburnum Avenue between Carolina Avenue and Mechanicsville Turnpike will be one-way eastbound. Eastbound Laburnum Avenue between Richmond-Henrico Turnpike and Carolina Avenue will be closed until race traffic disperses. Two-way traffic will be maintained west of Richmond-Henrico Turnpike.

- After the race*, Meadowbridge Road north of Azalea Avenue will be one-way northbound between Azalea Avenue and Atlee Road, beginning at approximately 10 p.m. and continuing until race traffic disperses.

- After the race*, three lanes on Azalea Avenue between Richmond-Henrico Turnpike and Henrico High School will be routed westbound and one lane eastbound.

- This change will require all median crossovers on Azalea Avenue between Richmond-Henrico Turnpike and Henrico High School to close at approximately 10 p.m. until race traffic disperses. Police will assist motorists turning from Azalea Avenue to Thrush Lane and Pony Farm Drive.

While these traffic patterns are in effect, median crossovers on Laburnum Avenue will be closed between North Avenue and Mechanicsville Turnpike, except at Pilots Lane and Austin Avenue. Only right turns will be permitted to and from Laburnum Avenue. Police will be positioned at these intersections before and after the race to assist motorists turning onto or crossing Laburnum Avenue.

On-street parking on major routes to RIR is prohibited each day. Additional parking will be available April 30 for \$6 at the Richmond Coliseum parking deck on North Seventh Street. Free shuttle bus service to and from RIR will be provided beginning at 1 p.m.

Parking also will be available at the Showplace on Mechanicsville Turnpike beginning at 11 a.m., \$10 per car and \$25 per recreational vehicle; free shuttle bus service to RIR will be provided beginning at noon.

The Henrico Division of Police has recommended the following routes for traffic approaching the raceway April 29-30:

- From the east (Hampton Roads area)** – Follow Interstate 64 west to Interstate 295 north (Exit 200). Follow I-295 north and exit onto Mechanicsville Turnpike west (Exit 37B). Follow Mechanicsville Turnpike to Laburnum Avenue. Turn right and proceed to the raceway.

- From the east (Route 360)** - Approach Richmond on Route 360 west (Mechanicsville Turnpike), cross I-295, and continue west to Laburnum Avenue. Turn right and proceed to the raceway.

- From the east (local traffic)** - Follow I-64 west and take the Laburnum Avenue exit (Exit 195). Turn right and proceed to the raceway.

- From the north** - Follow Interstate 95 south to the I-295 east interchange (marked "To Norfolk - Williamsburg"). Follow I-295 east and exit onto Meadowbridge Road west (Exit 38B). Follow Meadowbridge Road (Richmond-Henrico Turnpike) and proceed to the raceway.

**From the north (local traffic)** - Use Route 1 (Brook Road) to Azalea Avenue. Turn left onto Azalea Avenue and proceed to the raceway.

**From the west** - Follow I-64 east to the I-295 south interchange (Exit 177). Follow I-295 south and exit onto Meadowbridge Road west (Exit 38B). Follow Meadowbridge Road (Richmond-Henrico Turnpike) and proceed to the raceway.

**From the west (local traffic)** - Follow I-64 east to the Powhite Parkway/Laburnum Avenue exit. Take the Laburnum Avenue exit, turn left and proceed to the raceway.

**From the south** - Follow I-95 north to the interchange with I-295 south of Petersburg. Follow I-295 north and exit onto Mechanicsville Turnpike (Exit 37B). Follow Mechanicsville Turnpike to Laburnum Avenue. Turn right and proceed to the raceway.

**From the south (local traffic)** - Follow I-95 north to the I-64 east interchange (Exit 75). Follow I-64 to Route 360 east (Mechanicsville Turnpike). Follow Route 360 east to Laburnum Avenue. Turn left and proceed to the raceway.

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April 15, 2011

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*Fairfield constituent meeting April 27 to discuss programs for seniors*

The next constituent meeting of Henrico County Board of Supervisors Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank Thornton will highlight services and resources available for Henrico's senior residents. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27 at Belmont Recreation Center, 1600 Hilliard Road.

Representatives from Senior Connections, Dominion Power, Meals on Wheels and other organizations will provide information about their programs and discuss ways residents can take advantage of them. The officials 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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April 14, 2011

CONTACT: Kemper Marable, Conservation Technician, Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District  
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*Water conservation district to offer rain barrel workshops throughout May*

Area residents can learn to build and use a rain barrel at workshops offered by the Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) each Thursday next month. Workshops are scheduled for 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 5, 12, 19 and 26 at the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive.

The SWCD programs will provide materials and hands-on instruction to help participants construct their rain barrels, which can help homeowners conserve water by maintaining a supply of fresh water for outdoor use. Built from recycled food-grade plastic, the barrels also divert runoff from storm drains, protecting the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed.

Cost is \$50. Each workshop is limited to 30 participants; pre-registration including payment is required. To register or for more information, contact Henricopolis SWCD at 501-5175 or email [hsxcd@co.henrico.va.us](mailto:hsxcd@co.henrico.va.us).

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April 11, 2011

CONTACT: Veta Herbaugh, Executive Assistant, Board of Supervisors  
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*Varina town meeting April 18 to feature General Assembly representatives*

Varina residents will have the opportunity to meet their representatives in the Virginia General Assembly at the next town meeting of Varina District Supervisor Jim Donati. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, April 18 at the Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nine Mile Road.

State Sen. Donald McEachin and Dels. Riley Ingram, Delores McQuinn, Joe Morrissey and Chris Peace have been invited to attend. 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.

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April 11, 2011

CONTACT: Kimberly Pomatto, Neighborhood Planner, Community Maintenance  
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*Henrico's Operation Paintbrush seeking homes, volunteers*

Henrico County is looking for homes to add to the 2011 project list of Operation Paintbrush -- the free program that coordinates repainting and minor repairs of county residences whose owners, whether due to age, disability or financial hardship, cannot do the work themselves. Residents and others are encouraged to contact the county to suggest homes for the program.

Designed to preserve Henrico's moderate- and low-income housing, prevent neighborhood blight and help eligible residents, Operation Paintbrush recruits volunteers to prepare and paint the exterior of qualifying homes. Light repair work, such as replacing rotted boards or cleaning and mowing a yard, may be performed as well.

Since its inception in April 2000, Operation Paintbrush has facilitated the painting and repair of 163 Henrico homes. The program is administered by Community Maintenance, a division of the Department of Community Revitalization.

Prospective homes are screened for eligibility using federal guidelines for moderate- and low-income homes. Neighborhood Planner Kimberly Pomatto said that qualifying homeowners typically are lower-income seniors who may be disabled as well.

"We encourage anyone who thinks a home may qualify to contact us," she said. "We need the public's assistance in identifying homes for the program."

To suggest a home for Operation Paintbrush, contact Pomatto at 501-7628 or email [pom06@co.henrico.va.us](mailto:pom06@co.henrico.va.us). For more information, log on to [www.co.henrico.va.us/maint](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/maint).

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April 8, 2011

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*Henrico Extension's 'Tree Smarts' seminar series concludes April 19-21*

The Henrico County Extension Office and Henrico County Master Gardeners will offer the final installment of the "Tree Smarts" seminar series April 19-21 with a program on mature trees. The seminar is scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. each night at the following locations (each session will feature the same information): Tuesday, April 19, Dorey Recreation Center, 7200 Dorey Park Drive; Wednesday, April 20, Deep Run Recreation Center, 9910 Ridgefield Parkway; and Thursday, April 21,

Belmont Recreation Center, 1600 Hilliard Road.

"Caring for an Older Tree" will highlight the importance of maintaining a stable environment around mature trees to ensure their health. Older trees typically do not respond well to stresses, have greater demands on their energy supply than younger trees and need balance with their surroundings to remain healthy, noted County Agent Karen Carter.

The Tree Smarts seminar series is designed to increase understanding of trees, the role they play in the community's landscape and how homeowners and others can improve the way they care for them. The sessions are free and open to the public.

Participants can pre-register by calling Henrico Extension at 501-5160. Additional information is available online at [www.co.henrico.va.us/extension](http://www.co.henrico.va.us/extension).

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April 8, 2011

CONTACT: Linda Leigh, Executive Assistant, Board of Supervisors  
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*Tuckahoe town meeting April 18 to discuss Henrico economy*

The next town meeting of Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will examine the status of the economy in Henrico County. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, April 18 at Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive.

"How Henrico is Successfully Weathering the Economic Storm" will provide insight into how Henrico has managed the recession and will give an update on the county's fiscal condition as it looks toward fiscal year 2012. Finance Director John Vitoulkas will join O'Bannon for a discussion and question-and-answer period.

Tuckahoe town meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 501-4208 or log on to [www.patobannon.com](http://www.patobannon.com).

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April 6, 2011

CONTACT: Steve Yob, Director, Division of Solid Waste and Recycling  
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*Henrico to offer electronics recycling, document shredding April 16*

Area residents can recycle their home electronic items while also shredding their personal documents at Henrico's Electronics Recycling and Community Shred ID Theft event Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Virginia Center Commons Mall, 10101 Brook Road.

Recyclable items include computer systems -- monitors, hard drives, central processing units, keyboards, speakers, mice, cables and other accessories -- as well as televisions, printers, scanners, copiers, fax machines, videocassette recorders and DVD players, telephones, stereos, camcorders and microwave ovens. Refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers and compact fluorescent light bulbs will not be accepted.

Most items can be recycled for free. A \$7 fee will be charged for televisions, which require special handling due to the leaded glass and mercury they contain. Payment may be made by cash or check.

In addition, residents can bring personal documents -- up to three paper grocery bags' worth -- and shred them free of charge. Only personal paper documents will be shredded; recyclable paper items will not be accepted.

The event is sponsored by the Henrico County Department of Public Utilities' Solid Waste and Recycling division, Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA), the Henrico Division of Police and Shred-it, Inc.

For more information about electronics recycling, call CVWMA at 340-0900 or log on to [www.cvwma.com](http://www.cvwma.com). For more information about document shredding, call 501-4838.

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April 6, 2011

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors  
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*Henrico sets public hearing on budget for April 12*

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors will begin its next regularly scheduled meeting one hour early, at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, for a public hearing regarding the proposed Operating and Capital Annual Fiscal Plan for Fiscal Year 2011-12.

The board regularly meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public and are held in the Government Center Board Room, located at 4301 E. Parham Road.

Call 501-4318 for more information.

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April 5, 2011

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*Henrico sets public hearings April 12 and 26 for redistricting*

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings on the county's 2011 magisterial district reapportionment plan at its regularly scheduled meetings at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 and Tuesday, April 26 in the Government Center Board Room, 4301 E. Parham Road.

At the April 12 public hearing, the board will consider the draft redistricting plan that adjusts the county's magisterial district boundaries and makes related changes to precincts and polling places. The board will consider ordinances to adopt the redistricting plan and changes to precincts and polling places at the April 26 public hearing. Once adopted, the plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice for preclearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Federal and state law requires localities to reapportion the representation in the governing body among the magisterial districts every 10 years. The 2010 U.S. Census counted 306,935 residents in Henrico, with Three Chopt District comprising the largest population at 72,035; the ideal population per district would be 61,387 residents. The draft plan proposes district boundaries that shift a total of 8,808 residents from Three Chopt to the Tuckahoe and Brookland districts, while boundaries for the Fairfield and Varina districts would remain unchanged. The proposed plan would affect eight voting precincts of 93 countywide.

The draft plan, ordinances, maps and other information are available online at [www.henricoredistricting.com](http://www.henricoredistricting.com) and in the Planning Department and County Manager's Office at the Henrico Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road. Comments and questions may be submitted by email to [redistricting@co.henrico.va.us](mailto:redistricting@co.henrico.va.us) or by calling 501-4427.

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April 4, 2011

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*Hardell to lead Henrico's Community Corrections Program*

Henrico County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. announces the appointment of Jane E. Hardell as director of the Community Corrections Program, effective April 9.



Hardell, who had been serving as acting director, succeeds former director Bruce N. Crusier.

As director, Hardell will oversee a staff of 22 employees working in conjunction with other government and community agencies to provide alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent adult offenders referred by Henrico's court system. The program offers a range of pretrial and post-trial services, including probation supervision, risk assessment, drug testing, treatment services and community service placements, as well as the collection and monitoring of victim restitution payments. In fiscal year 2010, Community Corrections' clients completed more than 27,300 hours of community service and paid nearly \$480,700 in restitution.

A Henrico employee since 1986, Hardell began as a senior case manager and most recently served as probation services supervisor before being named acting director of the program in February. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University.

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