



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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Henrico Extension to offer free seminars on weed control March 8-10

The Henrico County Extension Office will kick off its free annual lawn-care seminar series March 8-10 with a program on weed control. The seminars are scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. at the following locations (each seminar will offer the same program): Tuesday, March 8, Sandston Branch Library, 23 E. Williamsburg Road; Wednesday, March 9, Glen Allen Branch Library, 10501 Staples Mill Road; and Thursday, March 10, Twin Hickory Area Library, 5001 Twin Hickory Road.

"Spring Weed Control" will provide information on a range of topics, including the use of herbicides and the application of pre- and post-emergence products to control weeds before and after they appear. Participants are encouraged to bring samples for identification and discussion. The seminar will include a question-and-answer period as well. Each session will be led by an Extension staff member or a Henrico Master Gardener.

"Spring Weed Control" is open to the public. Participants should pre-register by calling Henrico Extension at 501-5160. Additional information is available online at www.co.henrico.va.us/extension.

February 24, 2011

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Henrico officials receive appointments to Virginia Association of Counties

The Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) has named eight Henrico County officials to the association's steering committees for 2011 and has re-elected one to its board of directors.

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

Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, Education steering committee;

Vice Chairman and Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover, Community Development and Planning steering committee;

Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon, Compensation and Public Safety steering committee; also, she was re-elected to a second term as a region 3 representative on the VACo Board of Directors;

Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele, Finance steering committee; and

Varina District Supervisor James B. Donati, Jr., Administration of Government steering committee.

Other county officials receiving appointments were:

Deputy County Manager George T. Drumwright, Jr., Health and Human Services steering committee;

Deputy County Manager Robert K. Pinkerton, P.E., Transportation steering committee; and

Deputy County Manager Randall R. Silber, Environment and Agriculture 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.

February 17, 2011

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Henrico's 400th commemoration continues with 'Kite Festival' March 5

Hundreds of kites will fill the skies over eastern Henrico on Saturday, March 5 as part of the activities at the "Kite Festival and the Tastes and Sounds of Henrico." The free event is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dorey Park, 2999 Darbytown Road (rain date is Sunday, March 6).

Part of Henrico's yearlong commemoration of the county's 400th anniversary, the festival is hosted by the Richmond Air Force Kite Club and the county's Division of Recreation and Parks. Dominion Resources is sponsoring the event.

The "Kite Festival and the Tastes and Sounds of Henrico" will feature kite-flying demonstrations, tethered hot air balloon rides and a mass effort at 1 p.m. to fly 2,011 kites simultaneously. Children ages 12 and under will receive free kites, while supplies last. Older participants are encouraged to bring their own kites or may purchase one at the event.

The festival also will include a variety of entertainment for the entire family. Children can enjoy a petting zoo, games and other activities. Henrico County Public Schools will host an activity area with student choir and band performances, high school mascots and an art exhibit. The Southeast United Dairy Industry Association will hold a live exhibit. Local artists such as Susan Greenbaum, Bak N Da Day and The Taters will perform live music. American and international vendors will offer a variety of foods for sale.

Dominion, parent company of Dominion Virginia Power, will present free safety demonstrations throughout the day and provide information about Dominion Green

Power, a voluntary program that enables customers to help the environment by supporting renewable energy.

For more information about the kite festival and other upcoming 400th anniversary commemoration events, call (804) 501-1611 or log on to www.henrico400th.com.

February 9, 2011

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Henricopolis SWCD announces scholarship competition; application deadline is March 1

Henrico students planning to study a conservation-related field now can apply for college scholarships offered by the Henricopolis Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Colonial Agricultural Education Foundation. The deadline to apply is March 1.

Two high school seniors and one college student may each receive the \$1,000 awards. Henricopolis SWCD annually offers three scholarships through an endowment with Colonial Agricultural Education Foundation.

Applicants must be Henrico County residents and meet other requirements, including:

- Be a graduating senior in high school or current college student;
- Attend or plan to attend a Virginia state-supported college or university;
- Major in a conservation-related field such as environmental science, forestry, meteorology or agriculture;
- Have a minimum 3.0 high school GPA or a minimum 2.5 GPA in a college major field of study.

Students can obtain scholarship applications and additional information online at www.co.henrico.va.us/swcd and at the Henricopolis SWCD office, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive. Completed applications must be submitted to the Colonial Agricultural Education Foundation by March 1.

Call 501-5175 for more information.

February 8, 2011

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Tuckahoe town meeting Feb. 15 to feature information on programs for seniors

The next town meeting of Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will provide information about the range of services and resources available for Henrico's senior residents. The meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive.

Representatives from Dominion Power, the Senior Center, Meals on Wheels, Senior Connections and other organizations will discuss their programs and ways older residents can access and take advantage of them. 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 501-4208 or log on to www.patobannon.com.

February 7, 2011

CONTACT: Lt. Shawn Sears, Animal Protection Supervisor

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Henrico rabies clinic set for Feb. 19

The Henrico County Division of Police will hold a rabies clinic on Saturday, Feb. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at gate four of Richmond International Raceway.

Shots cost \$8, cash only, and include a rabies tag and certificate of inoculation. Cats must be held in pet carriers. Dog owners may purchase a 2011 license for \$10 with proof of rabies inoculation.

Lt. Shawn Sears, supervisor of Henrico Police's Animal Protection unit, encourages residents to vaccinate their pets.

"(Vaccination) will ensure the safety of our residents' pets and will help protect the community as well," Sears said.

Cats and dogs ages 4 months and older are required to be vaccinated for rabies. Contact Animal Protection at 727-8800 for more information.

February 1, 2011

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Annual Henrico Extension berry sale benefiting 4-H programs is under way

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, raspberry, blackberry and blueberry plants. Strawberry plants cost \$6.50 for a bundle of 25; raspberry, blackberry and blueberry plants cost \$4.50 each. Instructions for planting and care are included with each order.

To obtain an order form, call 501-5160 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; visit the Extension Office, located in the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive; or pick one up at any Henrico library. Order forms and additional information also are available online at www.co.henrico.va.us/extension.

Because supplies are limited, orders placed after Monday, Feb. 28 will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Extension staff will distribute orders from noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16 and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 17 at the Glen Allen Softball Complex on Mountain Road.

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

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