



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

October 2013

October 30, 2013

CONTACT: Melvin Slough, Community Liaison, Henrico County Department of Public Utilities
PHONE: (804) 501-7540

Henrico makes schedule changes for 2013-14 leaf-collection programs

Henrico County is adjusting the schedule for its 2013-14 free and paid leaf-collection programs, eliminating pickup periods that have had low participation and could interfere with snow removal efforts.

Henrico will provide free curbside collection of bagged leaves from Nov. 4 to Jan. 26. Crews will make two pickups per street during the collection period. Most county streets are included in the service.

Traditionally, the curbside collection effort extended into March and featured a third pickup. County officials noted that crews typically have picked up few bags during the final collection but were required to travel each street included in the program.

"This wasn't very efficient," said Melvin Slough, community liaison for the Department of Public Utilities. "Because of the low participation in the third pickup, we believe we can reduce the schedule for bagged-leaf collection and continue to provide the same level of service."

Henrico also is streamlining the schedule for its leaf-vacuuming program. The service, which costs \$30 per order, will be available from Nov. 12 to Jan. 3 and again from March 3 to 28. The shorter schedule will allow the county to direct resources to the removal of snow and ice in January and February.

Slough noted that the Department of Public Works uses the same trucks to vacuum leaves as it uses to plow and treat roads following a snowfall or freezing rain. The time required to remove vacuum equipment and install plows and salt spreaders could slow the county's response during a winter storm.

"These schedule changes will help Public Works focus on removing snow during the winter without spending time changing equipment on the trucks," he said.

Adjustments to the leaf-collection programs will save the county \$75,000, officials said.

Residents can place an order for the vacuum-collection service beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12 by completing a form at www.henricodpu.org/leafpub or by calling (804) 501-4275.

Residents do not need to contact the county to have their bagged leaves collected. A pickup schedule, listing of streets and other program details are available at the website.

October 22, 2013

CONTACT: Shirley A. Lyons, Program Manager, Employment and Day Services, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services
PHONE: (804) 262-6665, ext. 8803

Banquet to honor local businesses for support of individuals with disabilities

Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services (MH/DS) will commemorate October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month by recognizing 21 local businesses for employing individuals with cognitive and emotional disabilities.

The third Employer Awards banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave.

The businesses to be honored are: Biscotti Goddess; Bunkie Trinite Trophies; Colonial Shooting Academy; Hardee's, Store #2940; Health Diagnostic Laboratory; Home Depot Interiors; Marshalls, West Broad Street; Martin's, The Village; N&W Salvage; Rock Solid, Inc.; Pizza Hut, Williamsburg Road; San-J International, Inc.; Schein Vet Supply; St. Mary's Hospital, Central Processing Department; Sunrise Senior Living; Support One; Thankfully Yours LLC; University of Richmond, Heilman Dining Center; Virginia Office of Vital Records; Wurth Revcar Fasteners; and YMCA, Shady Grove Branch.

MH/DS will recognize each award recipient for hiring at least one person with a disability to work in the business or for providing employment opportunities through contract work completed at the Hermitage Enterprises or Cypress Enterprises locations. MH/DS serves individuals with intellectual disabilities or mental illness from the counties of Henrico, Charles City and New Kent.

The banquet's keynote speaker will be Hill Hopper, general manager of the Richmond location of Omnicare International. The business received an Employer Award in 2007 and 2009.

October 17, 2013

CONTACT: Barry R. Lawrence, Clerk, Henrico County Board of Supervisors
PHONE: (804) 501-4318

Henrico officials to serve on NACo committees

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has appointed 10 Henrico County officials to the organization's policy-making committees for 2013-14.

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

- Chairman and Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele, Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee;
- Vice Chairman and Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon, Large Urban County Caucus Steering Committee; Telecommunications and Technology Steering Committee; and Essential County Technology Subcommittee (vice chair);
- Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover, Community and Economic Affairs Steering Committee;
- Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, Human Services and Education Steering Committee; and
- Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson, Transportation Steering Committee.

In addition, Henrico administration officials received the following appointments:

- County Manager John A. Vithoukias, Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee;
- Deputy County Manager for Community Development Randall R. Silber, Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee;

- Deputy County Manager for Community Operations Timothy A. Foster, P.E., Public Lands Steering Committee;
- Deputy County Manager for Community Services Jane D. Crawley, Health Steering Committee; and
- Capital Region Workforce Partnership Director Rosalyn D. Key-Tiller, Community and Economic Affairs Steering Committee.

As the only national organization representing counties, parishes and boroughs before Congress and the White House, NACo works to improve county government and increase public understanding of the role of counties. The association's steering committees form its policy-making arm. The committees and other governing bodies meet several times annually to examine key issues of county government and to make recommendations on legislative policies and goals.

October 10, 2013

CONTACT: Barbara Herzog, Director; Henrico County Court Appointed Special Advocates
PHONE: (804) 501-1671

Henrico CASA seeks volunteers for training as child advocates

Henrico County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will be offering daytime training sessions for volunteers who would work in the court system on behalf of abused or neglected children.

Henrico CASA is recruiting volunteers for a free, two-week training course that is planned for January and February. Classes will last five to six hours and be held three days per week. The daytime sessions will be geared for retirees, stay-at-home parents or others who may have evening obligations.

Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer advocate must apply by Friday, Dec. 20, be at least 21 years old and have regular access to a computer. Applicants will be interviewed, fingerprinted and undergo criminal background and reference checks. To apply or receive additional information, contact Jeannine Panzera at (804) 501-1673 or pan01@co.henrico.va.us. Information also is available at www.henicocasa.org.

The training program will conclude with a swearing-in ceremony at the Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

Henrico CASA is a private, nonprofit organization that works closely with the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Working typically 10 to 20 hours per month, volunteer advocates investigate the situations of children who are involved in the court system as a result of allegations of abuse or neglect.

The training program prepares volunteers to interview children and others involved in their case, submit reports to judges and assist case attorneys. Henrico CASA volunteers worked 11,006 hours and served 346 children in fiscal year 2012-13.

October 3, 2013

CONTACT: Lt. Shawn M. Sears, Animal Protection Unit, Henrico County Division of Police
PHONE: (804) 727-8801

Henrico rabies vaccination clinic set for Oct. 19

The Henrico County Division of Police will offer rabies vaccines for dogs and cats from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Henrico County Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road. The clinic will be on the first level of the parking deck adjacent to the Administration Building.

The shots cost \$10 and must be paid in cash. A rabies tag and certificate of inoculation are included. Pets from all localities are welcome. Cats must be in carriers.

Under Virginia law, dogs and cats 4 months of age and older must be vaccinated for rabies.

Henrico dog licenses will be available for \$10, for a one-year license, and \$15, for a three-year license. Officers will be available to discuss license options and vaccination requirements.

For information, call the Animal Protection Unit at (804) 727-8801 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.