



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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Henrico 4-H sale of peanuts, honey underway; orders due Oct. 27

The Henrico County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension is selling Virginia peanuts and honey to benefit local 4-H youth programs.

Peanuts come in a 2-pound sack and are available raw with recipes, for \$10, or in salted or unsalted cocktail varieties, for \$15. A 1-pound jar of honey costs \$10.

Order forms are available at henrico.us/extension, the Extension Office, any Henrico library or by calling (804) 501-5160. A check or money order payable to Henrico 4-H Fund must accompany each order.

Because supplies are limited, orders received after Friday, Oct. 27 will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Orders will be available for pickup from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17 at the loading dock of the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive.

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Henrico officials to serve on NACo committees

The National Association of Counties (NACo) has appointed nine Henrico County officials to the organization's committees for 2017-18.

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

- Chairman and Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon, Telecommunications and Technology Steering Committee (vice chair); Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board (vice chair); Information Technology Standing Committee; International Economic Development Task Force; Resilient Counties Advisory Board (vice chair); and Large Urban County Caucus Steering Committee;
- Vice Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, Human Services and Education Steering Committee;
- Brookland District Supervisor Harvey L. Hinson, Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee;
- Three Chopt District Supervisor Thomas M. Branin, Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee; and

- Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson, Transportation Steering Committee.

In addition, Henrico administration officials received the following appointments:

- Deputy County Manager for Community Operations Timothy A. Foster, Public Lands Steering Committee;
- Deputy County Manager for Community Services W. Brandon Hinton, Health Steering Committee;
- Deputy County Manager for Public Safety Douglas A. Middleton, Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee; and
- Deputy County Manager for Community Development Randall R. Silber, Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee.

A national grassroots organization uniting more than 3,000 counties across the United States, 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 make recommendations on legislative policies and goals.

Sept. 26, 2017

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*Revive RVA regional summit to explore solutions to heroin, opioid epidemic
Richmond, Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover unite for Oct. 26 event*

The city of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Chesterfield and Hanover will present a free summit Thursday, Oct. 26 to examine and identify solutions to the alarming rise of heroin and opioid abuse in central Virginia.

The community event — titled Revive RVA: Regional Solutions to the Opioid Crisis — will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, 403 N. Third St. in downtown Richmond. The summit is open to the public, but registration is required. To sign up, go to regionalopioidsummit2017.sched.com by Thursday, Oct. 12.

Revive RVA will feature keynote addresses by Dr. Robert L. DuPont, president of the nonprofit Institute for Behavior and Health, and Dr. A. Omar Abubaker, professor and chairman of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry.

DuPont, a longtime leader in drug abuse prevention and treatment, served as the first director of the National Institutes of Health's National Institute on Drug Abuse, from 1973 to 1978, and was the second White House drug chief, from 1973 to 1977. Abubaker, an oral surgeon, has spoken extensively about the heroin and opioid crisis after his 21-year-old son, Adam, died following an overdose in 2014.

The summit will continue with breakout sessions examining the issue from different perspectives: medical community and prescribers; addiction treatment; emergency medical services; law enforcement; state policy; and youth and schools. The program will conclude with a panel discussion led by individuals in recovery and an open dialogue on ways to address the problem. An exhibit featuring more than 15 community service providers and agencies will take place throughout the day.

In addition, the summit will offer free training from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on how to administer naloxone following an actual or suspected overdose of heroin or opioids. Naloxone, which is available in Virginia without a prescription, can temporarily reverse the drugs' toxic effects, allowing time to seek professional medical attention.

The training, developed by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, is intended for family and friends of someone who is at risk of an overdose. The class provides hands-on instruction on the administration of naloxone's nasal form and is restricted to individuals age 18 and older. Because spaces are limited, registration is encouraged as soon as possible. To sign up, go to surveymonkey.com/r/ZZC6V6X. Participants will leave the session with a complimentary dose of naloxone.

Revive RVA comes as the region's localities and public school systems are taking steps to address the public-safety threat posed by heroin and opioids. The potent, highly addictive drugs, which include prescription painkillers such as OxyContin and Vicodin, are threatening all communities and segments of society. Virginia State Health Commissioner Marissa J. Levine designated opioid addiction a public health emergency in 2016.

The number of fatal opioid overdoses continues to rise sharply locally, across Virginia and throughout the United States. In Richmond, Henrico, Chesterfield and Hanover, the combined number of opioid overdose deaths increased from 51 in 2010 to 79 in 2012 before jumping to 108 in 2014 and 189 in 2016, according to the Virginia Department of Health.



Sept. 11, 2017

Demolition of Quioccasin bridge to begin Sept. 12

Update, Sept. 11: Demolition of the Quioccasin Road bridge will begin about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, weather permitting.

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Henrico Master Gardener training program accepting applications through Oct. 27

The Henrico County Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension is accepting applications for its next volunteer Master Gardener training program, which provides instruction in all aspects of horticulture.

Applications for the 2018 training program will be accepted through Friday, Oct. 27. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 16 through March 22. The program costs \$135 for materials.

Participants will learn about lawn care, trees and shrubs, vegetable gardens, pest management and other topics. After completing 50 hours of classroom training, participants will serve a 50-hour internship with the Extension Office and will help conduct educational programs for the public.

For an application or other information, call (804) 501-5160 or go to henrico.us/extension.

Sept. 8, 2017

CONTACT: Dawn Miller, Tourism Supervisor, Henrico County Division of Recreation and Parks
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Tourist spending in Henrico tops \$879 million, County's total leads in central Virginia, remains fifth highest in state

Henrico County captured \$879.6 million in spending by domestic travelers during 2016, the most of any locality in central Virginia and the fifth highest in Virginia, according to a newly released study for the Virginia Tourism Corp.

Tourist spending in Henrico rose by 3.2 percent over its total for 2015, tracking with the statewide increase of 3.3 percent. Among Virginia localities, tourism expenditures in Henrico trailed only those for the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the city of Virginia Beach.

The tourism expenditure totals reflect spending on food, lodging, transportation, entertainment, retail and other services by travelers from within the United States who had stayed overnight in paid accommodations or had taken day or overnight trips at least 50 miles from home.

In 2016, tourism in Henrico supported about 8,500 jobs with a combined payroll income of \$214.4 million. It also generated tax receipts of \$27.6 million for the county and \$33.1 million for the state.

Overall, Virginia attracted \$23.7 billion in visitor spending, which supported about 229,300 jobs and provided nearly \$1.7 billion in state and local taxes. Regionally, Henrico and seven neighboring localities combined to attract \$2.4 billion in visitor spending, accounting for nearly 24,000 jobs and a payroll of \$544 million.

"Tourism is a major driver of Henrico's and our region's economies," County Manager John A. Vitoulkas said. "By staying in our hotels, eating in our restaurants and supporting other businesses, visitors contribute directly to our high quality of life. Their spending supports jobs and investment, and it helps to fund a variety of public services, including schools, parks and public safety."

Henrico launched the Visit Henrico County initiative in 2013 to attract leisure travelers as well as national and regional tournaments to county athletic fields and complexes. The visithenrico.com website and a smartphone app help visitors plan where to stay, shop and eat, and what to do.

In 2016, Henrico's parks and sports complexes hosted 135 tournaments and other events, which generated an estimated \$46.1 million in local spending, according to the Division of Recreation and Parks.

In addition to its many historic sites and sports complexes, the county's attractions include Richmond Raceway, the site of NASCAR's Virginia529 College Savings 250 on Friday, Sept. 8 and the Federated Auto Parts 400 on Saturday, Sept. 9. Other visitor-friendly sites include Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Three Lakes Park and Nature Center, and the Dabbs House and Meadow Farm museums.

The U.S. Travel Association compiled the tourism data for the Virginia Tourism Corp. Its report, The Economic Impact of Domestic Travel On Virginia Counties 2016, is available at vatc.org.

Sept. 7, 2017

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Registration opens for Henrico Drug Court Alumni 5k on Sept. 30

The Henrico County Drug Court will sponsor an inaugural 5k run/walk event Saturday, Sept. 30 to support the continued recovery of its participants and graduates.

The Henrico Drug Court Alumni 5k will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. at Deep Run Park, 9900 Ridgefield Parkway, and will include face painting, music, a bounce house, silent auction and other family fun. The race will start at 9 a.m.

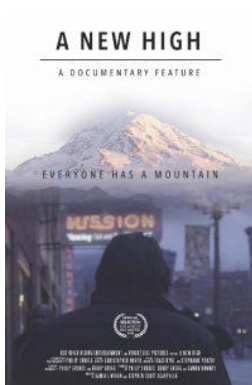
The cost to participate is \$25, or \$15 using the online promotion code HENRICO, plus processing fees. To register, go to runsignup.com/Race/VA/Henrico/HenricoCountyDrugCourtAlumni5k. The registration deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 20.

The event will be part of a national recognition of September as Recovery Month. Proceeds will benefit Henrico Drug Court activities that promote the ongoing recovery of individuals who have graduated from the program. Established in 2003, the Drug Court strives to reduce crime and recidivism through timely intervention and comprehensive treatment of substance abusing offenders.

For information, call (804) 501-7596.

Sept. 5, 2017

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Henrico to present 'A New High' on Sept. 13 to promote recovery from addiction

The Henrico County Drug Court and Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services will present a free showing of the film "A New High" on Wednesday, Sept. 13 to promote recovery from addiction.

The documentary will be shown at 6:30 p.m. at the Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nine Mile Road. A fair of community service providers will begin at 6 p.m.

Released in 2015, "A New High" follows a group of men and women in Seattle as they use mountain climbing to overcome homelessness and addiction.

Regency redevelopment to impact traffic beginning Sept. 5

Update, Sept. 1: The Quioccasin Road lane closures will take effect beginning at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5. A date for the demolition of the Quioccasin bridge will be announced as plans are finalized.

Aug. 16, 2017

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Regency redevelopment to impact traffic beginning Aug. 23

A series of road improvements associated with a redevelopment project at the Regency Square shopping mall will impact traffic along Quioccasin and North Parham roads during the next 12 months, beginning Wednesday, Aug. 23.

The first phase of work will include the demolition of the Quioccasin Road bridge, which provides access to the mall property west of Parham.

In anticipation of that work, Quioccasin's eastbound lanes will be closed between Parham and Starling Drive beginning Aug. 23. Quioccasin's eastbound traffic will be detoured north onto Starling and east onto Fargo Road to reach Parham. Quioccasin's westbound traffic will be restricted to one lane between Parham and Starling.

The lane closures are expected to remain in effect for about 45 days, while the work is underway. Crews expect to start the bridge demolition Monday, Aug. 28.

Additional lane closures will be announced in the coming months as work progresses on the Regency property. Once complete, road improvements related to the project will include turning lanes, new traffic signals and sidewalks.

For more information, go to henrico.us/projects/quioccasin-road-parham-road-construction.

