



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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Varina Supervisor Nelson appointed chair of Virginia Compensation Board

Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson has been appointed chair of the Virginia Compensation Board by Gov. Ralph Northam, effective May 11.



The board is responsible for determining the state's share of costs for the operations of constitutional offices and for assisting the officers and their staffs to enhance services to residents of the commonwealth.

Nelson is serving his second term on Henrico's board and is its vice chairman for 2018. He serves on boards of other governmental and community organizations, including the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, Virginia Transit Association, Richmond Region Tourism, Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Richmond Performing Arts Alliance and Virginia Commonwealth University.

A native of the Varina District, Nelson earned an associate degree from J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, a bachelor's degree from VCU and a master's degree from Virginia Union University. He is the pastor of Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church in Richmond.

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Henrico Extension to offer butterfly container workshop June 14

Master Gardeners also hosting monthly Pollinator Garden tours at Short Pump Park

The Henrico County office of Virginia Cooperative Extension will hold a workshop Thursday, June 14 on making a butterfly container.

The class will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. and will begin in the pavilion of Short Pump Park, 3329 Pump Road. Participants will make their own container with butterfly nectar and larval host plants. Master Gardeners also explain the life cycle of a butterfly, discuss the best plants for attracting butterflies and other pollinating insects, and give tours of the park's Pollinator Garden.

The workshop costs \$20 and is open to adults only. All materials, including a 12-inch container, potting soil and nectar and larval butterfly plants, will be provided. The class is held in conjunction with National Pollinator Week, which will be June 18-24.

To register, call the Extension office at (804) 501-5160. For more information, go to henrico.us/extension.

In addition, Master Gardeners will be available for questions and tours of the Pollinator Garden at Short Pump Park on the second Sunday of each month, beginning in June. The Master Gardeners in the Garden sessions will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on June 10, July 8, Aug. 12 and Sept. 9.

May 30, 2018

CONTACT: Jean Moore, Assistant Director, Henrico County Planning Department
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Henrico to hold June 4 open house on Route 5 Corridor Study

The Henrico County Planning Department will hold an open house Monday, June 4 for residents and other members of the public to review and comment on revised and new information for a study of the Route 5 corridor.

The open house will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Varina Area Library, 1875 New Market Road. The meeting will provide an opportunity to review revised draft goals, objectives and strategies as well as new draft design guidelines for the corridor. Attendees may arrive at their convenience and share their thoughts directly with staff.

Copies of the revised draft goals, objectives and strategies and the draft design guidelines are available at henrico.us/projects/route-5-corridor-marion-hill-study. Community members are encouraged to review the documents prior to the open house.

The Marion Hill neighborhood has been removed from the Route 5 Corridor Study. Staff has determined that an independent study is appropriate and will be completed at a later date.

Once the community input phase is complete, the Route 5 Corridor Study will be presented to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for review and approval. For more information, contact Rosemary Deemer at (804) 501-4488 or dee12@henrico.us.

May 21, 2018

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*Henrico wins National Association of Counties awards for 24 programs
Two initiatives recognized as Best in Category*

Henrico County departments and agencies have earned 24 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for innovative programs, with two also recognized with a Best in Category honor.

Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services (MH/DS) received an Achievement Award and a Best in Category honor for the Early Intervention Autism Clinic. Through its Parent Infant Program, MH/DS provides early intervention support and services for infants with developmental delays. To ensure timely assessments, the program partnered with Commonwealth Autism in 2016 to establish a clinic for children who are considered at greater risk for a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder. The clinic reduced by 87 percent the wait time for a diagnosis and provided support and resources to promote learning and development.

The Division of Fire earned both honors for its At-Risk Resident Weather Radio Distribution Project. The project provides low-income families with National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration radios and other resources to help prepare them for and recover from emergencies associated with severe weather.

NACo will formally present the awards July 15 during its 2018 Annual Conference and Exposition in Nashville and Davidson County, Tenn. The Achievement Awards program recognizes groundbreaking programs and initiatives in 18 service categories, including children and youth, county administration and management, libraries, risk and emergency management, and human services.

Henrico's 24 awards, which stemmed from 28 entries, are the most of any county in Virginia for the 13th consecutive year and the seventh most nationally, behind Maricopa County, Ariz.; Montgomery County, Md.; Miami-Dade County, Fla.; San Bernardino County, Calif.; San Diego County, Calif.; and Los Angeles County, Calif. Those counties have populations between 1 million and 10 million residents; Henrico has about 328,000 residents, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates. Henrico and Montgomery were the only counties to earn multiple Best in Category honors, with two apiece.

"Henrico County is a dynamic community with a high quality of life and needs that are constantly evolving," County Manager John A. Vithoukaskas said. "Because of this, our departments and agencies understand and embrace the challenge of providing the highest quality programs and services to meet the needs of our residents and community. Our success in the annual NACo awards program highlights the kind of dedication, customer focus and innovation that our employees bring to their jobs every day."

Henrico has earned 628 NACo awards since 1985. The awards in 2018 recognize the efforts of six general government departments and Henrico County Public Schools. HCPS collected eight awards; MH/DS and the Division of Fire each earned four awards — more than any other Henrico government department or agency. Human Resources earned at least one award for the 32nd consecutive year, a feat unmatched by any other human resources agency in the country.

Henrico's award-winning programs and their submitting agencies are listed below.

- Improving Snow Plowing Operations with Mobile GIS, Department of Public Works
- Making House Calls: Ensuring OSHA Compliance Through Mobile Spirometry, Department of Human Resources
- Caring for the Community: Advocate for the Aging, Department of Human Resources
- Health Risk Assessments (HRAs): Using Results to Get Results, Department of Human Resources
- At-Risk Resident Weather Radio Distribution Project, Division of Fire
- CAD Passport-Accountability & Community Resource Tool, Division of Fire
- 2018-2023 Continuous Improvement Strategy, Division of Fire
- Community Smoke Alarm Initiative, Division of Fire
- Death Cafés and Bereavement Groups, Henrico County Public Library
- Interactive Teen Displays at Libbie Mill Library, Henrico County Public Library
- Night Sky Astronomy, Henrico County Public Library
- Crisis Intervention Team Refresher Training, MH/DS
- Bounce Back from Addiction, MH/DS
- Behavioral Activation Group, MH/DS
- Early Intervention Autism Clinic, MH/DS
- ORBIT Program, Sheriff's Office

- The Academy at Virginia Randolph's 100 Men Challenge, Henrico County Public Schools
- Feeding a Need for Real-World Experience, Henrico County Public Schools
- "Printing" is More Than Just What You Read, Henrico County Public Schools
- Art, Reading, Science and Community: From a Tiny Seed a Garden Grows, Henrico County Public Schools
- Maggie Walker Governor's School: Remaking an Old-School Application Process, Henrico County Public Schools
- Spreading Goodwill Through Books, Henrico County Public Schools
- The Work-Van Project: Students Upgrade Skills and County Vehicles, Henrico County Public Schools
- Video Training for Secure School Testing, Henrico County Public Schools

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*Henrico park named in honor of late Supervisor Richard W. Glover
Sports complex on Greenwood Road opened in February*

A Henrico County sports complex that opened in February on Greenwood Road is being named Glover Park in honor of the late Richard W. Glover, longtime supervisor from the Brookland District.

"Dick Glover had an unbridled enthusiasm for youth recreation that was matched only by his devotion to serving residents of the Brookland District," County Manager John A. Vithoukas said. "Glover Park brings together these passions and is the perfect place to honor Mr. Glover's outstanding legacy and his many contributions to the betterment of his community."



Mr. Glover died Feb. 2, 2017, after having begun his 30th year of service as Brookland's supervisor. He was the Board of Supervisors' longest-serving active member and had been selected unanimously by his colleagues to preside as chairman during 2017.

Encompassing initially 33 acres of a nearly 200-acre property in northwestern Henrico, Glover Park provides another tournament-quality sports complex for residents as well as families visiting for tournaments and other events. The complex had been known as Greenwood Park through its planning, construction and opening.

Glover Park's \$11 million first phase of development includes four lighted, synthetic-turf fields that can accommodate a variety of events, including soccer, football and lacrosse. Henrico voters approved \$20 million in funding for a second phase through the county's 2016 bond referendum. The next set of improvements is expected to include a playground and a loop trail for pedestrians and joggers.

Glover Park debuted Feb. 24-25 as one of the field sites for the Ultimate Cup boys and girls soccer tournament. The park also hosted matches for the Richmond Strikers Jefferson Cup soccer tournament. A variety of events are scheduled through late summer. In addition to its fields, the park's amenities include eight sand volleyball courts that were developed in partnership with the Richmond Volleyball Club, restroom facilities, a plaza and parking for nearly 400 vehicles.

“In just a few months, Glover Park has established itself as a premier site for tournaments and another pillar in Henrico’s sports tourism program,” said Neil Luther, director of the Division of Recreation and Parks. “Mr. Glover would be proud to see how his vision for the property has been brought to life. We look forward to working with the community to make Glover Park a special place where youth and families can enjoy athletic competition and recreation for many years to come.”

May 10, 2018

CONTACT: Gary A. Hughes, Director, Henrico County Community Corrections Program
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*Henrico drug court reaches milestone with 200th graduate
43rd graduation ceremony set for May 18*

The Henrico County Adult Drug Treatment Court will celebrate a milestone at its graduation Friday, May 18 by recognizing that more than 200 individuals have successfully completed the program since 2003.

The court’s 43rd graduation will be held at 1 p.m. in Courtroom 3 of the Henrico Circuit Court, in the Henrico Courts Building, 4301 E. Parham Road. Speakers will include W. Brandon Hinton, deputy county manager for administration, and Brittney Welsch, a 2017 drug court graduate who now works as a peer recovery specialist for Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services.

Henrico established the Adult Drug Treatment Court after Circuit judges began looking for ways to break the cycle of individuals with alcohol and drug problems reappearing before the court. Since its first docket on Jan. 24, 2003, the drug court has served 606 participants. The 10 individuals scheduled to graduate May 18 will bring the total number of graduates to 206.

Participation in Henrico’s drug court is voluntary and must be approved by the commonwealth’s attorney. The program provides intensive treatment, close supervision and counseling for at least 12 months, allowing participants to address their addictions, secure jobs, care for family members and satisfy court-ordered financial obligations.

Individuals who have completed a drug court program are less likely to reoffend than someone who has served through the traditional criminal justice system, according to a 2012 report by the National Center for State Courts. The study also found that the average annual cost for a drug court participant ranges from \$7,485 to \$14,615 — far less than \$29,678 annual cost of incarcerating an adult offender in a local jail.

Note: Members of the news media are welcome to attend and cover the drug court graduation. Please understand the ceremony is part of a court proceeding and courtroom decorum is expected. Cameras and other recording devices are not permitted in the Henrico Courts Building. If you are interested in covering the graduation, please contact Gary A. Hughes, director of the Community Corrections Program, by calling (804) 501-5180 or by sending an email to hug110@henrico.us.

May 10, 2018

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Fairfield meeting May 21 to provide update of Henrico’s State of the County address

Henrico County Board of Supervisors Chairman and Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton will hold a constituent meeting Monday, May 21 to provide an update on the state of the county and to highlight events in Fairfield.

Thornton will be joined by County Manager John A. Vithoukias, who presented the State of the County address in December. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave. For information, call (804) 501-4208.

May 2, 2018

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Tuckahoe meeting May 14 to discuss budget and more

Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will host a Tuckahoe Town Meeting on Monday, May 14 to provide an update on Henrico County's approved budget for fiscal year 2018-19 and other topics, including community maintenance, sidewalks, public transportation and real estate assessments.

The meeting will include sessions at 1 and 6:30 p.m. at Tuckahoe Area Library, 1901 Starling Drive. Residents are welcome to attend or participate via a live stream on the Henrico County Government channel on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), at [youtube.com/c/henricocountygovernment](https://www.youtube.com/c/henricocountygovernment).

For more information, call (804) 501-4208 or go to [patobannon.com](https://www.patobannon.com).

May 2, 2018

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Henrico to offer rabies vaccinations for pets May 19

The Henrico County Police Division will provide rabies vaccines for dogs and cats from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 19 at the Henrico County Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road.

Pet owners must register and pay at the cashier's office in the Administration Building before seeing a veterinarian on the first level of the adjacent parking deck.

Each vaccine costs \$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. Licenses now are valid for the life of the animal while the owner lives in Henrico and its rabies vaccinations are kept current.

Officers will be available to discuss license and vaccination requirements. For information, call the Animal Protection Unit at (804) 727-8801.