

Updates

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Hanover County Department of Community Resources

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Volunteer Needs/In Kind Donations

Please note the following reminder about the use of the Volunteer Needs/In-Kind Donation postings. The listings are designed to highlight just a few new or short-term volunteer or in-kind donation needs. Please give us feedback on the results you receive.

Also, we encourage organizations to post all short-term and on-going opportunities, as well as special projects on HandsOn Connect via www.HanoverVolunteers.org.

Donations Available:

Timber for Firewood: Jeff Kyte with Save Our Seniors is working with a client who had timber cut from 86 acres of property located in Centerville. Tops of trees remain that Mr. Kyte states to be great for fire wood. Trees include White & Red Oak, Pine, Poplar and other types. The wood was cut during the summer, so has aged in place to this point. Some can be directly cut to length, others would need to be spit and cut. The owner would like to donate to groups serving individuals in need. Contact Jeff Kyte at 804-914-4406 or email soskyte@aol.com.

Donations Sought:

- No postings this issue.

Volunteer Opportunity Sought:

- **No postings this issue.**

Volunteers Needed:

Visit www.HanoverVolunteers.org to view an array of volunteer opportunities throughout the Greater Richmond area. Here are just a few local opportunities...

Hanover Fire-EMS seeks Volunteer Air Pack Maintenance Specialists. Training is required and will be provided. The breathing apparatus firefighters utilize requires ongoing service, upkeep and minor repairs. One to two individuals with good mechanical skills are needed approximately 8-10 hours per week (over two or three days) to help maintain these devices. No emergency response required; must be able to lift 30 pounds. For more information, contact Lieutenant Ray Alexander at 804-365-6195 or rpalexander@co.hanover.va.us to discuss this rewarding opportunity.

Hanover Social Services is seeking Tax Preparation Volunteers and Customer Greeters for their annual EITC program. The EITC program offers free tax preparation for persons with incomes of \$50,000 or less. On-line training is available and required. For more information, contact Monica Chenault at 804-365-4109.

Hanover Global Youth Service Day Plan-A-Rama and \$100 Mini Grant Offered

The Hanover County Department of Community Resources has developed resources for local agencies, departments and organizations interested in participating in or supporting Hanover's 2012 Global Youth Service Day, April 20th-22nd.

A Plan-A-Rama workshop for host agencies to learn more about approaches to engaging youth in meeting their missions will be held on February 2, 2012. A \$100 mini grant will be offered to one lucky organization that completes a project proposal by the end of the workshop.

For details or to obtain a toolkit visit:

http://www.co.hanover.va.us/commres/programs_GYSD.htm, or contact Laura Robertson, Hanover Youth Services Specialist at 804-365-4180 or email gyzd@co.hanover.va.us.

Let's Talk about Beach Week! Workshops Scheduled

"Let's Talk about Beach Week!" is a free workshop designed for teens and parents of teens who are considering plans to celebrate graduation by going to "beach week". From signing contracts to personal liability, to having a safe/fun time, learn more about Beach Week issues and alternatives from local experts. Receive tips and tools that help parents and teens prepare for a safe Beach Week or other creative graduation celebrations.

This countywide program is coordinated by Atlee High School PTSA, Patrick Henry High School PTSA, Hanover Cares, Teens Care Too, Hanover's Promise, Hanover Safe Place and Hanover County Sheriff's Office and is open to all parents and students. The program will be held at two locations as follows:

Atlee High School- Monday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Patrick Henry High School- Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

For more information on the workshop contact the coordinator of Hanover's Promise, Laura Robertson at 365-4180 or lrobertson@co.hanover.va.us.

Hanover's Spirit of Volunteerism Award Nominations Sought

Join the Hanover County Board of Supervisors in recognizing outstanding volunteer service in our county by nominating individuals, groups or businesses for the countywide *Spirit of Volunteerism Awards*. The Spirit of Volunteerism Awards is a time-honored Hanover tradition that celebrates and highlights the significant impact county citizens and volunteer groups provide through their volunteer service.

Spread the word! The public may nominate inspiring individuals or groups of any age serving small or large organizations, schools, neighborhoods, government, faith-based community initiatives, civic-lead community outreach and more, in the following categories: *Spirit of One, Spirit of Youth, Spirit of Dedication, Spirit of Team, Spirit of Family, Commitment to Community* and *Spirit of Inspiration*.

Self nominations are accepted. Award recipients will be selected from each category and will receive:

- An engraved plaque.
- A financial donation of up to \$250 made in their honor to the tax-exempt organization designated on the honoree's nomination form. (Business Category excluded).
- A nomination submission made on behalf of the award recipient to the statewide Governor's Community Service and Volunteerism Awards.

All nominees will be recognized and award recipients will be announced at the countywide *Spirit of Volunteerism Celebration* on Tuesday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. at Hanover High School Auditorium.

Nomination forms and additional information are available at: www.hanovervolunteers.org or by contacting the Hanover County Department of Community Resources at 804-365-4300. Deadline is March 1, 2012.

Opportunity to Assess & Enhance Youth Programs in Hanover

The Hanover Department of Community Resources, as a member of The Greater Richmond Youth Development Partnership, is offering local youth serving organizations an opportunity to enhance their services within our community. The Greater Youth Development Partnership, with support of United Way, has invited Hanover to participate in a program pilot for the region, utilizing a highly regarded research based Youth Program Quality Assessment model. The David Weikart Center for Youth Program Quality will be leading the presentation of the assessment training, implementation and facilitating analysis of assessment data for future asset building.

Quality is measured in terms of key developmental experiences related to physical & emotional safety, creating a supportive environment, peer and adult interactions, and youth engagement.

This opportunity is offered to local programs at no cost. Adopting a shared youth program quality intervention can provide a number of benefits including: 1. Creating a common framework for quality; 2. Emphasizing positive youth development; 3. Providing a structure for professional development; and 4. A shared platform for presenting program outcomes for funders.

The pilot includes programs that fit the following basic elements:

- Youth serving programs targeted to youth of 4th through 12th grade (more than one program within an organization may participate)
- Programs can be from various sectors including nonprofit, for profit, school based, governmental, faith based, etc.
- Programs can be afterschool programs, faith-based youth groups, clubs, athletics, scouting, cultural/arts and more

- Maintains a consistent membership of youth over time, serving a minimum of 5 youth
- Program meets on regular basis over the course of a minimum of 9 months, preferably daily or weekly but monthly programs may be eligible
- Staff that is engaged in the process and appropriate staff designees that can attend required trainings

There is still an opportunity for a few additional sites to participate. Contact Lisa Adkins at ldadkins@co.hanover.va.us **BEFORE February 3, 2012.**

Grant Proposals Sought for 2012 Funding

The Richmond Giving Circle was started in 2007 by The Community Foundation to encourage volunteerism and philanthropy by engaging young professionals in a collaborative grant making program. Members contribute to a common grant making pool, which is then used to support at least one grant annually in a focus area of their own choosing.

As young philanthropists, Richmond Giving Circle members wish to support 501(c)(3) organizations in the Greater Richmond region where their grant will have the greatest impact. This year, the RGC will select a local nonprofit that best meets the following criteria:

- Must provide direct service to individuals or families;
- Must serve the Greater Richmond region (defined as the counties of Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico and the cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg and Richmond);
- Must implement innovative or unique solutions to address identified community needs;
- Must evaluate programs with measurable outcomes at least annually;
- Must not discriminate in any of its programs or activities based on gender, race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or disability.
- Faith-based organizations will be considered as long as religion is not used as a criteria for entrance into a program, and clients have the option to opt out of religious-based programming.
- Preference for organizations that collaborate with other nonprofit or governmental agencies.

One grant of at least \$8,000 will be awarded in 2012. Organizations may submit grant proposals for operating, programmatic or capital requests. Organizations that wish to be considered for funding must submit the proposal form to The Community Foundation and complete a minimum portrait on GiveRichmond.org no later than February 15, 2012. For access to grant guidelines and proposal forms, visit: <http://www.tcfrichmond.org/receive/apply-for-a-grant/grant-programs/richmond-giving-circle>. For additional information contact Kim Russell (krussell@tcfrichmond.org) or Lisa O'Mara (lpomara@tcfrichmond.org) at 804-330-7400.

Hanover Council on Aging Offers Senior Resource Fair

The Hanover County Council on Aging, in partnership with Mechanicsville Baptist Church, will be coordinating a Senior Resource Fair on Thursday, February 9, 2012. The program will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12noon at Mechanicsville Baptist Church, 8016 Atlee Road, Mechanicsville, Va. 23111. Resource information and brief presentations will be offered by a variety of human service organizations.

This free event offers older adults and family members an opportunity to meet directly with service providers to ask specific questions and gain information to enhance their quality of life and financial futures. Seniors and family members are encouraged to attend. Note that no additional space is available for exhibitors. For more information contact Lisa Adkins at 804-365-4302 or email ldadkins@co.hanover.va.us.

Hanover's Home Repair Resources Collaboration Meeting

The Department of Community Resources will host a follow up to the Home Repair Resources Roundtable discussion. The follow up meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Hanover Human Services Center Conference Room, 12310 Washington Highway, Ashland, VA. The goal of this meeting will be to further explore potential collaborations and discuss strategies for improved referral processes and avoiding duplications. Registration is required. Contact Lisa Adkins at 804-365-4302 or email ldadkins@co.hanover.va.us.

The Hanover Parent Resource Center's Upcoming Workshops

The Hanover Parent Resource Center will be offering the following free workshops for parents and professionals in February:

Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders (Intro to Autism)

Thursday, February 9, 2012

6:30 p.m. at Oak Knoll Middle School

This workshop is for parents of children who have been identified as being on the autism spectrum within the last 12 months. Topics will include the characteristics of ASD, the most common interventions, and classrooms offered in Hanover schools. Teachers of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend.

Learning Disabilities 101 (LD 101)

Thursday, February 23, 2012

6:30 p.m. at Kersey Creek Elementary School

Students and parents are invited to watch Rick Lavoie's groundbreaking movie: "F.A.T. City - How Difficult Can This Be?" This video allows the viewer to experience life the way a student with LD does. There will be a question and answer period after, followed by some specific strategies students can use to successfully navigate life with LD.

This workshop is designed for parents or family members who "just can't figure out what's going on." Or wondered what is really like to have a learning disability. It is also helpful for middle or high school students who feel that no one understands "how their brain works".

For more information on either of these workshops, or to RSVP to attend, contact Kelly at 804-365-4596 or hanoverprc@hcps.us.

Ashland Supportive Housing of Virginia Application Process

Ashland Supportive Housing of VA (ASH) is a non-profit organization that assists families who are in danger of becoming homeless. Services include rental assistance and help with obtaining permanent housing. ASH is not structured to assist homeless families that have an extensive history of unemployment, current substance abuse problems, criminal history or chronic disability. ASH offers the Second Chance Housing Program. To be eligible, applicants must: be living in a motel, shelter or have been evicted; received a Pay or Quit or an Eviction Notice; or have documentation of foreclosure notice; and be currently employed full-time for at least 6 consecutive months with no record of criminal or drug related offenses. A non-refundable application fee of \$20 is required which includes the cost of a credit report. ASH will pay rental assistance up to \$250 of total rent when remaining balance has been paid and documented. For more information visit www.ashlandsupportivehousing.org or leave a message at 804-665-6691, a representative will return calls within 24 hours.

Hanover Parks and Recreation to Host a Senior “Cruise to Nowhere” Luncheon

The Cruise to Nowhere luncheon is an annual winter event for local seniors. Attendees will be “kept on their toes” with a variety of activities, entertainment, and lunch. The event “sets sail” on Friday, February 17 at 10:00 a.m. at Shady Grove United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$8 and available by contacting Hanover Parks and Recreation at 804-365-4695 or registering online at <http://www.co.hanover.va.us/parksrec/default.htm>.

The Henry Volunteer Fire Company Offers Super Bowl Spiced Shrimp Sale

The Henry Volunteer Fire Company offers to serve the community by providing for their “Super Bowl dining needs”. The firehouse is offering Spiced Shrimp at the cost of \$8.50 per pound. Funds support the costs of equipment, training and operations of the Firehouse. Pre-orders are requested by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 30th.

To order, e-mail Rodney Gentry, henryvfdshrimp@yahoo.com, include your name, phone number & the quantity desired. Cash or checks are accepted at the time of pick up from 1:00pm-3:00pm on Sunday, February 5th at the firehouse at 9634 Chamberlayne Road Mechanicsville, VA., 23116. For more information, visit www.henryvfd.org. The public is also encouraged to inquire about available volunteer opportunities at this or any of the local fire companies.

Western Hanover Relay for Life to Host Team Meeting

Relay For Life is a community-wide, overnight event where individuals come together as teams to celebrate survivorship, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and help current patients to fight back against a disease that has taken too many lives. The American Cancer Society invites co-workers, family members, church members, fraternity brothers, etc. to form groups and help raise money for the American Cancer Society to support patient care, research, and dozens of free programs available to cancer patients and their families.

The public can “Like” the organization on Facebook (Relay for Life – Western Hanover) for current information about the planning process, or visit their website to register a team at www.relayforlife.org/hanover for the event on May 19th, 2012.

The next Team Captain meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16th at the Ashland Fire Station – teams are encouraged to register and attend. Contact Ginny Wescott at gabby.wescott@cancer.org or 804-527-3712 with questions or to learn more.

Hanover Habitat for Humanity to Host a Community Builders Breakfast

Hanover Habitat for Humanity will host a free, one hour event on February 16, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. This Community Builders Breakfast will feature keynote speaker, Delegate John Cox and will be held at the Hanover Country Club, 14314 Country Club Dr. Ashland, VA, 23005. Reservations are required. Contact Angelina Zega, at 804-569-6108 or email azega@hanoverhfh.org.

Virginia Recreation & Park Society Announces the 2012 Virginia Senior Games

More than 1000 athletes age 50 and better are expected to compete in various games Wednesday, May 9th through Saturday, May 12th. Participants will be competing in Volleyball, Horseshoes, Track & Field, Archery, Basketball, Cycling, Bowling, Swimming, Canasta and many other sports.

Games are divided into separate divisions for men, women, and co-ed. Age categories will be in 5-year increments, unless otherwise specified. Those athletes wanting to participate in the 2013 Summer National Senior Games on July 21st - August 5th in Cleveland, Ohio must first qualify at the state games. Qualifying standards depends on the sport of which the individual and/or team participates.

The Virginia Senior Games is sponsored by Bon Secours Virginia, Virginia Moose Association, Inc., Randolph-Macon College, Richmond Volleyball Club, Brown Distributing, Historic Richmond Region, Weinstein Jewish Community Center, Sports Backers, YMCA, and Radio Disney AM 1290.

Volunteers to support the event logistics at various locations will also be needed. For more information or to register please call the Virginia Recreation and Park Society at 804-730-9447 or visit www.virginiaseniorgames.org or email vsg@vrps.com. The deadline to register is Saturday, March 31.

Businesses/Services are Invited to Participate in Wellness Fair & Family Fun Event

In conjunction with the Virginia Senior Games, a Wellness Fair Expo and Family Fun Event will be offered on May 12, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the grounds of Hermitage High School. The Wellness Fair is sponsored by Bon Secours Virginia.

Exhibitors have two options to participate, area businesses/services are invited to register a booth at the Wellness Fair or host an activity at the Family Fun area (designed for athletes' family members).

For more information about this opportunity contact Alicia Boggs at 804-290-0305 or e-mail: Bog09@co.henrico.va.us.

For more information about hosting a booth for the Family Fun Carnival area contact Jennifer Godfrey-Vargeson at 804-365-4695 or e-mail: jkgodfrey@co.hanover.va.us.

Space will go quickly; interested exhibitors are encouraged to make booth reservations as soon as possible.

The Doswell Volunteer Fire Company to Host Brunswick Stew Sale

The Doswell Volunteer Fire Company will host a Brunswick Stew Sale on Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the firehouse on 16243 Washington Highway in Doswell, VA, 23047. The Annual Stew Sale features a highly popular recipe and supports the fire company's equipment, training and operating costs.

The cost per quart is \$7.00. Pre-orders will be taken by phone to reserve your stew. For additional information, or to pre-order, call 804-365-4902.

The Ashland Police Department & Patrick Henry YMCA offer "Hoops, Cops and Kids!"

The Ashland Police Department and the Patrick Henry YMCA invite youth, ages 6-17 years of age to participate in a fun basketball program at the Patrick Henry YMCA, 217 Ashcake Rd, Ashland. The upcoming dates will be Friday, February 24th and March 23rd. Youth ages ranging from 6-12 yrs old will participate from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Youth ages ranging from 12-17 yrs old will participate from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Registration is held 15 minutes prior to each event and a parent/legal guardian is required for registration. If under age of 12, a parent/guardian must stay during the event. For more information contact one of the following representatives:

Steve Schemmel - Patrick Henry YMCA - 804-798-0057

Sergeant Doug Jenks - Ashland Police - 804-677-8604

Community Support Officer Perkins - Ashland Police - 804-412-0601

Ashland Jr. Women's League Hosts Bunco Tournament Fundraiser

The Ashland Jr. Women's League will be hosting a Bunco night on Feb. 24, 2012 at the Hanover Arts and Activities Center in Ashland. Proceeds will benefit the Rosalie Priddy Scholarship Fund (for a PHHS student) and the Hanover Safe Place. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:00 p.m. The event will include cash prizes for winners, silent gift auction, beverages and light hors d'oeuvres. Bunco tables will be assigned by date registration payment received. Bunco groups are encouraged to register together, guaranteed special seating for groups of 12. Attendees must be 18 years of age or older. The cost is \$20 per person for pre-

registration and \$25 at the door. For groups of 12 persons, the cost is \$200 (a \$40 savings). To register, send a check payable to "AJWC" and include the name of the person or group contact and contact phone number to AJWC, P.O. Box 736 Ashland, VA 23005. For more information, email vtjoyce@embarqmail.com.

The Beaverdam Volunteer Fire Company to Host Benefit Luncheon

The Beaverdam Volunteer Fire Company will host a benefit Luncheon on Sunday, February 12, 2012 from 12:00noon-2:00pm at the fire station located at 16159 Trainham Road in Beaverdam, VA, 23015. Proceeds will benefit The Drew Goodman Fund in support of a neighboring family whose young son, a fifth grader, is battling a serious illness.

The luncheon is open to families and individuals of all ages. The menu will include barbeque or hot dogs, sides, dessert and beverage. Children ages 2 and under eat free. Meals for children ages 3 to 12 years old will be \$4.00, meals for guests over 12 will be \$8.00. The public is encouraged to support this heartfelt effort to aid the friends of the station and community, the Goodman Family. For tickets or for additional information contact Brandy at 804- 449-1305 or Scott at 804-241-5252.

February Dates

- 2/2 [**GYSD Plan-A-Rama Workshop**](#)
- 2/4 [**Doswell Fire Company's Brunswick Stew Sale**](#)
- 2/5 [**Henry Fire Company's Super Bowl Spiced Shrimp Sale**](#)
- 2/6 [**Let's Talk Beach Week!**](#)
- 2/9 [**Senior Resource Fair**](#)
- 2/9 [**Intro to Autism Workshop**](#)
- 2/12 [**Beaverdam Fire Company's Goodman Fund Benefit Luncheon**](#)
- 2/16 [**Western Hanover Relay of Life Team Captain's Meeting**](#)
- 2/16 [**Hanover Habitat's Community Builders Breakfast**](#)
- 2/17 [**"Cruise To Nowhere" Luncheon**](#)
- 2/22 [**Let's Talk Beach Week!**](#)
- 2/22 [**Home Repair Resources Collaboration Meeting**](#)
- 2/23 [**Learning Disabilities 101 Workshop**](#)
- 2/24 [**Ashland Jr. Women's League Bunco Tournament Fundraiser**](#)

April Dates

4/20- 4/22 **Hanover's Global Youth Service Day**

May Dates

5/1 **Hanover's Spirit of Volunteerism Celebration**

5/9-5/12 **2012 Virginia Senior Games**

5/12 **Virginia Senior Games Wellness Fair & Family Fun Event**

NOTE:

*To submit a posting for future issues of the Community Resources **Updates** or to be added to the monthly distribution list, submit your request to Lisa Adkins at ldadkins@co.hanover.va.us or call 804-365-4302.*

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