



# TOUCHING BASE



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## GUESS WHO'S COMING TO CHESTERFIELD?

*Excerpts from The Chesterfield Business News*

The Economic Development Authority (EDA) of Chesterfield County is pleased to welcome Richmond Volleyball Club (RVC) to Chesterfield County. The EDA will build and lease to RVC approximately 50,000 square feet of a new indoor sports facility in Stonebridge. Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department will also lease 5,000 square feet of the building for additional community programs and services. The new facility will be located at 200 Karl Linn Drive, Chesterfield County, Virginia and is expected to be operational by January 2018.



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We have job openings. Check out the current listing and look for more opportunities year-round. <http://www.chesterfield.gov/Careers/>



## RICHMOND VOLLEYBALL CLUB COMING TO CHESTERFIELD

“The Richmond Volleyball Club is such a great organization and runs such great youth programs, we are thrilled to have our Parks and Recreation department partnering with them to bring additional services and programs to our citizens.” Said Leslie Haley, Vice Chair, and Board of Supervisor for the Midlothian District. “The economic impact on the eastern Midlothian area from people visiting this facility for daily events and weekend tournaments will be tremendous!” she added.



In addition to RVC, the Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department will also have access to portions of the facility for programming and other services. The Parks and Recreation Department will use approximately 5,000 square feet of the building to hold classes for a variety of groups. Dr. James Worsley, Parks and Recreation Director, is enthusiastic about the partnership. “We are looking forward to being able to add an additional site for programs, the growing senior population in Chesterfield County will benefit from this cooperative effort with the Economic Development Authority and the Richmond Volleyball Club.”



## RICHMOND VOLLEYBALL CLUB COMING TO CHESTERFIELD

Parks and Recreation is proposing to utilize the dedicated space to provide programs for primarily older adults. These programs include classes, workshops, fitness programs, and special events. In addition to the senior programming scheduled for the facility, Parks and Recreation staff would also make use of the location for community programs, pre-school activities and youth programming.



The investments made to date in Stonebridge have encouraged significant additional private investment all along eastern Midlothian Turnpike, such as the renovation of the adjacent Chippenham Square Shopping Center and the redevelopment of the former Beaufont Mall into Spring Rock Green, transforming this key retail and commercial corridor into a vibrant community.

The project builds upon recent development and expansion of facilities in the region. Richmond SportsBackers' executive director, Jon Lugbill, said, "Chesterfield County continues to build sports facilities that not only provide awesome recreational opportunities for local residents to promote healthy living, but also provide economic impact through sports tourism. Our region continues to expand on its already impressive array of sports tourism events and one of the primary reasons for this growth is the construction of high quality sports facilities. Chesterfield County continues to benefit from working together with local non-profit sports organizations to grow sports tournaments that generate funds to aid local youth sports programs and serve more kids."



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## QUARTERLY STAFF MEETING

On Thursday, March 23, the Parks and Recreation staff met at Ettrick Community Building for our second quarterly meeting. Department leaders shared information about what each division has been working on. There was a brief discussion about upcoming projects including the Richmond Volleyball Club facility and a maintenance shop for District 5. The Director shared kudos he received for work that staff members completed. Staff had the chance to ask questions and interact with fellow staff members.



Bob Smet, Chief of Finance



Charlie Grant, Executive Director Henricus Historical Park



Peppy Jones, Midlothian Mines Park Administrator



Phil Innis, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation



Jim Perdue, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation



Stuart Connock, Chief of Parks/Design and Construction

## QUARTERLY STAFF MEETING

Mug award winners, John Zoldork, Linda Waters and Todd Quinley with Trades Crew. Not pictured : Ronnie Pearson, Athletics.

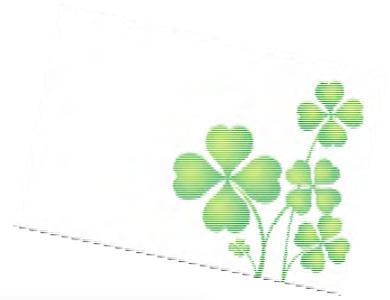
Mug awards are peer-nominated recognition for staff members who go above-and-beyond the job. Awards are presented at each quarterly staff meeting by the Employee Spirit Council.



## BENSLEY COMMUNITY BUILDING

### St. Patrick's Day Potluck

Last week Bensley seniors celebrated St. Patrick's Day in style with great food and entertainment. Several participants hit the dance floor showing off their best moves. Just under 100 seniors attended this annual event.



# ETTRICK COMMUNITY BUILDING

## Extreme Couponing

Do you ever wonder if you're a smart shopper? This class discusses how to begin couponing, how to be a smart shopper, how to get the best deals and more. All participants will receive a free packet of information containing money-saving tips, strategies, ideas and free coupons to assist with saving money.

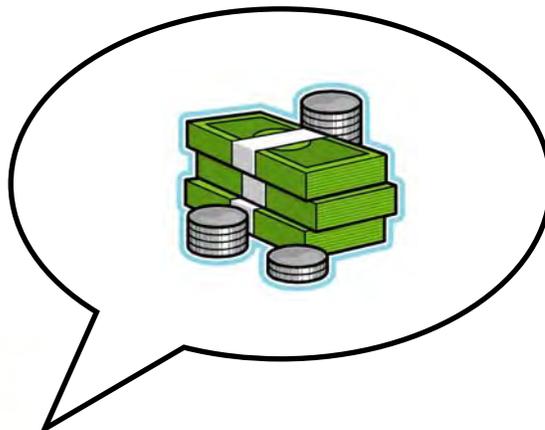
The next classes will be held:

Wednesday, March 29,  
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

\$10                      Course 31781

Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.,

\$10                      Course 31782



# HISTORY

## Tintype Photography

The Chesterfield Historical Society of Virginia and the Chesterfield County Department of Parks and Recreation presented a special program: "Tintype Photography" on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Historic Magnolia Grange Museum House, 10020 Iron Bridge Rd., Chesterfield, VA 23832.

Ron Carnegie, a practitioner of the art and science of Wet Plate Photography shared his experiences and knowledge regarding this process. This is the process that had replaced the more time-consuming and dangerous process of Daguerreotype. Wet Plate was the

process used in the period of the American Civil War. Using reproduction and original equipment, Ron captured images of light on tin, glass or aluminum plates as it was done those many years ago. He demonstrated the techniques involved in Tintype Photography.



# HISTORY

## Midlothian Mines Park Programs

This past Saturday two historical programs were offered at Midlothian Mines Park. A guided tour was conducted in the morning sharing the coal mining history of the region. Participants learned about the discovery of coal in the region, the process of how coal was mined, contributions during the colonial and Civil War period and impacts coal mining had on the region. A closer look and discussion of the headstock that exists at the park and the Grove Shaft was examined.

In the afternoon a geocaching program was offered. This activity allowed participants to learn about the use of hand held GPS receivers, how to program coordinates, search for waypoints and how the receivers are used for navigation to find caches or small items that hold clues or coordinates. This activity incorporated a scavenger hunt to allow participants to hunt for various size caches and discover clues while at the same time learning about the history of the park.



## SPORTS TOURISM

### Jefferson Cup

The first two (of four) weekends of the Jefferson Cup, rated as one of the nation's top youth soccer tournaments, is in the books. The past two weekends were a championship style format which included the U10-U15 age group who utilized both River City Sportsplex and Mary B. Stratton Park within the county. Overall, 1,300 teams from 36 different states will visit Chesterfield and the entire Richmond Region during all four weekends of this event.



## PARKS - DISTRICT 4

Reviewing baseball field grooming



Reviewing custodial storage requirements and common maintenance issues at Katie's Playground



## PARKS - DISTRICT 4

Reviewing spraying around signs and how to approach a school for mowing



How to create a positive shelter experience



Training day ends with hamburgers and sausage



## PARKS - DISTRICT 6

### Bird Softball Complex

Billy Cooke, District 6 Park Manager gives a thumbs up after treating the softball fields with field conditioner.



## HENRICUS HISTORICAL PARK

### Virginia Association of Museums conference

Henricus staff members attended the annual Virginia Association of Museums conference in Roanoke where they presented and attended seminars on topics of relevance to the development and operations of historic sites.



## HENRICUS HISTORICAL PARK

Reading the names of all those that were massacred by the treachery of the Indians in Virginia on March 22, 1622. The following were at Henrico Island: Adkins, Weston, Philip Shatford, William Perigo, and Owen Jones - one of Capt. Berkeley's people.



# HENRICUS HISTORICAL PARK

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### 400 YEARS OF HISTORY

# 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF POCAHONTAS

## Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

JOIN HENRICUS HISTORIANS as they commemorate the 400th anniversary of the death of Pocahontas. Guests will explore the English and Powhatan experience surrounding the life and death of the influential woman who continues to captivate people around the world. Learn more at [Henricus.org](http://Henricus.org). Cost: \$8 Adults, \$6 children aged 3-12, Free for Henricus Patrons.



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#### APRIL EVENTS



April 10–14

#### ARCHAEOLOGY SPRING BREAK CAMP

Campers (ages 8-12) will explore methods used to create a living history museum, by sorting, cataloging, and cleaning artifacts found in the area. Daily from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Space is limited. Registration required by April 7th by calling 804-318-8797. Cost: \$210 and Henricus Patrons \$185

April 20

#### EDUCATOR OPEN HOUSE

From 2 p.m.–5 p.m. participate in guided site tours, demonstrations, make-and-take activities, discussions about our new and upcoming SOL- and STEM-aligned programs and enjoy light refreshments. Open to all educators. Bring your children! Registration recommended by calling 804-318-8797. Cost: Free



April 29

#### ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Heirloom vegetable, herb and fruit seedlings will be for sale with all proceeds benefiting the development of new agricultural programs involving Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM Education) at Henricus.

*For more information about April events, visit [www.henricus.org](http://www.henricus.org)*

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Charlie Grant recently had the honor of meeting and talking with D-Day and Battle of the Bulge infantryman Jack Shields at the D-Day Memorial Museum in Bedford, VA. Jack was decorated by the French with the Legion of Honour, France's highest award, and the War Cross for his heroic actions. Technically Jack is known as Sir Andrew J. Shields, Chevalier.

