



the **hanover** *review*

HANOVER COUNTY: PEOPLE, TRADITION AND SPIRIT

WINTER 2023



IN THE NEWS



Randy Hardman has been appointed Director of Public Works, replacing the retired Mike Flagg. Hardman had previously been Deputy

Director. He has been with the department since 1995.

Hanover County is a welcoming place! Attractive “Welcome to Hanover” signs have been installed along roadways throughout the county, including major gateways such as Routes 1, 33, 301 and 360 and several primary and secondary roads. There are 32 signs in all.

Hanover County VA
PARKS & RECREATION

**Discover
Recreation!**

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Hanover — A place inspired by its people, tradition and spirit, which will be the premier community for people and businesses to achieve their full potential.

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DEDICATED TO OUR COMMUNITY



Hanover County employees spent September 11 volunteering throughout the county. As a tribute to the lives lost in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, employees participated in a National Day of Service volunteering at non-profits such as Covenant Woods, Wings of Hope Ranch and Virginia Cooperative Extension. Here, County Administrator John A. Budesky visits with volunteers for the Extension Service at the new Horticultural Learning Center. This 9/11 Day of Service will be an annual event, so be looking for updates in 2024!



FROM THE Chair

Canova Peterson

Once again, the holiday season is upon us, historically it begins with Thanksgiving and continues through Christmas and into the New Year. I hope everyone has started things off right by taking some time to reflect on all the things for which we have to be thankful. I know that God has showered me with many blessings including family, friends, and the opportunity to share in a quality Hanover lifestyle with my fellow citizens and neighbors.

While 2024 beckons with new hopes and opportunities for expanding on and improving opportunities for our citizens, I must also reflect on 2023. First of all, I am thankful for being able to serve on your Board of Supervisors and it has been an honor to be Chairman during this eventful year. My colleagues have been wonderful to work with and have set an example from which many other elected bodies could learn. While we have not always agreed on what were the best decisions for Hanover County, we have been able to disagree with respect and courtesy.

We are approaching a time of change on the Board of Supervisors, with three new members being elected on November 7. Ms. Kelly Wiecek, Mr. Monolo and I

will complete our terms of serving you on the Board of Supervisors on December 31. Actually Ms. Kelly -Wiecek resigned on October 6 to take a position on the State's new Workforce Development Board. Mr. Helmick was appointed by the board to complete her term as an interim supervisor for her district. I have served side-by-side with them for a time frame that spanned from two months to twelve years and I want to publicly thank them for their service. They have each served their constituents well and I am thankful for having the benefit of their insights and wise advice (some of which I actually listened to). Please thank them when you see them in the community.

While 2023 has been an election year with politics filling a lot of headlines, there have been a lot of other things going on as well. The completion of the 5-year review and update of our Comprehensive Plan has been ongoing throughout the year and was finalized in September. Access to broadband is about to become a reality for all Hanover citizens. Hanover DASH has been expanded and copays lowered. Fire and EMS has a new burn building. The Montpelier Center is under construction. A groundbreaking for Laural Meadow Fire Station 17 probably will have been held by the time you read this. Road

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A new Board

Three new supervisors are elected

Hanover County voters have elected three new members to represent them on the Board of Supervisors.

Representing the Chickahominy District for the next four years will be Danielle Floyd. Ryan Hudson is the new representative for the Mechanicsville District and Jeff Stoneman will represent the Beaverdam District.

Floyd, Hudson and Stoneman will be sworn in on December 21 along with the four returning members of the Board: Sean Davis of the Henry District; Susan Dibble of South Anna; Michael Herzberg of Cold Harbor; and Faye Prichard of Ashland.

The first meeting of the 2024-28 Board of Supervisors will be on January 10 and

begin at 2 p.m. At this meeting the Board will select a Chair and Vice Chair for 2024 and perform other organizational tasks such as adopting their calendar of Board meetings for the year.

Also elected by voters on November 7 were Mackenzie Babichenko as Commonwealth's Attorney; Frank D. Hargrove Jr. as Clerk of the Circuit Court; T. Scott Harris as Commissioner of the Revenue; David R. Hines as Sheriff; and Timothy Boschen as Treasurer.

All results were unofficial at press time.

Ashland voters also selected three Town Council members among seven candidates on November 7. The three newly elected Town Council members will take office in January.



FROM THE County Administrator

First, I would like to extend my congratulations to our newest members of the Board of Supervisors. On

January 10 they will join our incumbent Board members on the dais as the new Board chooses its leaders for 2024. Entering a period of new leadership is always exciting but in this time of change I also don't want to overlook thanking the departing members of our Board for their service. I look forward to working with our new Board as we strive to continue the positive momentum built in 2023.

In September, the Board adopted the 2023 update to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Hundreds of citizens participated over the last two years, telling us what they wanted, and the result is a document that reflects a consensus vision of how Hanover is to grow and develop over the next 20 years. This was a fantastic accomplishment, and I want to thank not only all the citizens who participated but the Planning Department for their hard work over many days and nights of community meetings.

Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan and the Board's earlier adoption of our internal five-year Strategic Plan sets into

motion a number of upcoming master plans, including Parks & Recreation, Economic Development, Public Utilities and Public Facilities as well as reviews of our Transportation Plan. We are going to be seeking your input on the updates of all of these master plans. First up will be our Airport Master Plan, with public outreach opportunities beginning early next year.

We want you to be engaged with the work we do on your behalf throughout each year. To keep up with what's going on, I invite you to subscribe to our new "Here in Hanover" email newsletter through our homepage at www.hanovercounty.gov. We'll have a new app coming out soon. I also want to recommend to you the Here in Hanover VA app that has been developed by our Department of Economic Development. The Here in Hanover Va app can be your source of information about events, festivals, wineries, breweries, restaurants shopping and more here in our home county. It's great, and I recommend you check it out.

For this month at least, nothing is more important than spending quality time with family and friends observing our own holiday traditions. As we enter this special season, I offer to all of you my best wishes for a joyful holiday and I hope to see many of you in Board meetings and throughout our community in 2024.

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"State of the County" available online

On November 29, County Administrator John A. Budesky and Economic Development Director Brandon Turner made their annual State of the County presentation to the Hanover Chamber of Commerce.

The video of this presentation can be viewed on the County's YouTube channel at bit.ly/3ucFjJa along with many other outstanding videos from "Here in Hanover."

Appointed School Board process to continue

Hanover County voters have chosen not to change the method by which School Board members are selected.

A referendum calling for direct election of School Board members was on the November 7 ballot. However, a majority of the electorate voted to continue the current system, by which School Board members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors following public notices and a public hearing.

Voters in 25 of Hanover's 36 precincts voted against the referendum as of the afternoon of November 8, when all but provisional ballots had been counted.

Coming in 2024!

Universal broadband connections about to begin

Hanover County’s goal is to provide broadband internet access to everyone who wants it. Beginning early in 2024, that goal will begin to become a reality as the first connections are made.

The internet service provider responsible for making the connections, All Points Broadband (APB), will complete design and engineering by the end of this year and begin customer installations in the first quarter of 2024. All installations are required by contract to be made by the end of 2025.

If you want to pre-register for broadband service, go to www.APBfiber.com and enter your address. APB will notify you within about 90 days of service becoming available.

When you are pre-registering, remember to enter your contact information and click “Go to Survey,”

which will enable you to receive email notices.

“I thank everyone for their patience during this process,” said County Administrator John A. Budesky. “Their patience is about to be rewarded. This is a top priority for the County and the Board of Supervisors and we are working diligently to ensure that the work is completed on time.”

Updates on the construction schedule can be found at www.connecthanover.com, a website dedicated by the County to provide more and updated information about the momentous “Connect Hanover” project.

A number of western Hanover residents and businesses receive their broadband service through Brightspeed (formerly Century Link/Lumen). Brightspeed plans to begin installing fiber

to unserved or underserved customers early next year as well.

Collectively, APB and Brightspeed will provide new service to over 7,000 Hanover homes and businesses.

Also partnering on this crucial project are Dominion Energy and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative.

If you live in an area served by Comcast, you will soon have another service provider, GloFiber (powered by Shentel). GloFiber has already begun construction in the Atlee area and they expect to provide service to more than 20,000 homes and businesses in Hanover over the next four years. To sign up for GloFiber services go to www.glofiber.com.

For more information about the process of extending broadband service to unserved and underserved locations please watch the interview at bit.ly/3My01JC.

Fall Line Trail construction to begin in spring

Construction on Hanover’s portion of the 43-mile Fall Line Trail extending from Ashland to Petersburg is scheduled to begin in the spring. It is anticipated that construction will be completed in the fall of 2025.

Hanover’s portion of the multi-use trail will connect the existing Trolley Line Trail in Ashland to the Longdale section in Henrico County, following along the historic Richmond-Ashland trolley line corridor.

Access to the trail will be provided at each road crossing; however no parking is being provided. The Trail is envisioned as being 10 feet wide with two-foot graded shoulders on each side.

Hanover’s \$12.3 million section is being paid for by Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) regional funding and state SMART SCALE funding. No County dollars are being used.

For more information go to FallLine@VDOT.Virginia.gov or call (804) 524-6000.

HONORING AND PROTECTING



In October County and State officials cut the ribbon on a new state-of-the-art burn building at the Hanover Fire-EMS training center. The tactical tower uses liquid propane gas and theatrical smoke instead of wood to simulate a fire, providing firefighters with a more effective training experience while also limiting exposure to carcinogens. Firefighters have a 9% higher risk of developing cancer, so limiting their exposure to contaminants that cause the disease can save their lives. The tower was named after Lt. Bradford Clark, who was killed five years ago while working a crash on I-295. A new pavilion adjacent to the tower is named after another Hanover firefighter lost too soon. Assistant Chief Henri G. Moore died from occupational cancer in 2017. To learn more about how this new facility aids our firefighters, check out the video at bit.ly/3Qvun0G

County looking to recognize residents 100 years of age

Hanover County honored its residents aged 100 years and older in a wonderful ceremony this spring, and it is looking forward to doing so again on May 10, 2024.

If you or someone you know is 100 or older, next month you will be receiving

an invitation to the event from the Social Security Administration along with a letter of support. If you or your loved one meets this age qualification and does not receive this letter, please feel free to contact Debra Preston, Director of the Hanover County Department

of Community Resources. She can be reached at (804) 365-4302 or dapreston@hanovercounty.gov.

The May 10 event will take place at Covenant Woods. Family members are invited to attend and join in the recognition of your loved one. The County plans to make this recognition of "centenarians" an annual event. We look forward to seeing you there!

HONORED BY THE GOVERNOR



Blazer Heating & Air and Frank and Mae Antkiewicz were recognized by the governor last month! They were among those honored with Governor's Volunteerism Awards. Blazer Heating & Air and Frank and Mae Antkiewicz also received "Spirit of Volunteerism" awards from Hanover County in May. Read www.hanovercounty.gov for more details on these special volunteers.

HARRIS AWARD WINNERS



John Dees, Tim Sutton and Fine Metals Corporation have been recognized by Hanover County's Community Services Board (CSB) as recipients of the organization's top annual award, the Jean C. Harris Award for Excellence. Sutton (left), formerly of the Hanover County Sheriff's Office, helped form Project Life Saver to support people with Alzheimer's, dementia or intellectual and/or development disabilities who were wandering from their homes. Project Life Saver provides residents with an ankle device to help locate them. Dees (right) recently retired from the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, where he served as a juvenile probation officer for more than 30 years. Fine Metals Corporation employs two individuals who are connected to the CSB's Supported Employment program, and the company has twice received outstanding employer of the year recognition from that program. Pictured from Fine Metals are Tom Goodloe, Ryan Nelson and Kim Goodloe.

From the Chair

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improvements are underway on Rt. 360 and Pole Green Road.

Our school system has maintained their primary focus on insuring that all our children have the opportunity to meet their full potential. They have retained their reputation as one of the top systems in the Commonwealth, with all schools being accredited once again.

As this will be my last message from the Chair, I want to take a moment to thank all citizens of Hanover County for allowing me the privilege of serving on your Board of Supervisors over the past twelve years. While I have represented the Mechanicsville District, the entire County has supported my efforts. All of the Board members that I have served with and staff members, old and new, have been wonderful to work with. While it seems inadequate, I can only offer my most sincere thank you to all who have allowed me to serve.

If I can offer one bit of advice to the incoming Board of Supervisors members – Ryan Hudson, Danielle Floyd and Jeff Stoneman – it would be this. Regardless of the number or percentage of the votes received on election day, on January 1 you represent 100% of the people. Give us your best.

I would like to wrap up this message with a wish that this special season be filled with blessings bestowed upon each of you by our common Creator. In the midst of the hubbub, let us not forget the holy side of our celebrations, respecting the faiths of our fellow citizens. As for me, you can wish me Merry Christmas.



FROM THE **Superintendent of Schools**

Season's Greetings from Hanover County Public Schools.

With our first-ever pre-Labor Day start to the school year on August 21, there was admittedly a degree of apprehension since we had two less weeks over the summer to accomplish the many items needed for a successful start to the new school year. True to form, the hard-working professionals that comprise the Hanover County Public Schools (HCPS) family rose to the occasion once again – going above and beyond – to ensure a smooth and successful start to the school year for our students and families. I continue to be grateful for their dedication and service to ensure we remain a top-tier school division.

The optimism and positivity felt during the first week of the school year has continued throughout the first semester. In September, we received the welcomed news that all HCPS schools once again earned full accreditation through the Virginia Department of Education, making HCPS one of only five of the Commonwealth's 15 largest school divisions to have every school achieve accreditation. Our students continue to achieve at the highest levels in Virginia, exceeding statewide averages in all five subject areas (reading, writing, math, science, and history) on Standards of Learning assessments. HCPS students also earned the highest pass rate in math – and tied for the highest in science – among the 15 largest school divisions in the state. Additionally, for the 11th straight year, the HCPS on-time graduation rate exceeded 95 percent, and this year's 95.6 percent rate is the third-highest among the 15 largest school divisions in Virginia. A higher percentage of our students also graduated with advanced diplomas (65.5 percent for HCPS compared with 51.5 percent across the state). Although we recognize the need to continue to combat the unfinished learning brought about by the pandemic, I am incredibly proud of our students,

faculty, staff, and families who have put in the hard work to make this level of success possible.

While we have much to celebrate, we also readily acknowledge that this sustained level of success does not happen by accident. It is intentional and represents the collective efforts of our most prized assets – our exceptional and caring team of professionals who work tirelessly to meet our students' unique and complex needs every day. They define our organization's culture and uphold our longstanding Tradition of Excellence. These efforts have also led to Hanover County Public Schools being named to the Forbes list of America's Best Employers for 2023, which is the result of an annual independent nationwide survey. This distinction is also a testament to the strong partnership of our families and broader community. We do not take this for granted and feel very fortunate to have this level of support.

As the year progresses, we will continue to be intentional in our focus on the major goals of our newly adopted Comprehensive Plan – purposefully named "Inspire. Empower. Lead." – that are outlined below and will guide our

work over the next six years:

- Provide high-quality and relevant instruction that prepares students to be life-ready, productive individuals
- Prioritize and allocate operational and fiscal resources to meet the unique and complex needs of students, employees, families, and schools
- Attract, develop, and retain a quality, student-focused workforce through mutual trust, open communication, and support
- Identify, design, and implement systems that support a positive educational climate and community.

This roadmap for success will continue to support and enhance our longstanding Tradition of Excellence. We invite you to partner with us in this important work by volunteering in one of our schools, or perhaps by joining the HCPS family, as we are always seeking dedicated and talented employees.

As the holiday season quickly approaches, we hope that you are able to find the opportunity to pause and enjoy time with your loved ones and reflect on the many reasons we have to be thankful. I wish you and yours a wonderful start to 2024!

\$3,000 NEW BUS DRIVER INCENTIVE



Hanover County Public Schools is offering a new \$3,000 incentive to all new bus drivers who join our team through the end of the 2023-24 school year! Bus drivers have a flexible schedule and receive medical, dental, vision, and retirement benefits. The school division offers paid training and summers off with pay. If you are interested in serving students and our community, please visit hcps.us/jobs.

ALL SCHOOLS ACCREDITED AGAIN



All Hanover schools once again achieved accreditation by the Virginia Department of Education. Of the 15 largest school divisions in Virginia, HCPS is one of just five to have every school achieve accreditation. On this year's SOL tests, HCPS students performed above the state averages in reading, writing, math, history, and science. Of the state's largest school divisions, HCPS

had the highest pass rate in math and tied for the highest pass rate in science.

PATRIOTIC TURF DESIGN



For the second consecutive year, Atlee High School's patriotic turf design won the national Stars and Stripes contest from the Sports Field Management Association. The national competition included designs from both the K-12, collegiate, and professional levels.

MHS 9-11 TRIBUTE



Again this year, cadets in the Mechanicsville High School NJROTC program partnered with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9808 to place 2,977 American flags in front of the high school to honor the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

GRADUATION RATE AMONG BEST IN STATE



Hanover County Public Schools has the third highest graduation rate among Virginia's largest school divisions and for the 11th consecutive year, the school division's on-time graduation rate exceeds 95 percent. This year, 95.6 percent of the HCPS Class of 2023 graduated on-time, surpassing the state average of 91.9 percent. In addition to having a higher overall graduation rate than the state, a higher percentage of our students graduated with advanced diplomas (65.5 percent for HCPS compared with 51.5 percent across the state).

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



HCPS joyfully welcomed students back to school on Monday, August 21 and Tuesday, August 22. Regardless of which day they returned, students were greeted warmly by faculty and staff for another year of high-quality learning.



Register online:
hanoverparksrec.com

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(credit cards, checks and cash)

(804) 365-7150 • Fax (804) 365-4696

E-mail: parksandrec@hanovercounty.gov

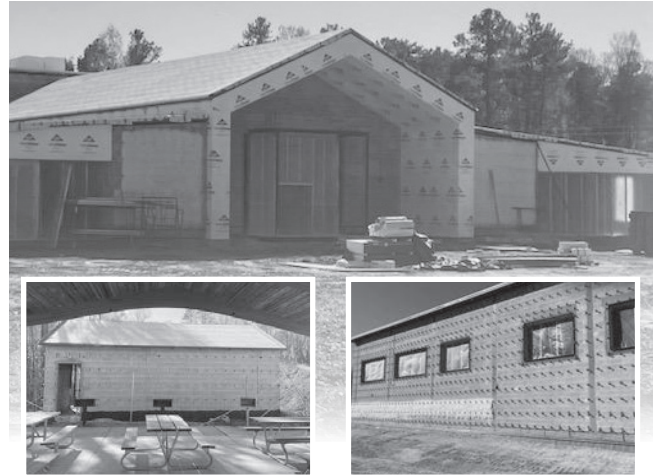
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(804) 365-4698

Hearing Impaired:
Dial 711 (Virginia Relay) for assistance

All classes require online, mail-in, fax or drop-off pre-registration with payment.

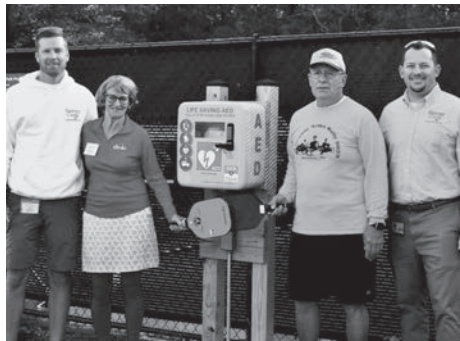
Montpelier Recreation Center and Library on track for summer opening

Construction crews at the Montpelier Recreation Center and Library project have enjoyed beautiful fall weather with very few inclement weather interruptions. The project continues to move forward on schedule. Roof structures have been completed and exterior finishes are underway. Interior stud walls have been erected and mechanical and electrical systems are in the early stages of installation. The exterior restroom building structure and baseball field rough grade have also been completed. A portion of the gravel parking lot near the existing picnic shelter will be fenced off so concrete and grading work can be completed. The shelter will not be accessible to park visitors during this time. To learn more about this exciting project, please visit www.hanovercounty.gov/1208/montpelier-recreation-center-and-library.



AED Now Available at Pole Green Park

A new pilot program has launched at Pole Green Park, providing access to an automated external defibrillator, commonly referred to as an AED. AED's are used to shock the heart back into a normal rhythm during cardiac emergencies. They can be used by citizen responders with limited or no formal first aid training. The AED is stored in a locked and climate-controlled cabinet adjacent to the pickleball courts. To access the AED, 9-1-1 must be dialed to receive an access code. While the AED is being deployed, professional rescuers will be dispatched to the scene. Quick access to an AED could mean the difference between life and death. The request for the AED was made by Hanover Pickleball Ambassador, Dr. Lynn Dillon, and local pickleball player Steve Smith. With support from Henry District Supervisor Sean Davis, Hanover Fire/EMS, and the Hanover County Emergency Communications Department, the pilot program launched with the first unit at Pole Green Park. Hanover County Parks and Recreation hopes to install additional units at other parks in the future.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan update process is currently underway and we want to hear from you! The Parks and Recreation Master Plan creates a "roadmap" for the department to follow over the next 5-10 years. The updated plan will highlight community needs related to specific amenities, park space, expanded program offerings, and other service delivery and policy goals. Stay tuned for announcements about a variety of public meetings designed to capture input from community members across the County. Citizens who may not be able to attend in person are asked to complete the master plan online survey by scanning the QR code or by visiting <http://s.alchemer.com/s3/d58dd153ece6>. To learn more about the master plan process, please call (804) 365-7150 or email parksandrec@hanovercounty.gov.



FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE

Winter 2024 Program and Event Information

CHECK ONLINE AT

www.hanoverparksrec.com

AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA

@hanoverparksrec



Hanover Parks and Recreation is committed to creating an inclusive environment for persons of all abilities. Most programs can be modified to safely accommodate participants with physical or cognitive impairments. Please contact us at least 15 days prior to the program to request an accommodation.

*Register
Early*

SPACES ARE
LIMITED

Registration deadlines for programs will vary, however pre-registration is required for all programs. Do not delay, as programs that do not meet their minimums may be cancelled.



July 12 & 13, 2024 | Pole Green Park

In search of uniquely-Hanover vendors
to enhance the Hanover Tomato Festival
For more information on applying as a vendor
or supporting as a sponsor, visit
www.hanovertomatofestival.com



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Now accepting applications
for part-time Recreation
Supervisor, Recreation Aide,
Therapeutic Recreation Aide
and Park Attendant. Visit www.hanovercountyjobs.com for more
information and to apply online.



Recreation programs for all

Recent months have been busy with new programs, full of energy and opportunities for all ages and abilities. Programs like **Preschool Play Café** sparked imaginative play with safe play spaces, enthusiastic learning in nature and sports, and a social outlet for adults. These programs are offered at parks across the county, inviting community to experience our playgrounds, shelters and indoor spaces in a new and playful way!

With a continued focus on offering programs for all abilities, **Community Connections** participants have “scored” amazing activities with Randolph Macon College student athletes. This fall the Women’s Lacrosse teams made time in their busy schedules to connect with us, and more are scheduled for the coming months at winter and spring sessions of Community Connections.

Historical and cultural programs are continuing to grow, and the popularity of the **Historic Hanover Courthouse Lantern Tour: Stories of Freedom** was impressive! Lanterns lit the way as participants discovered two incredible stories of freedom that happened right here in Hanover. At the Historic Hanover Courthouse, Patrick Henry argued against the tyranny of the British crown, setting in motion what would become the American Revolution. Then, the groups ventured to Nutshell Plantation and met Martha Ann Fields where she recounted the eve of her daring escape from slavery.

PRESCHOOL PLAY CAFÉ



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



HISTORIC HANOVER COURTHOUSE LANTERN TOUR: STORIES OF FREEDOM



Martha Ann Fields,
interpreted by
Theresa Gee



Patrick Henry,
interpreted by
Beau Robbins



deadlines & reminders

Public transportation options expanding

The Hanover DASH program offers rides to medical appointments, grocery stores, errands, employment and formal social programs for those aged 65 and up and persons with a disability. The cost is only \$5 per ride.

Rides are available between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sat.–Sun. (7 days a week). Destinations can be anywhere in Hanover County or within seven miles of the county boundary, and you can also receive rides to medical facilities beyond the 7-mile buffer, such as the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center and the medical offices at Stony Point.

To apply to be a Hanover DASH rider, you only need to fill out a short registration form with documentation to confirm Hanover County residency and proof of age (65 or over) or disability (short- or long-term). Rides are offered in collaboration with UZURV.

If you have any questions, please contact Hanover DASH at (804) 365-3274 or visit www.HanoverDASH.org

GRTC launched LINK — a free, on-demand microtransit service in the Mechanicsville area. It provides point-to-point connections, so instead of waiting at a bus stop, customers can request a ride online and a LINK van will pick them up and take them where they want to go. This pilot program will be evaluated after six months.

For more information, call (804) 358-4782 or visit www.ridegrtc.com/link.

“Spirit of Volunteerism”

Here’s a great New Year’s Resolution for you! Do your part to honor the community contributions of others and nominate someone for a *Spirit of Volunteerism* award beginning **January 2, 2024**. **February 12** is the nomination deadline. Go to www.HanoverVolunteers.org.

get connected

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www.facebook.com/HanoverCountyVA



Snowball Challenge

Friday, December 15
6:30PM – 8:30PM | Pole Green Park

Free, preregistration is encouraged.
Recommended ages 11 – 14.



Calling teens and tweens for an unforgettable adventure under the winter night sky. At the Snowball Challenge, participants will embark on an epic quest to collect as many snowballs as they can. But here’s the twist: these snowballs aren’t just any snowballs – each one carries valuable points! There will be plenty of fun, inflatables and prizes to be won!



Deck the Paws

Saturday, December 16
10AM – 12PM
Pole Green Park Dog Park

Bring your canine companion in their ugly holiday sweater for a fun and festive time!

There will be a bark bar full of holiday-themed treats and a festive giveaway (to the first 100 dogs). Dress you canine in their ugly sweater for the contest at 11:00AM.




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