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HANOVER COUNTY: PEOPLE, TRADITION AND SPIRIT

WINTER 2019



IN THE NEWS



Aubrey "Bucky" Stanley was re-elected to his record 10th term on the Board of Supervisors last month. Mr. Stanley was first elected in 1983 and is the longest-serving Board member.

Nearly 8,000 kids of all ages attended "Taylor's SpookieFUN Fest" at Pole Green Park and Poor Farm Park just before Halloween, including this cute kid who had a very creative costume! This activity is one of the most popular events offered by Hanover County Parks & Recreation and is in its 6th year.

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WINTERFEST AT KINGS DOMINION



Kings Dominion now has a Christmas holiday attraction named "Winterfest" which extends on select night nights through January 1. The numerous attractions include "Snow Flake Lake Ice Skating", one of the largest ice skating venues around. For more information go to <https://www.kingsdominion.com/play/winterfest>



FROM THE

Chairman of the Board

W. Canova Peterson IV

Here we are in the middle of the holiday season, historically beginning with Thanksgiving and continuing through Christmas and into the New Year. I hope everyone started things off right by taking some time to reflect on all of the things we have to be thankful for. I know that my Creator has blessed me amply and often through family, friends and the opportunity to share in a quality Hanover lifestyle with my fellow citizens and neighbors.

While 2020 and our County's 300th birthday celebration is knocking at the door, I must also reflect on 2019. 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 over the past four years have been wonderful to work with and have set an example that many other elected bodies could learn from. 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.

Mr. Hazzard and Mr. Wyatt have chosen to retire from service as

Supervisors. I have served side-by-side with them for eight and four years respectively and 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. I would also like to congratulate our newly-elected members Michael Herzberg and Sue Dibble. I look forward to working with them in 2020 and throughout the next term of our service.

While 2019 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 Atlee Library is now under construction. Renovations to the old District Court building are underway, as well. Work on the History Museum to be housed in the Old Clerk's Office has begun. A program of specialized transportation to assist our seniors and disabled neighbors has been initiated. Additional funding has been secured to allow us to begin addressing some of our top transportation priorities. A citizen's Broadband Committee has been organized to explore options for

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County Administrator announces retirement

To take effect in May

Cecil R. "Rhu" Harris Jr., who has been Hanover County Administrator since November 2004, has announced his retirement effective May 15.

"It has been a blessing to have the opportunity and privilege to work with so many outstanding members of the Board of Supervisors, county staff and citizens," Harris told the Board of Supervisors on November 13. "Hanoverians have much to be proud of and I appreciate being a small part of this outstanding team."

Harris has served Hanover County since 1984, when he was hired as Assistant Director of Finance. Over the years, he was promoted to Director of Finance (1984), Assistant County Administrator (1994) and Deputy County Administrator (1998)

before being appointed Interim County Administrator in 2004. Five months later, he was appointed to the top job.

The six-month notice will give the Board sufficient time to go through whatever process they deem appropriate to find a replacement, Harris hoped. It also enables him to help orient new Board members, prepare a budget for the upcoming fiscal year and offer draft priorities for the Board's consideration before departing.

"I've heard a lot of announcements over the past 8 years but that's the one I least wanted to hear," said Board Chairman Canova Peterson. "You will be so missed."

A retrospective on Rhu Harris' career with Hanover County will be offered in the next issue of The Hanover Review.



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enticing providers to our unserved rural areas.

While our school system has found itself caught up in addressing some social issues, they have maintained their primary focus on insuring that all of 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 of our schools being accredited once again.

Enough of looking backward, now it's time to get ready for the big birthday party. It's hard to believe that our County is older than the United States itself. Mr. Stanley and Mr. Wyatt have been heading up a committee of leading citizens from all around the county to plan a special year of celebration. There will be many events recognizing our complete history from prior to the revolution beginning in the 18th century and continuing through the first part of the 21st. We can prepare for a busy and fun filled year.

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.



Rhu Harris

FROM THE County Administrator

The great things about living in Hanover County are almost too many to list, and if I start I'm afraid I would leave something

out. But one thing I'm always sure to mention is that Hanover County is an incredibly safe place to live.

Did you know that Hanover currently has the lowest crime rate we have had since 1975? On top of that, the crime clearance rate achieved by the men and women of our outstanding Sheriff's Office is the highest it's been since records have been kept.

This summer, the Department of Emergency Communications had a particularly unique accomplishment. It became the only emergency communications agency in Virginia to receive international accreditation in all three protocols – police, fire and EMS. Not only was our department of emergency communications the first in Virginia to achieve this status, but only 15 other agencies in the world

have been so recognized.

Our Fire/EMS Department has shown tremendous resiliency in bouncing back from last fall's tragic accident. A few months ago Chief Jethro Piland received a Governor's Fire Service Award for "Excellence in Virginia Fire Services". Additionally, six of our firefighters were recognized last month with Valor Awards from the Retail Merchants Association (I invite you to see their photo on page 5).

I'm very proud of all our first responders, whose dedication and selfless devotion to service have helped make Hanover the community that it is.



I would also like to welcome the Town of Ashland to this issue of The Hanover Review. Residents and businesses in the 23005 zip code are receiving an insert with news from the Town's government. For those receiving this insert, it starts on page 11. We are glad to extend this opportunity to our partners in the Town and hope that those who receive the insert will find great value in it.



Hanover's booming economy

Job and wage growth lead way

As we approach the final days of 2019, Hanover County's economy is booming.

More jobs are being created – 2,253 net new jobs last year, the most since data tracking began a decade ago. Over the last five years, new jobs have increased by 12.6%, well above the State average of 6.9% and a number that's in the top 11% of all localities across the Commonwealth.

Annual average wages are also increasing significantly – up by 8.2% last year, also the highest single-year increase since tracking data began.

The County's unemployment rate is down to 2.4%, which is a pre-recession level.

Another measure of a healthy consumer economy is sales tax, which is at an all-time high in Hanover.

"It's been a good year," said E. Linwood Thomas IV, Director of the Department of Economic Development. His department's mission is to assist existing businesses while attracting new ones.

With its low tax rates and business-friendly environment, Hanover County has long been a good place for businesses to locate. That particularly applies to industries such as logistics, management of companies and health care, which are three of Hanover's biggest – though County leaders take pride in its diversity of employment opportunities.

Creating 'product'

Due to the low cost to do business and our strategic location, vacancy rates in Hanover are very low (less than 1% in space zoned for industrial is available, for example.)

"Companies want to be in Hanover," Thomas said. "Some just have been unable to find a location due to the low vacancy rates."

To create more inventory, last year the Board of Supervisors endorsed the construction of a 152,000 square foot Class-A speculative industrial building

at Northlake Commerce Center. That building was completely leased before the roof was placed.

Earlier this year, the Board endorsed a 238,000 square foot building of the same type in Northlake. That building is under construction now and is already about 40% leased.

"There's a great demand for this kind of product," Thomas said.

Tourism

Hanover benefits from being in a strong region economically. This includes being an attractive destination for tourists.

Jack Berry, Executive Director of Richmond Region Tourism, told the Board recently that tourists last year spent an average of \$7 million per day in the Richmond Region.

One measure of the impact of tourism on Hanover County is that two new hotels are currently under construction: a Tru Hotel in the Town of Ashland and an Avid Hotel in the Winding Brook area near off I-95 between the Lewistown and Atlee/Elmont exits.

Pole Green Park and Poor Farm Park have hosted major sporting events, most recently the National Intercollegiate Running Club Association's national championships held at Pole Green last month. A first-time event for the Richmond Region, it

A very good year

- 2,253 new jobs created, largest number on record since tracking began
 - Over last 5 years, Hanover is in top 13% of Virginia localities in job growth rate
 - Average annual wages (\$46,500) had largest jump in percentage growth since tracking began
 - 2.2% unemployment rate is the lowest since the recession
 - 11 business expansion projects with over \$40 million in capital investment
 - Business vacancy rates are lowest in 10 years in all categories except industrial
- To address this, one state-of-the-art industrial warehouse completed in Northlake by developer and already fully leased; another under construction

drew about 1,800 athletes and about 1,500 spectators.

The Economic Development Director expects 2020 to be just as successful as 2019 has been.

"We're building a pipeline of projects," Thomas said. "We hope there will be more exciting announcements in the next several months."

One percent growth rate this year

Hanover's population grew an estimated 1.0% for the fiscal year July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019. This was lower than the 1.4% population growth rate of the previous fiscal year.

Over the last five fiscal years, Hanover has grown at an average rate of 1.4%. That's the same growth rate as over the last 20 years.

The goal specified in the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan is to have a population growth rate of between 1 and 2%, so the population growth estimates fall within that objective.

The County's estimated population as of July 1 was 111,325 residents. The 2020 U.S. Census will provide an official count.

“Hanover DASH”

Ride program for elderly, disabled begins

Residents of Hanover who are 60+ years of age or who have a disability now have another transportation option.

It’s called “Hanover DASH”, a new specialized transportation program to help eligible residents travel to medical appointments, shopping, banking, and formal social activities. A pilot program funded by the state, riders can call 365-DASH (3274) or use an app and have a driver pick them up.

For a cost of \$6 one-way or \$12 round-trip, the driver will take the resident to an appointment or grocery store anywhere in Hanover or within 7 miles of the county. A 10% discount is available if you book the ride online. The County’s vendor, Roundtrip, does not take cash, only credit, pre-paid or debit cards.

Rides will be available between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Advance notice will not be required, except if a specialized vehicle such as a wheelchair van is required. Assistance will be provided if you need help getting in and out of the vehicle.

You will need to fill out an application – application forms are available at www.HanoverDash.org. The Department of Community Resources will review your application and verify your eligibility.

“We believe that this new specialized transportation program will make a big difference for many of our residents, and we are grateful to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Board of Supervisors for making this possible,” said Deputy County Administrator Jim Taylor. “Hanover County has identified the need for specialized transportation for some time, and it’s exciting to see a new service taking shape.”

“We are so fortunate to have the volunteer-based Hanover Senior Rides organization already in place, and this

Susan Richards, the new Senior Services Specialist for the Department of Community Resources, will coordinate Hanover DASH.



new Hanover DASH program will help to meet some service gaps and reach more riders, including those needing a wheelchair van,” said Lisa Adkins, Administrator of the Department of Community Resources. “With a small co-pay for the new program, eligible riders will be able to dash to the store, doctor or pharmacy and social activities.”



SAFER grant will enable hiring of new firefighters

A federal grant paying for 12 new firefighter positions will bolster the resources of Hanover Fire/EMS in the coming months.

The Board of Supervisors approved the \$1.37 million FEMA grant in October. The new positions will be dedicated to the Mechanicsville area, where Station 7 (Mechanicsville) is dealing with a very heavy call load.

Last year, Station 7 recorded 7026 responses, more than twice as many as the next highest station.

Fire/EMS Chief Jethro Piland told the Board that Station 7 is often running 16-18 calls a day, many of them hitting at peak times.

The County’s five-year financial plan had projected the funding of these career positions, but the SAFER grant enables all 12 to be advanced into this year.

“It is financially neutral and helps advance a plan that was already in place,” said Henry District supervisor Sean Davis. “This is the right thing to do at the right time.”

Ultimately, a new fire station will be needed in the Lee-Davis Road area, Piland said.

“I am excited that these positions will help us enhance services and ultimately reduce our response times,” said Piland.

VALOR AWARDS RECOGNIZE HANOVER FIREFIGHTERS



The Retail Merchants Association held their 30th annual Valor Awards ceremony on November 13. Among those honored were several Hanover firefighters that responded to the October 11, 2018 incident that took the life of fellow firefighter Lt. Brad Clark. From left to right are Jacob Smith, Matthew Sutphin, Jeremiah Sheehan, Colin Bunn and Captain David “DJ” Johnston. Standing with them is Hanover Fire/EMS Chief Jethro Piland. Not pictured is another Valor Award winner, Firefighter Christopher Elish.



Celebration in 2020

Hanover's 300th birthday!



The General Assembly created Hanover in November 1720, but the County will celebrate this 300th birthday throughout the upcoming year, incorporating existing events and adding at least two new ones.

The first event on the schedule is "Growing Up Hanover", which will be held on February 23 at Patrick Henry High School. This is part of the "Untold Stories" series that has been offered in the Ashland area in recent years. This event begins at 4 p.m. and will be held in the auditorium.

The Citizens Committee planning the celebration has announced four 'signature events' in 2020, including two new events.

On **May 30**, Preservation Virginia will hold a signature event at Patrick Henry's Scotchtown. This event will celebrate the birthday of our greatest Hanoverian as well as Scotchtown itself, which was built around 1720.

The other new signature event will be held on **October 17**, at Hanover Courthouse and Hanover High School. In the morning, the County will officially open its new Museum of History and Culture in what is now the Historic Clerk's Office. This event will coincide with Hanover Tavern's Autumn Fest. In the afternoon, the celebration at Hanover High School will focus on the County's present and future with various activities and events.

Other signature events for the

300th birthday celebration will be the Ashland Strawberry Faire on **June 6** and the Hanover Tomato Festival on **July 11**.

Volunteers and the financial support of our business community will be needed to make the celebration of Hanover County's 300th birthday in 2020 a truly historic event.

There will be numerous sponsorship opportunities for businesses. Your donation can be linked to the support of any number of items that will help make our celebration more memorable, such as entertainment stages and commemorative programs.

Hanover County has a webpage for the celebration at <https://www.hanovercounty.gov/944/2020-Celebration>. Participating businesses and events that are included within the celebration will be listed on this webpage.

Donations will be tax-deductible if the check is made out to the County.

Also on that 300th Birthday Celebration webpage is a link to a form which you can fill out if you would like to volunteer.

Hanover County has set up an email address to get more information: hanover300@hanovercounty.gov. You can also contact the County Administrator's Office at (804) 365-6005.



Citizens Committee members are planning Hanover's 300th birthday in 2020. Seated from left to right are Jim Kickler, Bob Giles, Carol Beam, Edmonia Iverson, Carolyn Peart, Anne Cross, Art Taylor and Marion Jones. Standing from left to right are co-chairman Bucky Stanley, Billy Young and Ron Pomfrey. Not pictured are co-chairman Scott Wyatt and Sue Forbes Watson.

New Board members elected

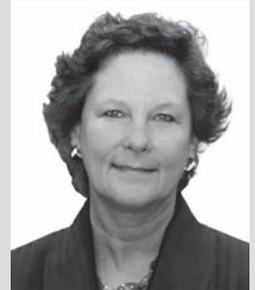
A new Hanover Board of Supervisors will take office in January.

Five members were re-elected: Faye O. Prichard of the Ashland District; Aubrey M. Stanley of the



Michael Herzberg

Beaverdam District; Angela Kelly-Wiecek of the Chickahominy District; Sean Davis of the Henry District; and Canova Peterson IV of the Mechanicsville District.



Sue Dibble

Newly elected in November were Michael Herzberg of the Cold Harbor District and Sue Dibble of the South Anna District.

Herzberg is a small business owner. His phone number is 746-4723.

Dibble is a small business owner who is also the South Anna District's current representative on the School Board. (A replacement on the School Board will be appointed.) Her phone number is 357-6438.

All county contact information for the new supervisors will be available in January.

The new Board's first meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, at 3 p.m. At that meeting, Board members will choose a Chair and Vice-Chair for the year.



Dr. Michael Gill

FROM THE **Superintendent of Schools**

It seems that just last week, our buses made their initial runs on the first day of school. Now, the end of the calendar year is almost upon us. When I reflect on all that we have accomplished during the first few months of the new school year, it is easy to see where the time has gone. Our students and staff have been hard at work, and we have achieved many successes along the way.

Beginning in August, our staff has become better acquainted with our new *Profile of a Hanover Graduate* through professional development sessions, and we have recently started unveiling these concepts to our community. This work complements our school division's Long-Range Plan and serves to define the knowledge, skills, and abilities that our students will possess upon graduation. It is a coordinated effort that begins with our pre-school programs and continues until the day that our students walk across the stage to receive their diploma. More precisely, it represents our promise to our students, families, and community that our graduates are life-ready!

In September, we initiated a pilot program at Stonewall Jackson Middle School where approximately 150 students received a Chromebook computer. We have received invaluable feedback from our students and teachers that will help to make the next stages of our Five-Year Technology Plan and Digital Learning Initiative a resounding success. Next fall, all middle school students will receive a similar device, and high school students will receive devices during the 2021-2022 school year. These computers will not simply serve as a replacement for traditional educational materials, such as textbooks. Rather, we will use them as a transformative educational tool to unlock learning possibilities that would otherwise not be possible.

All educational tools, technology or otherwise, are only as successful as the teachers who use them, and we are fortunate to have some of the very best teachers in the nation. In October, we learned that through the efforts of these amazing educators and the hard work of our students, all of our schools are once again accredited. The new state Standards of Accreditation increased in rigor last year, which makes this accomplishment even more significant. However, we readily acknowledge that our work is never done, and we will continuously work to further close achievement gaps to help ensure all students reach their fullest potential. We also recognize that standardized tests should never be the sole measure of the worth or success of a student, teacher, school, or school division. As a result, we have prioritized curricula at all levels to educate "the whole child."

Social-emotional growth is as equally important as academic success, and we will continue to teach programs to promote mental wellness and healthy lifestyles alongside more traditional academic courses.

Now, as we pause for the holiday season, the spirit of kindness inevitably seems to grow stronger. We welcome this, and we have been intentional at all of our schools with helping our students to understand that kindness is not a single thing that you do. Rather, it is a mindset that you embrace. As we begin a new year, I hope that you will both experience and demonstrate unexpected acts of kindness. I also hope that you will consider embracing kindness as your mindset for 2020. Your support of our students and our school division is one of the best reflections of this spirit. Happy Holidays from Hanover County Public Schools!

SJMS CHROMEBOOKS



Stonewall Jackson Middle School seventh-graders are piloting the school division's first student computing devices (Chromebooks) as part of the Five-Year Technology Plan and Digital Learning Initiative. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, all middle school students will receive a device. All high school students will receive a device during the 2021-2022 school year. The computers will help to transform instruction by providing students with relevant and innovative lessons that would not be possible otherwise. For more information on the Digital Learning Initiative, visit http://hcps.us/departments/instruction/curriculum_instruction/digital_learning_initiative.

All schools achieve state accreditation

All Hanover County Public Schools (HCPS) have achieved accreditation by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) based upon results during the 2018-2019 school year. This the first year that school divisions have been solely assessed under the newly revised and more rigorous Standards of Accreditation established by the Virginia Board of Education. HCPS is one of the largest school divisions in the Commonwealth to experience this level of success at all of its schools.

Hanover County Public Schools met or exceeded the state pass rate on 28 out of 29 SOL tests in reading, writing, math, history, and science.

Student performance in Hanover continues to rank highly in the state in all five subject areas. For the fourth year in a row, students earned the highest pass rate in math among the 15 largest school divisions in the Commonwealth. The overall pass rates of Hispanics and students with disabilities exceeded state pass rates in four subject areas.

Again this year, HCPS far exceeded the graduation benchmark at all four high schools with a 95 percent graduation rate. This represents the highest graduation rate among the 15 largest school divisions in the Commonwealth. The division's dropout rate continues to remain low at 2.2 percent.

"I am proud of our students' continued hard work and high achievement," said Dr. Michael B. Gill, Superintendent of Schools. "Our teachers, faculty, and staff are true professionals who work tirelessly to establish authentic relationships and build trust with every student, and I am grateful for their dedication."

"I am also thankful for the strong and unwavering support of our families, school board, and community partners who are essential to our longstanding success," Dr. Gill added. "As always, we remain

Patrick Henry High School earns Purple Star Award



The Virginia Council on the Interstate Compact on the Educational Opportunity of Military Children has named Patrick Henry

High School (PHHS) as a 2019 Purple Star Award recipient. The award recognizes military-friendly schools that have demonstrated a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military. PHHS is the first Hanover school and one of only four Central Virginia schools to receive the recognition.

"Serving those who serve and defend our nation is an honor and a privilege," said Dr. Michael B. Gill, Superintendent of Schools. "I am encouraged by the initiative taken by Patrick Henry High School to help better support the unique needs of our military families. I am hopeful that their accomplishment will inspire others to follow their lead."

PHHS Principal Chris Martinez added, "Providing inclusive and

welcoming experiences for all of our stakeholders is what makes PHHS such a special school community. Our faculty and staff are honored to earn the Virginia Purple Star Award that recognizes our commitment to helping our military families and demonstrates our gratitude for their service to our nation. We are proud to welcome them into our 'PFamily.'"

Virginia public schools serve over 80,000 military-connected students—the largest in the nation—whose parents serve on active duty, in the reserves, or in the Virginia National Guard. The Purple Star Award program serves to encourage school divisions to help these students stay on track academically and graduate on time.

Patrick Henry High School will receive a Virginia Purple Star commemorative coin to display and will be listed as a Purple Star school on the VDOE Military Families webpage. Purple Star schools retain the designation for three years before being required to reapply.

LEE-DAVIS RAISING MONEY FOR ST. JUDE'S



Lee-Davis High School is raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with the school's "One School. One Purpose" campaign. The school's goal is to raise \$20,000 during the 2019-2020 school year. Hanover High School partnered with Lee-Davis during a football game on October 4, which brought the total amount raised to over \$7,000. To donate, visit <http://bit.ly/2OGDj4S>.

committed to meeting the unique academic and socio-emotional needs of all learners to help ensure they

maximize their potential and further close achievement gaps."

Two Hanover schools earn National PTA Award

Chickahominy Middle School (CMS) and Pole Green Elementary School (PGES) have been named as 2019-2021 National PTA Schools of Excellence. They are two of only 326 schools and PTAs in the nation to achieve this prestigious status this year.

“It is an honor to work with such a dedicated group of individuals serving the school and community. To receive the National PTA School of Excellence Award is a testament to their commitment of building strong working relationships among parents, teachers, and the community to support the students of Chickahominy,” said CMS Principal Mark Beckett.

“The Chickahominy PTA is proud to receive the National PTA School of Excellence designation. By participating in this program, we have gained invaluable perspectives on our strengths and areas of improvement. This recognition is a reflection of the dedication of our PTA, families, and school to enhancing the educational experience for all students,” said CMS PTA President Crescent Apostolides.

Pole Green Elementary School Principal Rhonda Voorhees was also proud of their achievement. “Pole Green Elementary School’s recognition as a National PTA School of Excellence is evidence of the collaboration between our school and PTA to support student success and learning experiences. The parent participation with the survey provided our PTA with ideas to support students and families with school engagement through fun activities and increased awareness of language translation opportunities for parents. Together, we are GREAT Gators,” said Ms. Voorhees.

Pole Green Elementary School PTA President Stephanie Beardslee added, “It is an honor to receive the recognition as a National PTA School of Excellence. We are fortunate to have such strong support and positive relationships with our parents, school, and community. Our focus

remains on enriching our children’s lives through learning and activities. A special thank you to Ms. Marston-Jennings for all her hard work on this project. Great Gators accomplish great things!”

The National PTA School of

Excellence designation recognizes the commitment of schools and PTAs in building an inclusive and welcoming school-community where all families contribute to enriching the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.

CHICKAHOMINY MIDDLE SCHOOL



Pictured from left on the front Row: Andrea Herndon, Assistant Principal; Alyson Bruhn, Senior Teacher; Dawn Chenault, PTA Vice President; Crescent Apostolides, former PTA President and current Coordinator; Kristin Donaldson, PTA Coordinator; Katie Masinick, PTA President. Back Row: Jon Patterson, Assistant Principal; Ashley Owen, PTA Secretary; Melissa McGuiggan, PTA Treasurer; Cary O'Brien, PTA Coordinator; Katie Sprouse, PTA Coordinator; Mark Beckett, Principal

POLE GREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Pictured are Rhonda Voorhees, Principal, and Stephanie Beardslee, PTA President.

First day of school!

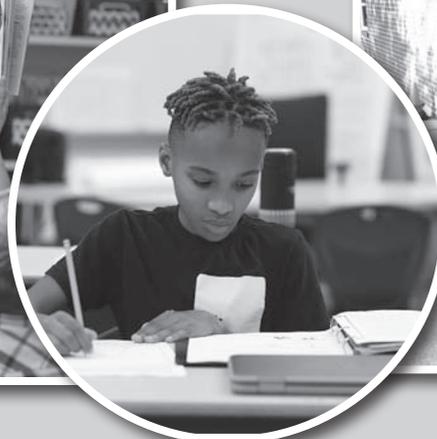
Hanover County Public Schools welcomed approximately 17,500 students back to their respective schools in September.

On that very first day, said Dr. Michael Gill, Superintendent of Schools, elementary schools provided 5,400 minutes of instruction; middle school students attended 16,664 classes; and high school teachers taught over 1,000 classes.

The 244 school buses in service that day completed 824 routes, totaling over 9,000 miles.

And, Dr. Gill noted, “countless smiles, hugs, and high-fives were observed.”

Here are some of those smiles.



Hanover County VA PARKS & RECREATION

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Social Media: Search
HanoverParksRec on



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(804) 365-7150 • Fax (804) 365-4696
E-mail: parksandrec@hanovercounty.gov

Pole Green Community Center
8996 Pole Green Park Lane
Mechanicsville, VA 23116
Mon & Tues 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Athletic Field Weather Hotline:
(804) 365-4698

Hearing Impaired:
Dial 711 (Virginia Relay) for assistance

Youth

Arts & Crafts

► Afterschool Art Club



K-5th graders. Does your child love to watch "DIY" YouTube videos and then try to make what they see? Do they make little creative messes and use everyday materials in non-conventional ways? Then sign them up for Afterschool Art Club!

Instructor: Bee Kreative

Fee: \$75

Classes meet immediately after school for 60 minutes

1668 Tu 1/28-3/10, except 2/25, 3/3
Kersey Creek ES

1669 W 1/29-3/11 Rural Point ES

1750 Tu 1/28-3/10, except 2/25, 3/3
Henry Clay ES

Look online at www.hanoverparksrec.com for more sessions starting in April.

► Art for Kids



Age: 5-16. Learn how to make art with different art materials. Some projects include bleeding tissue paper self portraits, yarn mosaics, melted crayon mixed media art, beaded spring trees, and faux stained glass painting! All materials are included and aprons will be provided, but please wear appropriate clothing as we may get messy!

Instructor: Bee Kreative **Fee:** \$80

1684 Th 3/26-5/7, except 4/9
5:30p-6:30p Pole Green Park CC

► Young Rembrandts Winterrific Draw-tooning



K-5th graders. Start 2020 off with a bang! Funny expressions and hilarious animals are just a few cartoon pieces students will create. Students will master perspective and personality as they complete challenging drawings. There's no better way to shake the winter blues.

Instructor: Young Rembrandts **Fee:** \$75

Classes meet immediately after school for 60 minutes

1704 Tu 1/28-3/17, except 2/25, 3/3
Laurel Meadow ES

1705 M 2/3-3/9 Henry Clay ES

1706 W 2/5-3/18, except 2/26

Elmont ES

1707 Th 2/6-3/12 Mechanicsville ES

1708 Th 2/6-3/12 South Anna ES

1709 F 2/7-3/13 Cool Spring ES

Look online at www.hanoverparksrec.com for more Young Rembrandts sessions starting in April.

Cooking

► Adult/Child Cooking



Ages: 6 and up, parent required to participate with registered child. It's more fun to cook with someone you love! Our adult/child cooking classes are for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings, anyone that wants to cook up some memories with a child.

Instructor: Edible Education
Fee: \$50, per child (parent participation required)

1749 Sa 2/8 12:00p-2:00p
Pole Green Park

► Donut Wars



Ages: 8-14. Bring your competitive baking game, as you will compete with your classmates to see who makes the most creative donuts!

Instructor: Edible Education **Fee:** \$25

1752 Sa 1/25 10:00a-12:00p
Pole Green Park

► Spectacular Snowman Snacks



Ages: 6-14. Celebrating all things frozen! Come and make fun snowman inspired recipes like snowman shaped pizzas to melted snowman veggies and dip to snowdrop cookies.

Instructor: Edible Education **Fee:** \$30

1753 Sa 2/1 10:00a-12:00p
Taylor Park

► Sweet Heart Baking



Ages: 6-14. It's not too late to celebrate love in food form! Come and bake valentine cookies and tarts to share with the ones you love.

Instructor: Edible Education **Fee:** \$30

1754 Sa 2/15 10:00a-12:00p
Pole Green Park

Educational Enrichment

► Bricks 4 Kidz



K-5th graders. Using axles, gears, motors and bricks, our project kits educate children by reinforcing STEM-based principles. We will build models that have been planned and designed by engineers and architects to help self-esteem, improve fine motor skills and teach important classroom lessons. Of course the most important part, our fully motorized models are fun!

Instructor: Bricks 4 Kidz **Fee:** \$75

Classes meet immediately after school for 60 minutes

1714 Tu 1/28-3/17, except 2/25, 3/3
South Anna ES

Look online at www.hanoverparksrec.com for more sessions starting in April.

Spring Break Fun!

► Little Kookers Spring Break Camp



Ages 5-12. Spend the morning with Little Kookers whipping up delicious meals. Menus for the week include homemade pancakes, french toast, pizza, chicken stir fry and much more.

Instructor: Little Kookers **Fee:** \$160

1764 M-F 4/6-4/10 8:00a-1:30p
Taylor Complex

► Spring Break Sampler Camp

Join us for a fun filled week of activities that will make Spring Break your favorite time of year. An entire week of the same topic can get old by day 3, so we are building a schedule that will give campers a wide variety of activities. Sports, arts and crafts, science, outdoors, cooking/baking and more! Your child will have plenty to share with you everyday at this cornucopia of a camp!

Fee: \$185

M-F 4/6-4/10 9:00a-5:00p
Pole Green Park CC

Ages: 6-9 1742 | **Ages: 10-12** 1751

► **Engineering Adventures**



K-5th graders. So you want to be an engineer or architect? Join us as we put our engineering skills to the test to build bridges, buildings, vehicles and more. We'll learn about different types of careers for you to explore. Do you like to design cities? You might become an urban architect one day! Do you want to build bridges? Then civil engineering might be the job for you!

Instructor: Bricks 4 Kidz **Fee:** \$55

Classes meet immediately after school for 60 minutes

1737 F 1/31-2/21/2 Kersey Creek ES
1738 F 3/6-4/3, except 3/27, 4/10 Washington-Henry ES

► **Laws of Motion**



K-5th graders. Learn about "Laws of Motion" made famous by Sir Isaac Newton through inertia and mass by launching paper footballs

at targets with the catapult model, give mini-figures a ride on motorized see-saw and swing-o-rama rides, and practice telling time by building the clock model.

Instructor: Bricks 4 Kidz **Fee:** \$55

Classes meet immediately after school for 60 minutes

1736 Tu 1/28-2/18 Battlefield Park ES
Look online at www.hanoverparksrec.com for more sessions starting in May.

► **LEGO Spectacular Sports**



Get "sporty" by focusing on the importance of physical fitness and different aspects of fitness, such as stamina and strength. Your models will move as

they're built-hitting a plastic golf ball with the mini-golf model, the gymnast spins around the bar, and shoot bricks in the hoop on the basketball model.

Instructor: Bricks 4 Kidz **Fee:** \$55

Classes meet immediately after school for 60 minutes

1716 M 1/27-2/17 Cold Harbor ES
Look online at www.hanoverparksrec.com for more sessions starting in May.

► **Nature Explorers**

Ages: 8-12. Enjoy this introduction to nature and the environment around us with fun, interactive activities and nature-based crafts and projects. Children will gain a greater familiarity with the natural world and environment around them, be more knowledgeable and have an appreciation for the natural world, and develop an understanding of how we can protect nature and the environment.

Instructor: Christopher Cowan **Fee:** \$40

1760 Sa 2/29 9:00a-12:00p Pole Green Park
1761 Sa 3/21 9:00a-12:00p Montpelier Park

RECRUITING INSTRUCTORS FOR SUMMER CAMPS AND CLASSES

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► **STEMed Club**



K-5th graders. Join your friends for a weekly STEM Challenge! Enhance math and science skills through exciting hands-on educational activities. Children will get the opportunity to use problem-solving and critical-thinking skills through science experiments, LEGO challenges and more!

Instructor: STEMed **Fee:** \$75, additional sibling \$67.50

Classes meet immediately after school for 60 minutes

1695 F 2/7-3, except 2/28 Battlefield Park ES
1687 M 2/10-3/23, except 2/24 Elmont ES
1689 M 2/10-3/23, except 2/24 Laurel Meadow ES
1690 Tu 2/11-3/31, except 2/25, 3/3 Cold Harbor ES
1691 Tu 2/11-3/31, except 2/25, 3/3 Mechanicsville ES
1692 W 2/12-3/25, except 2/26 Cool Spring ES
1693 W 2/12-3/25, except 2/26 South Anna ES
1694 Th 2/6-3/19, except 2/27 Kersey Creek ES
1696 F 2/7-3, except 2/28 Rural Point ES

Look online at www.hanoverparksrec.com for more sessions starting in April.

Fitness & Exercise

► **Parent and Me Dance**



Ages: 1yr 6m-3 years. Introduce your little one to dance class with you by their side! Your dancer will

begin to learn the basics of dance, along with rhythm work, listening and social skills, all while having fun! Mom or dad, grandparents or babysitter is required to attend with child. Classes held at 804 Dance Place, located at 10180 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland.

Instructor: 804 Dance Place **Fees:** \$45, additional sibling \$40

1566 Tu 2/11-3/10 10:00a-10:30a
1575 Tu 2/11-3/10 5:45p-6:15p
1579 W 2/12-3/11 11:30a-12:00p
1611 Tu 3/17-4/21 10:00a-10:30a
1612 Tu 3/17-4/21 5:45p-6:15p
1613 W 3/18-4/22 11:00a-11:30a

► **Petite Feet Dance**



Ages: 3-5. Children will explore movement through music while developing skills and emphasizing

growth in kinesthetic awareness, social interaction, concentration, self esteem, basic dance technique and creative expression. Classes held at 804 Dance Place, located at 10180 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland.

Instructor: 804 Dance Place **Fees:** \$60, additional sibling \$55

1570 W 2/12-3/11 10:00a-10:45a
1614 W 2/12-3/11 5:15p-6:00p
1615 W 3/18-4/22 10:00a-10:45a
1616 W 3/18-4/22 5:15p-6:00p

► **Tutu Duo - Jazz/Tap**



Ages 6-8. Your child will be introduced to basic jazz techniques and tap skills, explore movement through

music, and get dancing to the latest upbeat tempo music. No experience necessary. Classes held at 804 Dance Place, located at 10180 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland.

Instructor: 804 Dance Place **Fees:** \$70, additional sibling \$65

1619 M 2/10-3/9 6:00p-7:00p
1621 M 3/16-4/20 6:00p-7:00p



GET UP AND GO!

HEALTHY KIDS RUNNING SERIES

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Sundays: April 5, 19, 26, May 3, 17

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Pole Green Park

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For more information, please contact Michael Hobson at 804.442.6460 or hkrsmechanicsville@gmail.com

Martial Arts

► AIM Safety Awareness



Self-discipline, safety awareness and self-defense instruction by a certified black belt instructor geared to promoting safety, self-confidence and when necessary

self-defense. This is a fully belted program offering continued skill building and rank advancement. Each session builds on this foundation and it is recommended that you continue to enroll in subsequent sessions to get the full benefit of the program. Classes held at Cold Harbor ES.

Instructor: AIM USA **Fee:** \$35

Beginner: Ages: 4-6. 6:00-6:40p

1672 W 1/29-2/19

1675 W 3/4-3/25

1678 W 4/1-4/29

Beginner: Ages: 7-15. 6:45-7:25p

1673 W 1/29-2/19

1676 W 3/4-3/25

1679 W 4/1-4/29

Yellow Belt and above: Ages: 4-15.

7:30-8:10p

1674 W 1/29-2/19

1677 W 3/4-3/25

1680 W 4/1-4/29

Look online at www.hanoverparksrec.com for more sessions starting in May.

Sports & Athletics

► Sports Spectacular



K-5th graders. Let's play! Save the best for last by finishing up the school day with Sports Spectacular,

featuring the best "to-do" list ever: basketball, soccer, flag football, kickball, capture the flag, wiffle ball, bump and bite, knights and dragons, numbers game, tag games, safe base and more! OTA covers all the bases with our emphasis on playing, teamwork, sportsmanship, and fitness.

Instructor: Overtime Athletics **Fee:** \$85

Classes meet immediately after school for 60 minutes

1743 M 2/3-3/9 Cool Spring ES

1744 Tu 2/4-3/17, except 3/3

Rural Point ES

1745 W 2/5-3/11 Henry Clay ES

1747 Th 2/6-3/12 John M. Gandy ES

1748 F 2/7-3/13 Kersey Creek ES

Pole Green Community Center

will be closed for renovations from November 27 through January 21

► Cardio Tennis



Ages: 6-17. Do you love tennis? Are you sad that you can't play when there is snow on the ground or it is too cold? This fun, active, energy-burning

workout incorporating lots of tennis moves, by playing fun games, using tons of music, and having lots of fun. Get in shape for the spring season, burn off some energy in the cold months, and have a great time doing it! Classes held at Kersey Creek ES.

Instructor: Play Tennis Hanover

Fees: \$100, additional sibling \$90

1717 W 1/15-2/19 6:00p-7:00p

1718 W 1/15-2/19 7:00p-8:00p

► Tennis for Kids



Come and learn the lifetime sport of tennis! Kids will have a blast as they learn/develop tennis skills though a wide variety of games and drills, in a

positive environment of encouragement and laughter. Equipment provided, just bring your desire for fun! Classes led by a USPTA Certified Instructor. Classes held at Chickahominy MS.

Instructor: Play Tennis Hanover

Fees: \$115, additional sibling \$100

Ages: 6-9

1719 Tu 4/14-5/26 6:00p-7:10p

1721 Th 4/16-5/28 6:00p-7:10p

Ages: 9-16

1720 Tu 4/14-5/26 7:10p-8:20p

1722 Th 4/16-5/28 7:10p-8:20p

Teen

Arts & Crafts

► Resin Pour Art



Age: 14-19. Learn how to mix resin pigments and epoxy to create a beautiful resin pour piece for your house. All materials provided including gloves and aprons.

Pieces will need to stay and cure for two days.

Instructors: Bee Creative **Fee:** \$45

1664 Sa 2/22 1:00p-2:30p

Pole Green Park CC

Sports & Athletics

► Arena Soccer Tournament

Come out for Futsal fun! Fast paced and strategic, arena soccer (or futsal) is a blast to watch and even more fun to play! No goalies in this game, so everyone get your field game going. Team up with some friends for 3-v-3 games (rosters limited to 4 players), or sign up as free agent and we'll place you with a team. This Arena Soccer Tournament should have you on the edge of your seat.

Teams will play a minimum of 2 pool play games, followed by a single elimination tournament.

Waters, sports drinks and light snacks provided for players.

Fee: \$15 per player, sign up as a free agent or team member

Sa 3/28 Courthouse Park

Ages: 11-14

MS Division 1756 9:00a-1:00p

Ages: 14-18

HS Division 1757 1:00p-5:00p

► Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

Join us, along with Richmond Youth Ultimate Outreach for some Ultimate at Poor Farm Park! One of the fastest growing sports in the nation, Ultimate is fast paced fun for everyone. Grab a few of your friends and make your team of 6 (rosters limited to 8 players) or sign up as free agent and we'll place you with a team.

Teams will play a minimum of 2 pool play games, followed by a single elimination tournament.

Waters, sports drinks and light snacks provided for players.

Fee: \$15 per player, register as a free agent or member of a team

Sa 4/25 9:00a-5:00p Poor Farm Park

Ages: 11-14

Ages: 14-18

MS Division 1758 | HS Division 1759

Adult

Arts & Crafts

► Acrylic Painting



Ages: 18 and up. Learn how to make colorful works of art using the acrylic pour technique. Paintbrushes not needed. Instead, let gravity make your art for you. The result is a stunning canvas full of fluid flows of paint with no brush marks. Aprons will be provided.

Instructors: Bee Creative

Fees: \$40, senior adult (50 and up) \$35

1662 Su 3/29 1:00p-2:30p

Montpelier Park CC

► Beginner Stained Glass

Ages: 18 and up. Have you ever wanted to create a stained glass piece? Here's your chance to learn the introductory skills of working with stained glass using the copper foil method. We'll cover glass selection and cutting, grinding, copper foiling and soldering. You'll take home an 8" x 10" window panel to enjoy. Tools and equipment are provided during class. A list of additional supply needs will be provided at the first class (glass, foil and solder). Plan to spend approximately \$25 - \$30 on glass, depending on your taste.

Instructors: By Celeste LLC **Fee:** \$90

1607 Tu 2/4-3/31, except 3/10, 3/17
7:00p-9:00p Pole Green Park CC

► Chain Maille

Ages: 18 and up. The sterling silver Double Spiral Rope Bracelet is a classic chain maille weave. It is fun to make and works up quickly. It will keep its twist pattern without having to re-twist each time you wear it. Attractive yet subtle, this will definitely make a lasting impression. It is a beginner weave and can be worn by men or women. Bring your good eyesight and a "can do" attitude and leave the class wearing this beautiful bracelet. All materials and tools included.

Instructor: By Celeste LLC **Fee:** \$65

1610 Tu 4/14-4/21 7:00p-9:00p
Pole Green Park CC

► Intermediate Stained Glass

Ages: 18 and up. Expand/improve your base skills - cutting, grinding, soldering and finishing. Help is available for designing your own project or for fitting small windows. Projects are limited to those fitting on 2' x 2' boards unless approved by instructor. Grinder provided - all other tools/supplies provided by student.

Prerequisite: Participants must have completed a beginner's stained glass class.

Instructor: By Celeste LLC **Fee:** \$90

1608 Tu 2/4-3/31, except 3/10, 3/17
7:00p-9:00p Pole Green Park CC

► Watercolor Painting



Ages: 18 and up. Welcome to the wonderful world of watercolor painting!

Learn how to use water to mix colors and apply them to your paper instead of just dipping your brush into paint. Create visually stimulating works of art where water is the key ingredient to your masterpiece. All supplies are included!

Instructor: Bee Kreative

Watercolor for Beginners

Fees: \$50, senior adult (50 and up) \$40

1661 Su 2/23 1:00p-3:30p
Pole Green Park CC

Watercolor Painting Workshop

Fees: \$45, senior adult (50 and up) \$35

1663 Sa 4/11 1:00p-3:00p
Pole Green Park CC

Educational Enrichment

► Concealed Carry Class

T.A.C. - Solutions

Ages: 18 and up. Learn strategies on how to avoid an encounter, how to win if you have to pull your weapon, how to stay safe from harm and most importantly use the muscle memory to implement the strategies. This class meets and exceeds the requirements for the Virginia Concealed Carry Permit.

Instructor: TAC-Solutions **Fee:** \$75

1617 M 1/13 5:30p-9:30p
Taylor Park

1618 Sa 1/25 2:30p-6:30p
Montpelier Park

1620 Sa 2/1 2:30p-6:30p
Pole Green Park

1622 M 2/10 5:30p-9:30p
Montpelier Park

1624 Sa 3/7 2:30p-6:30p
Taylor Park

1625 M 3/9 5:30p-9:30p
Pole Green Park

Check online at www.hanoverparksrec.com for more sessions scheduled in April and May.

► Getting Paid to Talk: Making Money with Your Voice



Ages: 18 and up. Ever been told you have a great voice? From audio books and cartoons to documentaries, commercials, and more, this class will introduce you to the growing field of voice over. Learn what the pros look for, how to prepare, and where to find work in your area!

Instructor: Voice Coaches **Fee:** \$25

1630 Tu 2/11 6:30p-9:00p
Pole Green Park

► Hazardous Materials in the Home

Ages: 16 and up. Many household products contain chemicals which may be considered hazardous. What are these products? How should I handle these products? What do I need to do when it is time to dispose of them? This program discusses these topics, providing attendees with a greater awareness.

Instructor: Christopher Cowan **Fee:** \$10

1658 W 1/15 5:30p-7:00p
Pole Green Park

1659 W 3/18 5:30p-7:00p
Taylor Park

1660 W 4/22 5:30p-7:00p
Montpelier Park

► Home Firearms Safety

T.A.C. - Solutions

Ages: 18 and up. TAC-Solutions NRA Home Firearms Safety class takes the mystery out of firearms. Become familiar with all types of firearms in a relaxed classroom environment. Learn to feel totally at ease in safely handling a gun. Only the instructor brings a firearm to class. It is unloaded.

Instructor: TAC-Solutions **Fee:** \$75

1623 Sa 2/15 2:30p-6:30p
Pole Green Park

► What's in the Water?

Ages: 16 and up. What happens when I pour rinse water or wash water in the ditch in front of my house or pour it down the storm drain? This educational program discusses stormwater pollution, and how people can make a positive difference in our watershed's water quality.

Instructor: Christopher Cowan **Fee:** \$10

1654 Tu 2/11 5:30p-7:00p
Pole Green Park

1655 Tu 3/17 5:30p-7:00p
Montpelier Park

Look online at www.hanoverparksrec.com for more sessions scheduled in April and May.

► Writing Your Way to a Draft

Ages: 18 and up. Do you have a story to tell but don't know where to start? A line of dialog stuck in your brain or a descriptive phrase that haunts you? This creative writing workshop will help you dig into your imagination and produce a refined draft.

Instructor: Elizabeth Rabin **Fee:** \$25

1606 Sa 3/21 12:00p-4:00p
Taylor Park

Cooking

Check out our Adult/Child cooking class with Edible Education listed in the youth cooking section.

Fitness & Exercise

► Adult Ballet



Ages: 18 and up. Come learn and enjoy the classic style of ballet. Each class will focus on barre and center work, building confidence, and is perfect for the new dancer or those needing a refresher course. Classes held at 804 Dance Place, located at 10180 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland.

Instructor: 804 Dance Place **Fee:** \$50

1596 M 2/10-3/9 7:00p-8:00p

The deadline to register for a Program is two weeks prior to its start date.

► **Adult Tap**



Ages: 18 and up. Come learn and enjoy the classic style of tap dancing. Classes cover both rhythm and

Broadway styles of tap to create a well-rounded rhythmic artist. Focusing on the basics and fundamentals of tap, this class is perfect for the new dancer or those needing a refresher course. Classes held at 804 Dance Place, located at 10180 Lakeridge Parkway, Ashland.

Instructor: 804 Dance Place **Fee:** \$50
1595 W 2/12-3/11 7:15p-8:15p

► **Fit Body Burn**

Ages: 13 and up. Transform your body by burning calories, sculpting and toning muscles, increasing cardiovascular endurance and flexibility. Each class will offer something different, so you won't get bored. Beginners are welcome and modifications will be given for those who need it. Classes held at Cold Harbor ES.

Instructor: Tammy Poore

Fees: one day/wk \$48, two days/wk \$65
1641 Tu, Th 1/28-2/20 6:15p-6:45p

Fees: one day/wk \$45, two days/wk \$58
1642 Tu, Th 3/5-4/2, except 3/19
6:15p-6:45p

► **Fit Body Pilates**

Ages: 13 and up. Join us for a strengthening, muscle toning and mind-body work out. We will use a variety of props such as small flexibility balls, resistance bands and light hand weights to enhance and maximize results.

Beginners are welcome and modifications will be given for those who need it. Must be able to get on the floor and do mat work. Classes held at Cold Harbor ES.

Instructor: Tammy Poore

Fees: one day/wk \$48, two days/wk \$65
1644 Tu, Th 1/28-2/20 7:00p-7:30p

Fees: one day/wk \$45, two days/wk \$58
1645 Tu, Th 3/5-4/2, except 3/19
7:00p-7:30p

► **Get Zumba Fit**



Ages: 10 and up. Looking for a fitness class that is truly addictive?

Zumba is for you! It offers the heart pumping, fat burning, energy building fun you need! Using Latin inspired dance moves and up tempo, catchy beats, this fitness class will have you wanting more! Classes held at Kersey Creek ES.

Instructor: Lauren Bew **Fee:** \$35

1600 Th 1/16-2/13 7:00p-7:45p

1601 Th 3/5-4/16, except 3/26, 4/9
7:00p-7:45p

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► **Line Dancing for Newbies, Beginners and Beyond**

Ages: 16 and up. Get movin' and groovin' to a variety of music. It will be the most fun you've ever had. Open to all levels of dancing! Classes held at Pole Green ES.

Instructor: Betty Weeks **Fee:** \$45

1603 W 1/22-2/26 6:30p-7:30p

1604 W 3/4-4/15, except 4/8
6:30p-7:30p

► **REFIT for the Family**



Ages: 7 and up. REFIT is a life-changing group fitness experience that rocks your body, heart, and soul with powerful moves and positive music, to inspire you from the inside out. Powered by human

connections, we turn boring, have-to workouts into a can't-miss community fitness experience! Adult participation is required with children under 13. Classes held at Washington Henry ES.

Instructor: REFIT by Sarah Renner

Fees: \$36, child with paying parent \$10

1597 Tu 1/14-2/18 6:30p-7:30p

1598 Tu 3/3-4/14, except 4/7 6:30p-7:30p

1599 Tu 4/21-6/2, except 5/19 6:30p-7:30p

► **Gentle Yoga**

Ages: 15 and up. A mat and standing practice suitable for beginners and those who want the benefits of yoga without impact on knees/wrists. Focus is on balance, flexibility, breathing, relaxation, self-empowerment, and poses/sequences to navigate and revitalize the mind, body, and spirit. This sangha (community) is warm and welcoming! Classes held at Northside Baptist Church, located at 7600 Studley Road, Mechanicsville.

Instructor: Cynthia Sinanian

Fees: \$37.50, additional family member \$32.50

1585 Th 1/9-2/13 4:30p-5:30p

1586 Th 2/27-4/2 4:30p-5:30p

► **Yoga: Relax, Refresh, Restore and Rejuvenate**

Ages: 15 and up. Curious about Hatha Yoga? Would you like to learn how to connect your mind and body? Explore your inner-peace? Rejuvenate your body? Then this class is perfect for you! This Integral Yoga style class is appropriate for men and women at all levels, as variations of mat and standing poses will be presented. Classes held at Northside Baptist Church, located at 7600 Studley Road, Mechanicsville.

Instructor: Cynthia Sinanian

Fees: \$48, additional family member \$40

1574 Tu 1/7-2/11 6:00p-7:15p

1580 Tu 2/25-4/14, except 3/3, 4/7
6:00p-7:15p

1588 Th 1/9-2/13 6:00p-7:15p

1589 Th 2/27-4/2 6:00p-7:15p

Sports & Athletics

► **Beginner Tennis—Ladies Only**



Ages: 18 and up. If you've always wanted to learn how to play tennis, or wanted to bring back your skills you had in the past, now is your chance! We will learn the basic

strokes (backhand, forehand, volley, overhead, serve), scoring and match play. Learn/re-learn the lifetime sport of tennis - come join us as we play tennis, make friends, and laugh a lot! Equipment provided, just bring your desire for fun! Classes led by a USPTA Certified Instructor. Equipment provided, just bring your desire for fun!

Instructor: Play Tennis Hanover

Fees: \$115, additional family member \$100

1591 W 4/15-5/27 6:30p-7:30p

Chickahominy MS

► **Intermediate Tennis—Ladies Only**



Ages: 18 and up. This course is designed for ladies who have already taken Ladies Only Beginner Tennis, as well as, for any ladies who already have some experience/skill at tennis. This class will focus more on match play (mostly doubles), but still with an emphasis on fun! Come join us as we play tennis, make friends, and laugh a lot! Equipment provided, just bring your desire for fun! Classes led by a USPTA Certified Instructor.

Instructor: Play Tennis Hanover
Fees: \$115, additional family member \$100
 1592 W 4/15-5/27 7:30p-8:30p
 Chickahominy MS

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This free walk is hosted monthly by different community providers. Join us the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm!

And check out our new online registration website

www.hanoverparksrec.com

Therapeutic Recreation

Programs for individuals with disabilities

In-home support personnel are encouraged to attend program with participant at no cost.

► **Aktion Club**

Ages: 18 and up. The Aktion (pronounced Action) Club, sponsored by the Ashland Kiwanis Club, is a service leadership program for adults with disabilities to work together and provide community service as well as promote self-esteem and fun. Activities may be recreational or service oriented.

Fee: \$5 1563 M 1/27, 2/10, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11
 Pole Green Park 6:30p-8:00p

► **Community Connection Club**

Ages: 18 and up. Join us for fun activities such as guest speakers, crafts, games, music, exercises as well as an optional buffet lunch at Estes Dining Hall at Randolph Macon College (\$8.75 at participant's expense). The club, supported by the Arc of Hanover, meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. In-home support personnel encouraged to attend program with participant at no cost. Activities held at Duncan Memorial Methodist Church, located at 201 Henry Street, Ashland.

Fee: \$5 1573 Th 1/9, 2/13, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14
 10:00a-1:00p

► **Game Show**

Ages: 14 and up. Come on down ... we'll capture the fun as seen on TV as we put on our own version of game shows such as The Price is Right, Family Feud and Jeopardy. Win prizes! Refreshments will be provided.

Fee: \$7 1576 Th 3/26 6:30p-8:30p Montpelier Park

► **Prom**

Ages: 14 and up. Dance the night away in this annual spring event, including caricature artist, fashion show. Get dressed up and enjoy a night of fun, food, music, friends and more. Held at Church of the Redeemer, located at 8275 Meadowbridge Road, Mechanicsville.

Fee: \$7 1578 Th 4/23 6:30p-8:30p

► **Terrific Tuesday Club**

Ages: 18 and up. Get moving in the morning with this club designed for adults with special needs or disabilities. Each month the activities will vary but may include exercise, music, games, craft or more. In-home support personnel encouraged to attend program with participant at no cost. Activities held at Messiah Lutheran Church, located at 8154 Atlee Road, Mechanicsville.

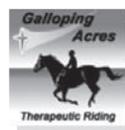
Fee: \$5 1582 Tu 1/28, 2/25, 3/24, 4/28, 5/26
 10:00a-11:30a

► **Winter Beach Party**

Age: 14 and up. Aloha! Join us for a tropical evening of music, food and fun. Scheduled activities include dancing, limbo contests and more. Come dressed in your Hawaiian clothes. Crowd favorite Elvis is also scheduled to appear! Held at Church of the Redeemer, located at 8275 Meadowbridge Road, Mechanicsville.

Fee: \$7 1635 Th 1/30 6:30p-8:30p

► **Youth Therapeutic Horseback Riding**



Ages: 4 to 24. Equine assisted therapy classes are offered to individuals with some cognitive, physical, or emotional disabilities. Participants will experience a wide range of benefits from increased flexibility, better balance, greater confidence and self-esteem. Classes held at Tall Cedars Farm, located at 11353 Rocky Ridge Road, Glen Allen.

Instructor: Galloping Acres Foundation Inc.

Fee: \$260

1584	M	3/9-4/20, except 4/6	5:30p-6:30p
1631	M	3/9-4/20, except 4/6	6:30p-7:30p
1632	M	5/4-6/15, except 5/25	5:30p-6:30p
1633	M	5/4-6/15, except 5/25	6:30p-7:30p

Senior

Cooking

► Crockpot Craze Cooking Class

LITTLE KOOKERS LLC.



Ages: 50 and up. Hear all the talk about Crockpot cooking! We'll make tasty chili, buttery rolls and lemon cake in a Crock Pot. Learn slow cooking and slow-fast cooking

basics. Take home recipes you can include in your pot luck or holiday gatherings!

Instructor: Little Kookers **Fee:** \$18

1593 W 2/12 11:00a-12:30p
Pole Green Park

1594 W 2/26 11:00a-12:30p
Montpelier Park

Fitness & Exercise

► Basic Hula Dancing

Ages: 50 and up. Join in the aloha spirit. Exercise your body and mind by learning the art of hula dancing. Be ready to dance at your next luau. No partner required. The only equipment needed is your bare feet.

Instructor: Mary Smith **Fee:** \$30

1639 W 3/4-4/8 4:30p-5:30p
Taylor Park

► Celebration Station

Ages: 50 and up. Are you looking for a fun way to get some movement into your day? Do you enjoy getting your groove on to classic 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's music? If so, don't miss Celebration Station! No prior dance experience is required and all fitness levels are welcome. Move at your own pace and have fun! Classes meet at Pole Green Park Community Center.

Instructor: Jodi Cotton **Fee:** \$30

1636 F 1/17-2/14, except 1/23
1:30p-2:15p

1637 F 2/28-3/27 1:30p-2:15p

1638 F 4/17-5/15 1:30p-2:15p

► Gentle Chair Yoga

Ages: 50 and up. This yoga practice uses stretching, breathing, and relaxation techniques to increase balance & flexibility, encourage a positive mind-body relationship, and deepen relaxation. Whether fully in the chair or using it for light support, this gentle yoga practice gives the benefits of traditional Hatha Yoga. Suitable for all men and women, including those with conditions impacting balance/mobility whose doctors have cleared them for a gentle yoga practice. Beginners welcome! Classes held at Northside Baptist Church, located at 7600 Studley Road, Mechanicsville.

Instructor: Cynthia Sinanian

Fees: \$37.50, additional family member \$32.50

1562 Tu 1/7-2/11 4:30p-5:30p

1567 Tu 2/25-4/14, except 3/3, 4/7
4:30p-5:30p

To register for any course:

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

Online registration at www.hanoverparksrec.com

Registration deadline is 2 weeks prior to start of program.

Drop boxes are located and payments are accepted at two locations:

8996 Pole Green Park Ln, Mechanicsville 23116

(credit cards only – cash or check payments should be left in drop box), and

13017 Taylor Complex Ln, Ashland 23005

(credit cards, checks and cash – correct change please)

Fax to 804-365-4696

Senior Adult Trips

All trips are for active adults, age 50 and older.

Bus departs from Courthouse Park. Trip coordinated through SignaTours, Ltd.



► Celebrate Spring in Washington, DC

Don't miss this perfect opportunity to celebrate the arrival of spring and see the beautiful cherry blossoms! Trip includes: Guided tour to the National Cathedral, lunch at Tony and Joe's Seafood Place along the Potomac River, 45-minute sightseeing cruise down the Potomac, time to explore the District Wharf, roundtrip motorcoach transportation with refreshments, tax and gratuities on inclusions.

Fee: \$165, registration deadline March 9, or as space permits

1647 Th 4/9 7:30a-6:30p

► Virginia International Military Tattoo Show Trip

The 24th annual Tattoo features over 1,000 performers from eight countries and promises to be one of the most moving ever, as they commemorate, remember, and celebrate the men and women who changed the course of history, not only for the United States but for the world. Trip includes: Virginia International Military Tattoo Show, lunch at Stripers Waterside (grilled chicken sandwich, beef lasagna or fish sandwich), roundtrip motorcoach transportation with refreshments, tax and gratuities on inclusions. Please note your lunch selection when registering.

Fee: \$168, registration deadline April 3, or as space permits

1648 Su 5/3 9:00a-6:30p

► Norfolk's 44th Annual Harborfest

Trip includes: visit to Norfolk's 44th Annual Harborfest, the largest, longest-running maritime festival in the nation, visiting Tall Ships, military vessels, tug boats, and skipjacks, join a regatta of private yachts sailing down the Elizabeth River into downtown Norfolk, (you will participate in the Parade of Sails aboard the Spirit of Norfolk), lunch aboard a sight-seeing cruise, roundtrip motorcoach transportation with refreshments, tax and gratuities on inclusions.

Fee: \$155, registration deadline May 5, or as space permits

1649 F 6/5 8:00a-6:30p

Hobbies & Clubs

Pole Green Community Center will be closed December 1-January 21. There will be no club meetings during this time.

► Open Art Studio

Red, blue, yellow...What's on your palette for the day? Grab your canvas and pack your art supplies and join other local artists for fellowship and support while working on your art projects. Artists are self-directed and work independently. Mondays, 10a-2p at Pole Green CC.

► Pinochle Club

Playing with two, three or four players and a unique deck of 48 cards, accumulate points by winning tricks or melding a combination of cards.

Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 9:30a-11:30a at Pole Green Community Center.

► Hanover Diners Club

Pre-registration required, as space is limited. 11:30a-1p

January 8: Outback Steakhouse, Mechanicsville

February 5: Debbie's Kitchen, Glen Allen

March 4: Roma's Ristorante Italiano, Mechanicsville

April 1: Hanover Tavern, Hanover

► Canasta Club

This fun game is a relaxing way to spend time with friends or make some new ones. Club meets each Monday, 12 noon-3:30p at Pole Green Community Center.

► Social Bridge

Bridge players with basic knowledge of the game may join fellow players for fun and fellowship. Players will rotate tables throughout the social.

Club meets Tuesdays, 10a-3p at Pole Green Community Center.

► Mah Jongg

Ages: 18 and up. Enjoy the American version of Mah Jongg - a Chinese tile game that is similar to Gin Rummy but uses sets of tiles and score cards that shows sequences needed to compete a winning Mah Jongg hand.

Club meets the 1st Monday of each month, from 9:30-11:30a at Pole Green Park Community Center.

► Country School Quilters

The Country School Quilters come together to enjoy, share, learn, and preserve the art of quilting.

Meetings are held from 7-9p on the second Tuesday of each month at Montpelier Park Community Center.

"Sewing Days" are on the second Saturday of each month from 9a-4p, and the Friday preceding the second Saturday, from 9a-4p.

The Country School Quilters welcome new members and guests of all skill levels to join them at any time.

For more information see <http://countryschoolquilters.blogspot.com/>.

► Euchre Club

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of playing Euchre. No complicated scoring needed in this action-packed game. All levels of players are welcome.

Club meets at Montpelier Park Community Center the third and fourth Fridays, 1-4p.



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Photo Waiver *Initial here*

I hereby fully consent to allow Hanover County Parks and Recreation to use photographs taken during this program for publicity purposes.

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I would like to receive occasional e-mail communications about Hanover County programs, services and events. By agreeing to receive the above e-mail communication, I understand my e-mail address WILL NOT be disclosed to any other organization, and I may unsubscribe to this service at any time.

Allergies/medical conditions/special accommodations:

Participation Waiver: I, the undersigned participant/parent or guardian, if under eighteen, desire to participate in the Hanover County Parks and Recreation Department programs and all special events, hereby release and agree to indemnify and save harmless Hanover County, the Parks and Recreation Department, their employees, and any official of the special activity from any and all claims of any nature for injury or loss that may result in such participation or preparation for such participation. I hereby fully consent to emergency medical care rendered by competent personnel or hospitals, should such attention become necessary during the special events. Further, I certify that the entrant is in good physical condition and capable of participating in programs.

Participant or Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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First Name	Last Name	Birth Date	Grade	Gender	Program #	Program Title	Location	Fee
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Participant Emergency Contact (Name): _____ Total amount due: _____

Home: _____ Cell: _____

Pre-payment required to complete registration

Cash (please bring correct change, cash accepted only at the Taylor Complex Office) Check (Make payable to Hanover County)

Credit Card



Please DO NOT provide your card number on this registration form. Please provide us with your contact information where we can call during business hours to securely receive your payment information.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____



Pole Green Park
Friday, July 10
6:00 - 8:00 pm

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME PIZZA? AND A LITTLE EXERCISE?

Pizza Race: This race is all about pizza! The extremely short course, only 2.5 miles will include a pizza station strategically placed where a delicious slice of pizza will be waiting for you on each lap.

First place finishers in the male and female & age divisions that complete the 4K course, consuming a slice of pizza at each stop, will win Pizza for a year!

Pizza Relay: Consist of four (4) team members. Each member must run or walk a little over 1/2 mile while carrying a pizza box and consume a slice of pizza at each assigned station. The first team to cross the finish line will win pizza for a year and each winning team member will win two free large pizzas.

Don't forget, come dressed in your "Pizza-best" for your chance to win Pizza for a Year!

1568	Individual runner	\$20
1653	Relay Team member	\$10



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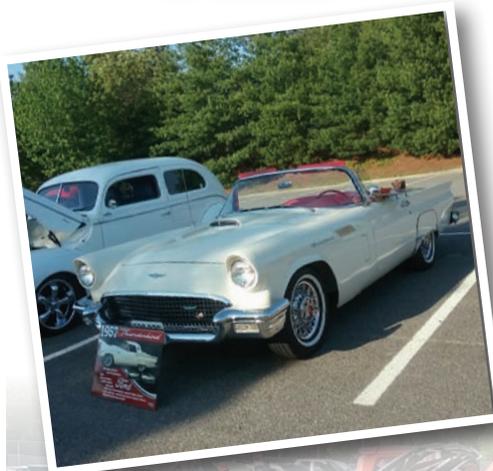


SATURDAY
MAY 16
4:00 - 7:00 PM
Hanover High School
FREE

Make the Scene' as we take a step back in time to the Cruise In days when the parking lots at Hanover High (Route 301) fill with beautiful classic automobiles (pre-1998) while the sounds of the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's play in the background. Free event and open to the public. Sponsored goodie items available to those that drive their classic to the Cruise In.

Classic automobile owners: Make sure you claim 'dibs' on your space at the Cruise In. Door prize drawings will be held throughout the evening for those owners that drive their classic to the Cruise In.

Sponsored by: Rick's Tire & Auto, Inc., Napa Auto Parts, and SDWR Service Dogs



TAYLOR'S PIRATE FISHING FUN!

Aye! Taylor, the Hanover Parks and Recreation mascot, has his pirate costume on and is ready for some Pirate Fishing FUN! Kids will also have the opportunity

to make a craft project and get a pirate tattoo in the "Children's Cove". Taylor is bringing his large inflatable pirate ship for you to play in, just in case the fish aren't biting. No fishing license needed. Bait and rods will be available on a first come, first served basis so if you are able, please bring your own.

Sponsored by Bass Pro Shops and Department of Game and Inland Fisheries



Courthouse Park
Saturday, June 6
4pm - 7pm
FREE



deadlines & reminders

Nominate someone for a volunteer award!

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, 2020**.

All nominees will be recognized at Hanover's annual countywide *Spirit of Volunteerism* Celebration on May 14. Nomination forms and information will be available on January 2 at www.HanoverVolunteers.org. March 16 is the nomination deadline.

The May 14 program will be held at Hanover High School Auditorium. This free event is open to the public and will also celebrate the County's 300th birthday. This inspiring program will include music, award presentations and light refreshments.

Child advocates sought for next CASA training

The Hanover Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program is now accepting applications for the next volunteer training, scheduled to begin **February 25, 2020**.

CASA trains, recruits, and supervises volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children involved in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court process. CASA volunteers come from all walks of life. No special experience is required to become a CASA Volunteer – just a desire to advocate for children in our community.

Potential volunteers have extensive preparation for their role through a 40+ hour training program.

If you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer, contact Melanie Baker at 365-4296 or at mbaker@hanovercounty.gov



Pole Green Park
Saturday, April 18
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



See amazing demonstrations in the areas of command, protection and tracking, visit pet-friendly vendors to learn about the latest pet-related products, watch K9's have a blast in the DogLover Days Lure Course and have fun in the K9 Fun zone with activities and games designed specifically for K9's, including the adorable Dog-Gone Egg Hunt.

Get ready for Pooch Pursuit and register for the 5K run or the 2K walk! The first 100 registered participants will receive a t-shirt and a pet friendly goodie bag. Awards will be presented to the top finishers in both overall and by age group. Divisions: Team (Runner and canine) or Individual (Runner only).

Dogs are required to remain on a secure leash and have current license and rabies vaccination.

(Registration deadline is April 10)

1550	Pet related vendors	
	\$30 per booth space	
1086	5K Run	\$30
1549	2K walk	\$15

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Event Schedule:

- 8:15-9:15a - Pooch Pursuit Check In/Packet Pick Up
- 9:00a - Vendors Open
- 9:30a - Start Pooch Pursuit 5K Run & 2K Walk
- 10:30a - Awards presentation - Pooch Pursuit 5K
- 11:00a - K9 Demonstrations
- 12:00p - K9 Games & Contests
- 12:30p - Dog Gone Egg Hunt



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