

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Sept. 24, 1-5 p.m.
Pre-Conference Activities

Pre-Conference Tour — \$10 Henricus Historical Park and The Dutch Gap Conservation Area

Experience history and natural beauty at Henricus Historical Park and the Dutch Gap Conservation Area. Henricus is a 32-acre living-history museum that tells the story of life in an early English settlement and the roles of Chesterfield County and the James River during the Civil War. Henricus is surrounded by the 800-acre Dutch Gap Conservation Area, one of the largest and most scenic natural areas in Virginia. Both sites are located along the historic James River, just 20 minutes south of Richmond.

Pre-Conference Shopping — FREE

Relax, explore and open your mind to the exciting shopping opportunities that Chesterfield County has to offer. With a variety of shops, the choices are endless. Whether you are looking for adventure, quaint boutiques or local antiques, we have something for everyone. Check in at Pre-conference Registration upon arrival.



WORKSHOPS MOBILE TOURS TOWN HALL

Friday, Sept. 25
Workshops/Mobile Tours
SESSION II 2:15-4:15 p.m.

W-5 The 3 R's of Volunteerism — Recruit, Retain and Regain Volunteers Learn successful tactics to find and keep volunteers who can help develop a neighborhood-based project or organization.

W-6 Legal Aspects of Homeowners Associations (HOAs) How are HOAs handling the impact of foreclosures and their ability to collect assessments? This workshop will address this and other issues concerning HOAs.

W-7 Supporting Strong, Viable Communities Through Partnership The Virginia Housing Development Authority supports strong, viable communities by ensuring an inventory of affordable housing. VHDA partners with local governments, housing organizations and stakeholders to address specific housing priorities with innovative financing programs.

W-8 Banks Partnering with Communities Discover how banks are supporting communities and learn about their active involvement with the communities they serve.

MT-3 Henrico County Partnerships: Lakeside Neighborhood Tour the Lakeside area of Henrico County, where an active business association has developed strong partnerships with institutions, bolstering revitalization efforts.

MT-4 City of Richmond's Neighborhoods in Bloom (NiB) Tour historic Church Hill and learn about NiB's innovative approach to reversing neighborhood decline through resident and stakeholder involvement.

Saturday, Sept. 26
Workshops
SESSION III 9:30-11 a.m.

W-9 Be Prepared for Disasters... Know your Neighbors! Are you ready to go? Are you prepared to stay? Learn how to be prepared for emergencies.

W-10 Affordable Housing in your Community! Housing authorities are developing affordable housing through a variety of creative and innovative methods. Learn what they are doing to meet the growing demand for affordable and workforce housing.

W-11 Ignorance of the Law is Not a Defense! Experts from the Dept. of Professional and Occupational Regulation will teach the basic foundations of fair housing laws. Participants who complete this course are eligible for state certification. CEU offered.

W-12 Stone Soup: Doing More with Less through Creative Partnerships After hiring its first neighborhood services coordinator, Manassas experienced a \$3 million budget deficit and a hiring freeze. Learn how one person retained momentum in the community and how you can adapt her techniques for your community.

2009 AWARDS PROGRAM Saturday, Sept. 26, 8-9:15 a.m.

VSNC is accepting applications for the 2009 Awards Program. These awards recognize the neighborhood organizations and individuals that work to enhance the quality of life in their communities.

Award categories:

- ★ State Neighborhood Project of the Year
- ★ State Neighborhood Organization of the Year
- ★ State Neighborhood Advocate of the Year
- ★ State Neighborhood Youth Individual Effort of the Year
- ★ State Neighborhood Youth Group Effort of the Year

Submit a 2009 Awards Program application by July 1. Eligibility requirements and application guidelines can be found at www.vsnconf.org.

Friday, Sept. 25
Workshops/Mobile Tours
SESSION I 9:45-11:45 a.m.

W-1 Carver-VCU Partnership: Improving a Community's Quality of Life Explore the partnership between the university and the community as they work together to improve quality of life.

W-2 Neighborhoods in Bloom (NiB) Discover how Richmond and nonprofit community-development corporations work together to support the restoration of Richmond's historic neighborhoods.

W-3 Are you Getting Your Message OUT? Do your tools, printed materials, Web sites and special events really brand your image? Find out at this workshop presented by Communicate Consulting.

W-4 Communities in Schools This program links educators, students and the community. Learn how these partnerships can make a difference and how to develop this program in your community.

MT-1 Chesterfield Revitalization On the way to the Village of Chester, tour revitalization sites, including areas along historic Route 1. Meet the community leaders who envisioned a new life for their historic village center.

MT-2 Historic Route 1 and the JDA Tour historic Route 1 with members of the Jefferson Davis Association and the 2008 VSNC Organization of the Year winner. Learn about the projects and partnerships planned to revitalize this corridor.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Friday, Sept. 25
4:30-6 p.m.

This meeting will provide an opportunity for residents, youth, community leaders, government officials and others to interact with the professionals who work daily with neighborhood concerns. Bring questions and ideas that can be answered by those who deal with the issues and who have obtained positive results. You may e-mail questions in advance to Dianne Morris at morridw@ci.danville.va.us



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Reference "Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference" when making reservation to receive conference rate.

Conference rate will be available until Sept. 3, 2009.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 24

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Pre-Conference Activities
4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Registration
6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. 10th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Friday, September 25

7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Registration
8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Welcome Breakfast
9:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Workshops/Mobile Tours — Session I
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Partnership Luncheon with Dr. Catherine W. Howard
2:15 p.m.-4:15 p.m. Workshops/Mobile Tours — Session II
4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting
6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Free Time to Explore Chesterfield Youth Event

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7:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Registration
8:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m. 2009 Awards Program Breakfast
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Workshops — Session III
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Closing Luncheon