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Diversity Month is an opportunity to get a deeper understanding of others, regardless of who they are, what they are, or how they live. It is a time to recognize and understand our differences, be it gender, race, ethnicity, faith, sexual orientation, and other factors, while honoring the common essence of humanity. By appreciating our similarities and differences,

**APRIL
GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**
APRIL 4, 2023 | 7P
 BELMONT RECREATION CENTER
 1600 Hilliard Rd, Richmond, VA 23228
 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE
<https://us02.web.zoom.us/j/889722901567>
 pwd=aURaMXV4WlFKT3AvWVlyKy9kODhwUT09

Expectations

- All mics will remain muted through out the meeting unless recognized to speak.
- Enter your name and magesteral district in the chat
- Please enter questions and/or comments in the chat if possible. Your input is valuable to the work of our branch.
- if you wish to speak please raise your hand. The meeting moderator will recognize raised hands. (limit 2 minutes)
- Always be Respectful and Positive
- Follow Robert's Rules of Order

Support the Work!
JOIN A COMMITTEE
 donate...
 give time...
 share your talents/gifts!

**THIS IS
POWER**



Topic: The Mental Health Crisis

Invite a friend, coworker, neighbor, or family member to attend either in-person or virtually. We work to disrupt inequality, dismantle racism, and accelerate change in key areas including criminal justice, health care, education, climate, and the economy. Invite others...This is the Right Fight.

MEMBERSHIP



Renew **Renew your membership**

Reset **Reset your focus..Our work needs your support!**

Revive **Revive. Share our Story. Inspire others to be a part of our branch**

Our 2023 membership goal is to increase the number of members in our branch by 35% or approximately 20 new members by June 2023. To do that we need you!

Why do this? To support our efforts to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons. With you we are able to deliver vital programs and services to those in our community that need them. With you, we must insure that future generations are afforded the opportunity to have a voice, to lead fearlessly, to carve out a place of equity across our society.

How can you help? Encourage those you know, work with, go to church with, fellowship with to join in the work of the Henrico NAACP. Invite them to our meetings or to help with an event. This is the Right Fight.

Not savvy with the online process? Paper applications are available.

How do they sign up?

[Click here for information on how to join the Henrico NAACP](#)

Click here to: Update your Contact Information, Join a Committee or Volunteer

CRIMINAL JUSTICE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 16, 2023

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Henrico County NAACP expresses concern in the death of Irvo Otieno

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA – The Henrico County NAACP reacts to the arrest of seven Henrico County deputies in connection with the death of Irvo Otieno.

Terrell Pollard President of the Henrico County NAACP states:

"The Henrico County NAACP is deeply saddened by the death of Mr. Irvo Otieno on Tuesday, March 6th. The family of Mr. Otieno has our deepest condolences. No one should lose their life while in the care of those who swore an oath of Public Safety. Mr. Otieno's death is another painful reminder of the many unanswered calls for Mental Health Care, not just in Henrico County but across the Commonwealth of Virginia. A Mental Health Crisis should never be a death sentence.

While we agree with Henrico County Sheriff Alisa Gregory's decision to put the Sheriff Deputies involved on leave pending the outcome of the investigation, and the termination of the three Central State Hospital employees, we demand that all individuals responsible for the death of Mr. Otieno be held accountable and we urge the Sheriff's Office to be transparent and continue assisting the Virginia State Police in their investigation. The Henrico NAACP will monitor the case as it develops."

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ABOUT THE HENRICO COUNTY BRANCH OF THE NAACP

Founded in 1938, the Henrico County Branch of NAACP is dedicated to being the preeminent voice of Black Virginians and advocating for policies and programs to benefit Blacks and people of color.

The Henrico County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
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Vice President Monica Hutchison speaks on behalf of the Henrico NAACP at the Irvo Otieno Family's press conference on March 21, 2023.

Special thanks to Monica Hutchinson, Operadella Williams, Tracey Reed, Rev. Blanche Faulk and Dionna Gibson for representing our branch.



Leon Otengo urges the community to be ambassadors for Mental Health reform.



SAVE THE DATE

Civil Rights Advocacy Training Institute | CRATI

- Virtual CRATI 1: April 21-22, 2023
(Friday 7-9 PM EST; Saturday 10 AM – 2 PM EST)
- Virtual CRATI 2: May 2-4, 2023
(Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7-9 PM EST)

Registration links for the virtual CRATI's will be provided soon. Additionally, the CRATI sessions will also be available on-demand after the conclusion of the live-virtual sessions.



Next **Henrico County Board of Supervisors Meeting** | April 25, 2023 7pm

Agendas: Use this link to see the most current [Board meeting agenda](#). You can also subscribe to [receive e-mail notices when Agendas have been published on-line](#).

Board of Supervisors Town Hall Meeting Schedule

- [Tuckahoe Town Meeting - Afternoon](#)
March 30, 2023
Tuckahoe Area Library
- [Tuckahoe Town Meeting - Evening](#)
March 30, 2023
Tuckahoe Area Library
- [Varina Community Conversations - Varina Area Library](#)
April 3, 2023
Varina Area Library

Next **School Board Meeting - Henrico County Public Schools** | April 20, 2023 6:30P.

School Board meetings are held at the New Bridge Auditorium, 5915 Nine Mile Road, unless publicized otherwise. Agendas for meetings (including start times) are posted to the [HCPS BoardDocs webpage](#) on the Friday afternoon before the meeting date.



HOUSING



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**Housing
symposium**

**APRIL 29, 2023
10A - 2P**

Location:
1400 E Nine Mile Rd
Highland Springs, VA 23075

[Click Here to Register](#)



EDUCATION



Partners Engaging Partners Collaborative will work to create systems of support where community and school resources are readily available to all families.

Partners Engaging Partners Collaborative will meet on the **second Thursday** of each month from **12:00 pm to 1:00 pm**.

What are the benefits of this network?

- Partnering with other professionals currently involved in family engagement.
- Gain the benefit from our peers' experience in overcoming barriers working with families.
- Learn about resources outside your network that can support you in supporting families.

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS



Committee Meeting
April 13, 2023 7:00P
Zoom link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87306927084?
pwd=K3RNY0lZWxz4bkErenZRaSt0SGFUZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87306927084?pwd=K3RNY0lZWxz4bkErenZRaSt0SGFUZz09)

Meeting ID: 873 0692 7084

Passcode: 899383

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Minutes of Prayer

Join the Virginia NAACP
Religious Affairs
Committee for Seven
Minutes of Prayer on the
7th of each month at 7 am.

Join via the zoom link below:
<https://naacpva.us/SevenMinutesofPrayer>

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The graphic features a dark background with a faint image of people praying. It includes a white cross in the top left and bottom right corners. The text is centered and uses a mix of white and yellow colors. A blue Zoom icon is positioned above the NAACP logo.

HEALTH

FREE

HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

DIVERSITY RICHMOND
1407 SHERWOOD AVE

APRIL 22, 2023 10AM -3:00PM

YOGA MESSAGES
ZUMBA VENDORS
EDUCATIONAL CLASSES
BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
HIV / AIDS TESTING
STD TESTING & MORE

ACT-SO



Save the Date! We are asking our entire branch and community partners to come out and support the students of Henrico County. More information will be shared soon.

VETERANS AFFAIRS & ARMED SERVICES



[Learn About the 2023 HIRE Vets](#)

[Medallion Award](#)

Would you like to be recognized for your efforts to be a veteran-ready employer? If your business has implemented veteran-inclusive hiring policies and veteran assistance programs, you can apply for the HIRE Vets Medallion Award!

or Platinum award, with each recognizing different and admirable levels of commitment.

To help employers, we've created a list of [frequently asked questions](#) about award eligibility and the application process, such as:

- Which award level can I apply for?
- How do I start a new application?
- How can I spread the word about the HIRE Vets Medallion Program?

Visit [HIREVets.gov](https://hirevets.gov) today to log in to your account and begin your application. But don't wait – the deadline to apply is April 30!

[Apply Today.](#)

The Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act of 2017 (HIRE Vets Act or the Act), requires the Secretary of Labor to establish a program, by rule, that recognizes employer efforts to recruit, employ, and retain veterans. Employer-applicants meeting criteria established in the rule will receive a "HIRE Vets Medallion Award.

VIRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE

Biennial State Conference Election

At the Annual Virginia State/State Area Conference of the NAACP, which will be held in person on the 27th-30th of October 2023, the Election Procedures Committee will provide a final report for the purposes of the election of officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee.

The following offices are open: six (6) Members-at-Large, Assistant Secretary, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer, seven (7) Regional Vice Presidents, 1st Vice-President, and President.

Petitions to run for an elected office are due by no later than June 15, 2023, via certified mail to the following address: Virginia State Conference NAACP c/o Election Supervisory Committee PO Box 27212 Richmond, Virginia 23261

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SAVE
the
DATE

OCTOBER 27-29, 2023

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS...

The 2023 Conference will be held in Richmond VA.
As part of the host committee, we would love to have 100%
of our membership attend this year.

**Anyone interested in volunteering for the Virginia State Conference
Convention please email our branch secretary.**



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Our work is funded by donors like you, through email just like this! Every dollar helps us turn out the vote, hold white supremacists accountable in court, and advocate for the Black agenda.

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