

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield County will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room, Chesterfield County Administration Building, Route 10 and Lori Road, Chesterfield, Virginia 23832 for informative and fiscal planning purposes to consider the County Administrator's Proposed Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership funds for the 2009 -2010 program year as recommended by the County Administrator. The proposed allocations are listed below. Funding for the 2009-2010 program year is projected to be \$2,461,200.

The hearing will be open to the public. The Board of Supervisors will permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present oral testimony. Those desiring to be heard are encouraged to call the Office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors at (804) 748-1200 to be placed on the speakers list, or may appear and sign up at 6:00 p.m. before the meeting.

The hearing is held at a public facility designed to be accessible to persons with disabilities. Any persons with questions on the accessibility of the facility or the need for reasonable accommodations should contact Janice Blakley, Clerk to the Board, at (804) 748-1200. Persons needing interpreter services for the deaf must notify the Clerk to the Board no later than Friday, March 28, 2008.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>FY2009 Proposed</b>
Ampthill Seniors Program .....	\$6,000
Bensley Community Center.....	51,300
Bensley Elementary Extended Day Program.....	8,000
CDBG Administration .....	248,100
CDBG Housing Rehabilitation.....	330,500
Chalkley Elementary After School Program .....	6,000
Communities in Schools-At Risk Youth Program .....	20,000
Dundas Road Drainage Project.....	125,000
Elder Homes Corporation - Housing Rehabilitation.....	349,000
Emergency Home Repair - CDBG .....	102,200
Ettrick Community Center Operations.....	57,500
Friends Association Job Training & Placement.....	25,000
H.O.M.E. Administration .....	56,800
H.O.M.E. Down Payment Assistance .....	201,400
Jefferson Davis Business Incubator - Biz Works.....	193,000
Metropolitan Boys & Girls Club: SMART Girls Program .....	12,200
Pro-active Code Compliance .....	149,000
Richmond ARC .....	160,000
Southside Development CHDC-CHDO.....	283,200
Youth Programs .....	25,000
Unallocated .....	52,000*
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,461,200</b>

\* Unallocated funds cannot be used in the Public Service or in the Administration categories as these categories are already funded at the maximum allowed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

# Prom dresses needed for Cinderella Dreams Project

It's a Cinderella story. You're invited to the big dance, but have nothing to wear. It happens, and not just in fairy tales. This year the Midlothian Junior Woman's Club and Q94 will play Fairy Godmother to girls needing a dress for their special night.

The Cinderella Dreams Project provides prom dresses for area high school girls, lifting the financial burden of parents and teens on a tight budget. Through Apr. 5, gowns and accessories will be collected at metro Richmond YMCAs. Donated gowns should

have been purchased no later than 2003, in new or like-new condition, and dry-cleaned. Accessories should be in new or like-new condition.

Girls will be allowed to choose a free dress during a shopping event at the Arch Village Shopping Center on Apr. 11-13.

To learn more about this year's Cinderella Dreams Project or to find out how you can help make prom magical for a girl in need, go to [www.cinderelladreams.net](http://www.cinderelladreams.net) or contact Beth Fitzwater at 218-1429.

# Water quality workshop at Virginia State University

Cooperative Extension at Virginia State University (VSU) has scheduled a water quality workshop for anyone interested in learning about water quality management for farm ponds and aquaculture facilities.

Free and open to the public, the workshop will be held on Wed., Apr. 23, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on VSU's Randolph Farm located on River Road in Ettrick.

Participants will learn how water quality affects fish health; about basic water quality

parameters for farm ponds and aquaponics systems; and how to use water quality kits for testing purposes. Not only will different types of water quality kits be demonstrated, but participants will also have a hands-on opportunity to test water quality themselves.

Anyone interested in participating is requested to register by Apr. 16. To register or for more information, contact Dr. David Crosby, VSU fish health specialist, at 524-5620 or [dcrosby@vsu.edu](mailto:dcrosby@vsu.edu).

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time an officer would be required to stay, the officers would decide to make Chesterfield their homes for good.

Murray Robinson  
Chesterfield

## Traffic circle makes county road dangerous

Dear Editor:

Just saw the other letters in your Mar. 12 edition about Winterfield Road.

As one who travels the road every day, I am appalled at what is happening. This is one of the most dangerous and overused roads in the area. Old Bon Air Road and Old Buckingham Road were finally fixed after many accidents. Why not Winterfield?

Whoever was stupid enough to suggest and whoever was stupid enough to approve a traffic circle on a two-lane road just a block from a major highway ought to be called to account. Do they have any concept of what will happen when that new development - whatever it is - is completed? We will have people coming in and out of it added to the current crush of traffic - particularly when the high school rush is at its peak. And when a train comes along, there will be total gridlock!

No development along Winterfield should have been allowed to occur until the road was widened and straightened. The road will become essentially useless in the very near future.

Roger Chaffe  
Midlothian

## Government shouldn't meet at private clubs

Dear Editor,

I read the article about the private legislative meeting, which was in the Feb. 13 issue. Brilliant! I am a new resident to Chesterfield, and I'm not impressed by our local officials hosting a private gathering, which appears to be an annual event. This is not a good example of democracy whether it is legal or not. The board of supervisors and county administrator will certainly get a letter from me expressing my dissatisfaction.

Joseph Flynn  
Brandermill

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