



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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DATE: June 25, 2001

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The Keep Henrico Beautiful (KHB) Committee will recognize winners of the annual Landlover and Clean Business Awards at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 26, at 7 p.m., in the Government Center Board Room, at Parham and Hungary Spring roads.

Each year, KHB Committee members identify homeowners and businesses throughout the community that take extra measures to beautify their property through landscaping, lawn maintenance, litter removal and recycling.

The 2001 Landlover winners include: Mark T. Hodges, Brookland District; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Schley, Fairfield District; Paul and Jean DesJardins, Three Chopt District; Hugh and Pat Greene, Tuckahoe District; and Reggie Spence, Varina District.

This year's Clean Business winners are: Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., Brookland District; Park Central Office Park, Fairfield District; The Crossings at Short Pump; Three Chopt District; Gayton Crossing Shopping Center, Tuckahoe District; and The Original Chuck's Supermarket, Varina District.

DATE: June 18, 2001

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Heavy traffic is expected on roadways leading to and from the Richmond International Raceway (RIR) during the Indy Racing League (IRL) race on Saturday, June 30.

The County of Henrico Department of Public Works suggests that motorists who are not attending the race but must travel through the area during the morning and early afternoon should turn on their vehicle's headlights. This signal will help police officers maintain a smooth flow of traffic through the area. Although we realize that newer vehicles are being equipped with daytime running lights, we feel that we can distinguish between the running lights and the headlights.

"We're doing everything we can to minimize traffic congestion and to ensure traffic safety before and after the race," said Henrico County Traffic Engineer Tim Foster.

"We'll have police officers on duty directing traffic, signs posted on main roads near RIR, and temporary traffic patterns to handle the cars that will be in the area June 30," he said.

Police officers will watch for vehicles with headlights on and direct these cars toward a through-traffic lane outside of the flow of heavy raceway traffic.

DATE: June 14, 2001

CONTACT: Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney

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Henrico County Attorney Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr. has accepted an invitation by Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico of the Virginia Supreme Court to join the Virginia State Bar Professionalism faculty for a three-year term.

Across the Commonwealth, all newly licensed lawyers are required to attend a course on the Virginia Code of Professional Responsibility.

Recommended by the Virginia State Bar Professionalism Committee, Rapisarda will be among the best judges and lawyers in Virginia selected to teach this nationally recognized course.

Rapisarda began his career with Henrico County in 1977 as an assistant county attorney and assumed his current position in 1982.

Rapisarda earned both his undergraduate degree in economics and his law degree from the University of Virginia. He is a member of the Virginia Bar Association, Virginia State Bar, Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Henrico County Bar Association and the City of Richmond Bar Association.

DATE: June 13, 2001

CONTACT: Barry Lawrence, Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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The Virginia Municipal League (VML) has appointed 10 Henrico board members and key officials to their policy committees for a one-year term.

VML President Trenton G. Crewe selected Henrico County Board Chairman and Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover and Deputy County Manager Harvey L. Hinson to serve on the 2001 General Laws Policy Committee. Board Vice Chairman and Varina District Supervisor James B. Donati, Jr. will serve on the Transportation Committee with Director of Public Works Robert C. Thompson; Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton will serve on the Human Development and Education Committee along with Deputy County Manager George T. Drumwright, Jr.; Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele will serve on the Finance Committee with Deputy County Manager Leon T. Johnson; and finally, Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon will serve on the Environmental Quality Committee along with Deputy County Manager Robert K. Pinkerton.

All policy committees will meet on Thursday, July 19, at the Richmond Marriott. Policy committee members determine the league's priorities and develop policy statements for the Legislative Committee to include in VML's legislative program. The legislative program and policy statements reflect local government interest on a range of issues and guide league officers, members and staff as they work with the general assembly, state agencies and the federal government. Each local government member may appoint up to two people per policy committee, but at least one must be an elected official

DATE: June 13, 2001

CONTACT: Arthur D. Petrini, P.E., Director of Public Utilities

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The Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA) presented the Henrico Department of Public Utilities' Water Reclamation Facility with a Gold Award for achieving 100 percent compliance with all National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits for 2000.

"This recognition is especially meaningful because the facility was, and still is, in the middle of a major expansion," said Facility Manager Mark Prentice. "The Gold Award is a testament to our first-rate staff who successfully maintained plant operations while achieving perfect permit compliance."

The reclamation facility, located in the eastern part of the county, provides wastewater service to approximately 77,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers. Henrico also treats limited amounts of wastewater from Hanover and Goochland counties and the City of Richmond.

In addition, the Water Environment Federation awarded Henrico Water Reclamation Chemist Gary Aheimer the Lab Analyst Award at the Virginia Water Environment Association's (VWEA) annual meeting. The VWEA also elected Chief of Laboratory Operations Carol Isenhour as president.

DATE: June 12, 2001

CONTACT: Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E., County Manager

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Henrico County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. today announced the appointment of Ronald L. Mastin as Fire Chief effective August 1.

"We are extremely pleased Ron has accepted this key position for Henrico; he has an outstanding background including 28 years of fire service," Hazelett said.

Mastin will plan, develop and direct comprehensive emergency services, including fire, disaster and pre-hospital medical services. He will oversee an impressive 358-person workforce, plus volunteer firefighters, and manage 17 fire stations, 17 engine companies, four truck companies and five fire rescue units.

Mastin began his career as a firefighter with Fairfax County and will leave his post as their Deputy Chief, Operations Division. Mastin earned a bachelor's degree in Fire Administration and Management from the University of Maryland.

The Henrico Division of Fire is the first internationally Accredited Fire Service organization in Virginia, and the ninth in the world.

DATE: June 7, 2001

CONTACT: Karen Carter, Extension Agent, Horticulture

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The Henrico Extension Office is accepting participants for the LawnKnowers Program now through July 15. Master Gardener volunteers will assist individuals with soil testing and lawn area calculations, and prepare a customized and easy-to-follow lawn care plan designed to protect water quality and promote a healthier lawn.

There is a \$20 enrollment fee for educational materials. Call 501-5160 for more information or to request an enrollment form.

DATE: June 5, 2001

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IABC Announces 2001 Gold Quill Award Winners

Henrico's Assistant Director of Public Information Captures Coveted Award

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (June 5, 2001) -- Tamra McKinney, Henrico County's assistant director of public information, is a winner of the 2001 International Gold Quill Awards, announced by the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC).

McKinney competed among peers in the United States, Canada, Mexico, UK, Australia, South Africa, Hong Kong, Belgium, New Zealand, Slovenia, Croatia, Switzerland, Turkey, Philippines, Spain and Bermuda. The winners will be honored at a gala banquet the evening of June 25, during IABC's 2001 international conference in New York. This is McKinney's second Gold Quill Award from the organization; she also won the award in 1996.

McKinney earned the award for Henrico County in the Community Relations Category. Other notable winners include such renowned companies as Hallmark, FedEx, VISA International, Victoria's Secret, John Deere, Hewlett-Packard, Frito-Lay, Sara Lee and Kraft Canada.

"To put Henrico County in the company of such highly regarded, successful, international companies is just a huge honor," McKinney said. "Having your work recognized and held in esteem by professionals of this caliber speaks volumes about our standards in the county," she said.

For more than 25 years, IABC's Gold Quill Awards program has been the hallmark of excellence in business communication. From the many thousands of entries submitted throughout the years, only the most outstanding communicators have been honored with this award.

IABC is a network of professionals committed to improving organizational effectiveness through strategic communication. With more than 100 chapters, IABC serves 13,500 members in 60 countries and 10,000 organizations.

DATE: June 1, 2001

CONTACT: Bev Donati

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Vice Chairman and Varina District Supervisor Jim Donati is hosting a town meeting to provide comprehensive information on the West Nile Virus on Monday, June 18, at 7 p.m., in the Eastern Government Center's Multipurpose Room, 3820 Nine Mile Road.

Deputy County Manager for Special Services Angela Harper will join Donati to discuss ways to avoid the mosquito-borne West Nile Virus and answer questions.

Donati regularly holds town meetings the third Monday of each month. His meetings are open to the public and he encourages everyone to attend.

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