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The Keep Henrico Beautiful (KHB) Committee will honor winners of the 2006 Land Lover and Clean Business awards at the Henrico County Board of Supervisors meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, in the Government Center Board Room, located at Parham and Hungary Spring roads.

Presented annually by the KHB Committee since 1995, the awards recognize a homeowner and business in each magisterial district that have maintained an outstanding property through landscaping, lawn care, litter removal and recycling. Homeowners must perform their own lawn maintenance to be considered. Winners receive an engraved plaque, an award sign posted on their property and will be recognized on the KHB Web page at www.co.henrico.va.us/utility/khbeautiful.

The 2006 Land Lover Award winners are: Richard and Candy Davis, Brookland District; Nathan Ford, Fairfield District; Andrew and Rebecca Kovach, Three Chopt District; David and Carmen White, Tuckahoe District; and Wilton and Helen Spain, Varina District.

Winners of the Clean Business Award are: Laurel Gallery, Brookland District; Rulli Chiropractic Clinic, Fairfield District; Carole and Marcus Weinstein Jewish Community Center, Three Chopt District; Environmental Solutions Inc., Tuckahoe District; and Courtyard Marriott, Varina District.

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With a growing number of children being placed in its care, the Henrico County Department of Social Services (DSS) is seeking additional residents to serve as foster parents. DSS will hold a training program for residents interested in becoming foster parents beginning Monday, June 26, from 5-8 p.m. in the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive.

The training program will teach parents about meeting the special emotional and behavioral needs of foster children. Classes will take place each Monday and Thursday through July 27. Anyone interested in participating should call 501-4060 by Friday, June 23.

Henrico has a significant need for more foster parents, said Foster Care Supervisor Barbara Burton. The county currently has 175 children in its care, ranging from infants to teenagers.

"We have had an increase in cases referred from the court system," Burton said. "Our foster care families are currently at capacity in terms of placements."

Foster parents are "professional parents," available around-the-clock to bring children into their homes and provide temporary and potentially long-term care in a safe, stable environment. Parents must be at least 21, have their own source of income and sufficient living space in their house or apartment to care for a child. They can be single or married, with or without children of their own, male or female, and from all backgrounds, races and nationalities.

For more information about foster parent training or Henrico's foster care program, call 501-4060 or log on to www.co.henrico.va.us/fosterparents.

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The Henrico County Department of Public Works expects heavy traffic on roadways near Richmond International Raceway (RIR) during the SunTrust Indy Challenge IRL IndyCar Series events on Saturday, June 24.

Motorists should expect extremely heavy traffic and delays all day in the raceway area, especially from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the races and from 10:15 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. after the races. Public Works encourages people attending the race to use Azalea Avenue and Meadowbridge Road to get to the raceway.

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

Motorists not attending the race are asked to turn on their vehicle headlights when approaching the RIR area in the morning and early afternoon of race day. Henrico Police will direct these vehicles toward a through-lane outside the flow of heavy raceway traffic.

Public Works also has planned temporary traffic patterns for the area to manage the increased volume of vehicles and will post signs on main roads near RIR. Henrico Police will direct traffic throughout the area.

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