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Glen Allen Branch Library gets 'green' stamp of approval

The Glen Allen Branch Library has received LEED Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council in recognition of a variety of energy-saving measures that were incorporated into its renovation. The library is the first Henrico County general government facility to receive LEED certification under a policy backed by the Board of Supervisors in January 2010.

The library, which reopened in October 2010 following an \$8.3 million renovation and expansion, features energy-efficient heating and air conditioning systems, a low-flow plumbing system and building materials made from recycled content. The building also has preferred parking for fuel-efficient vehicles and a kiosk that highlights its daily energy use.

LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, establishes a benchmark for the design, construction and operation of "green" buildings. It balances some increased costs for design and construction against greater long-term savings from more-efficient use of water and energy and other benefits, such as improved air quality.

The Glen Allen Branch Library, at 10501 Staples Mill Road, first opened in 1995. The renovation and expansion, approved by Henrico voters in the 2005 bond referendum, doubled the building's size to more than 25,000 square feet.

The Department of General Services received notice May 14 that the library had been certified at the LEED Silver level based on points awarded for various design features and other criteria. The county is actively pursuing LEED certification for several other buildings, including the Gayton Branch Library, which is under renovation on Gayton Road, the renovated Fire Station no. 12 on West End Drive and the new Eastern Henrico Recreation Center on North Laburnum Avenue.



May 17, 2012

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Martin named superintendent of James River Juvenile Detention Center

Henrico County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. announces the appointment of Michael D. Martin as superintendent of the James River Juvenile Detention Center, effective June 2.



Martin, who currently serves as an assistant superintendent of the 60-bed center, will succeed Patricia F. Carrington, who is retiring after more than 12 years as superintendent.

The James River Juvenile Detention Center, located in Powhatan County, is jointly owned and operated on behalf of the counties of Henrico, Goochland and Powhatan. Henrico handles employee recruitment with confirmation by the James River Juvenile Detention Commission. The center opened in 2001 and is managed separately from the 20-bed Henrico Juvenile Detention Home on Dixon Powers Drive in Henrico.

As superintendent of the James River Juvenile Detention Center, Martin will oversee a full-time staff of 66 and a budget of \$5.5 million for fiscal year 2012-13. The secure facility houses youths who have been sentenced or await court action on criminal offenses. It provides educational, counseling and other services to help the youths lead successful lives upon their release.

Martin has served as an assistant superintendent since 2001. Previously, he worked as a security control specialist supervisor for the Richmond Juvenile Detention Center and retired as a military police officer after 26 years with the Army Reserve. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Virginia Commonwealth University.

May 3, 2012

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'Little Black Dress,' panel discussion to focus on suicide prevention

A free production of "Little Black Dress" and a panel discussion by mental-health professionals and others will be held Thursday, May 10 at the University of Richmond to promote the prevention of suicide and the awareness of depression and anxiety.

Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services is sponsoring the play and panel discussion with support from a consortium of area mental-health agencies, the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services, Voices for Virginia's Children and the Henrico Crisis Intervention Team.

"Little Black Dress," by Jennifer Lipford Petticolas of JLP Productions LLC, is based on the true story of Brittney Kittrell, a young woman from Lynchburg whose struggles with depression ended in suicide in 2009 while she was a student at George Mason University.

The play will be held at 6 p.m. in the Camp Concert Hall at the University of Richmond's Modlin Center for the Arts, 28 Westhampton Way. Admission is open to the public.

The production will be followed by a panel discussion and audience question-and-answer session featuring Kim Kittrell, mother of Brittney Kittrell. The panel also will include Larry Barnett, manager of adult and emergency services for Chesterfield Mental Health Support Services; Christina Benton, suicide prevention coordinator with the Virginia Department of Health; Margaret Nimmo Crowe, policy director for Voices for Virginia's Children and coordinator of Campaign for Children's Mental Health; Dr. Lynne Foreman, child psychiatrist with Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services; and Sgt. J.J. Riani of the Henrico Division of Police.

May 1, 2012

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Henrico to install more flashing-yellow traffic signals to improve safety

The Henrico County Department of Public Works will install new traffic signals at five additional intersections over the next two weeks to help motorists better understand the need to yield to oncoming traffic before turning left.

The signals feature a new flashing yellow arrow, which indicates that motorists may proceed after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. The signals replace ones that have permitted left turns by showing a solid green circle with a sign that reads, "Left Turn Yield on Green." The flashing yellow arrow appears during the signal's normal cycles, which also guide motorists with solid red, green and yellow arrows.

The new signals are scheduled to be installed by May 11 at Cox Road and Waterfront Place; Cox and Sadler Place; Nuckols Road and Snowmass Road/Capital One Way; Nuckols and Concourse Boulevard; and Shady Grove and Twin Hickory roads. Police will direct traffic while work is under way.

The signals have been in place since February at Hungary Road and West End Drive; Hungary and Francistown roads; Gaskins Road and Ridgefield Parkway; and Creighton and Cedar Fork roads.

The Federal Highway Administration and Virginia Department of Transportation have approved the use of signals with flashing yellow arrows in light of research showing they reduce the number of left-turn accidents by more clearly conveying that motorists must yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians before proceeding.



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