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Keep Henrico Beautiful honors attractive residential, business properties

The Keep Henrico Beautiful Committee has selected the winners of its annual awards that recognize residential and commercial properties that are attractively landscaped and maintained.

The 2013 Land Lover and Clean Business awards will be presented to the 10 winners during the Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday, June 25. The recipients, who represent a residential and a commercial property from each of Henrico's five magisterial districts, also will be commended on signs placed at their properties.

The winners of the Land Lover award for residential properties are James and Cindy Johnson of the Brookland District, Michael and Olivia Anderson of the Fairfield District, Joshua and Emily Dickerson of the Three Chopt District, Kalia Calhoun of the Tuckahoe District and Betsy Noe and Steve Payne of the Varina District.

The winners of the Clean Business award are Goodwill Industries of the Brookland District, Lakeside Farmers' Market of the Fairfield District, Whole Foods Market of the Three Chopt District, Quioccasin Veterinary Hospital of the Tuckahoe District and Swift Creek Garden Furniture of the Varina District.

The Keep Henrico Beautiful Committee has presented the awards annually since 1995 to promote high standards for property maintenance. To be eligible for the Land Lover award, residents must perform their own landscaping and lawn care. Nominees for either award must participate in a recycling program, such as composting, curbside pickup or drop-off service.

Photos of winning properties will be posted after Tuesday's meeting at www.co.henrico.va.us/utility/keep-henrico-beautiful/awards.

June 18, 2013

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Henrico appoints Neal as director of General Services

Henrico County Manager John A. Vithoukas announces the appointment of John H. Neal, Jr. as director of the Department of General Services, effective June 29.

Neal has been the assistant director of General Services since joining Henrico general government in March 2012. He will succeed Christopher L. Winstead, who left the position in May.



As director of General Services, Neal will be responsible for planning, supervising and delivering various support and administrative services for agencies within Henrico general government and Henrico County Public Schools. These functions include the Central Automotive Maintenance operations, mail room, print shop, records management, facilities and plant maintenance, capital projects coordination and security. The operations will account for a total of 186 employees and \$34.4 million in spending during fiscal year 2013-14.

Neal holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering/transportation from Virginia Tech. He served as a capital projects manager for the city of Richmond before coming to Henrico.

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Henrico Social Services seeks foster parents for training

The Henrico County Department of Social Services will hold a meeting Thursday, July 11 for individuals and couples who may be interested in providing foster care to county youth.

Henrico has a significant need for foster parents, with 98 children placed in foster care as of April 30, according to Social Services. A total of 53 children entered care during the past year.

The meeting will be from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Board Room of the Human Services Building, 8600 Dixon Powers Drive. Participants will learn about the needs of foster children; the traits of a successful foster parent; the ways to work with program staff and the child's biological parents; and the application and approval process.

"A foster parent can truly make a positive difference in the life of a child," said Shawn Rozier, assistant director of Social Services. "Children who need foster care have the same talents, gifts, hopes and dreams of other children. They need a stable, loving home to live in while we work with their families to address the problems that brought them into foster care."

Foster parents are asked to be available around-the-clock to bring children into their homes and provide short-term and potentially long-term care in a safe, stable environment. Foster homes are needed for children of all ages, children with special needs and sibling groups. Foster parents must be at least 21, have their own source of income and sufficient living space to care for a child. Foster parents can be single or married, male or female, with or without children of their own and from all backgrounds, races and nationalities. Foster parents receive monthly stipends to offset their costs of care. Greater payments support the care provided to older children or sibling groups.

To register for the meeting, call Georgia Phillips at (804) 501-7496 or Tony Jones at (804) 501-4245. For information about foster care, go to www.henricocares.org.