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Henrico recognizes attractive residential, business properties

The Keep Henrico Beautiful Committee has selected the winners in its annual awards program that recognizes residential and business properties that are attractively landscaped and maintained.

The Board of Supervisors will recognize the 10 recipients of the 2014 Land Lover and Clean Business awards during its meeting Tuesday, June 24. 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 Linda Stephens of the Brookland District, Valerie Dingle of the Fairfield District, Marilyn Wayland of the Three Chopt District, Cheryl and Allyn Janney Jr. of the Tuckahoe District, and Debbie and Doyle Deaton of the Varina District. The winners of the Clean Business award are Goodwill Industries, 6202 W. Broad St. in Brookland; Strange's Florist, 3313 Mechanicsville Turnpike in Fairfield; Wawa, 11052 W. Broad St. in Three Chopt; Bon Secours Medical Facility at Reynolds Crossing, 7001 Forest Ave. in Tuckahoe; and Kingsland Reach Marina, 9680 Osborne Turnpike in Varina.

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 online after Tuesday's meeting at henrico.us/utility/keephenrico-beautiful/awards/.

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Henrico CASA seeks volunteers for training as child advocates

Henrico County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will offer a training program beginning Saturday, Sept. 6 for volunteers who would work in the court system on behalf of abused or neglected children.

The free, 14-session training course will include classes at the Henrico CASA office in suite A of the Hungary Spring Office Park, 3001 Hungary Spring Road. A swearing-in ceremony will follow Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer advocate must apply by Friday, Aug. 15, be at least 21 years old and have regular access to a computer. Applicants will be interviewed, fingerprinted and undergo criminal background and reference checks. Henrico CASA serves a diverse population and needs volunteers who can speak Spanish. For information, contact Jeannine Panzera at (804) 501-1673 or Jeannine.Panzera@henrico.us. Applications are available at www.henricocasa.org.

Henrico CASA is a private, nonprofit organization that has worked closely with the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for 20 years to serve children in the community. Working typically 10 to 15 hours per month, volunteer advocates gather information on a child's circumstances to supplement information provided to the court.

The training program prepares volunteers to interview children and others involved in their cases, submit reports to judges and assist case attorneys. Henrico CASA volunteers have worked 7,614 hours and served 315 children in fiscal year 2013-14.

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Varina District meeting to discuss state of Henrico County Public Schools

Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson will hold a Community Conversations meeting Monday, June 23 to discuss trends, initiatives and issues of Henrico County Public Schools.

The meeting, organized in partnership with the Eastern Henrico Business Association, will be held at 6 p.m. at the Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nine Mile Road.

Nelson will lead the discussion with School Board Vice Chair John W. Montgomery Jr., of the Varina District; Superintendent Patrick C. Kinlaw; and Director of Secondary Education Omega W. Wilson.

For information, call (804) 501-4208.