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Fairfield meeting March 31 to highlight Henrico's land-use and thoroughfare plans

Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton will hold a constituent meeting Monday, March 31 to discuss Henrico County's land-use and major thoroughfare plans.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave. Representatives of the departments of Planning and Community Revitalization will join Thornton for the presentation. A question-and-answer period will follow.

For information, call (804) 501-4208.

March 6, 2014

CONTACT: John A. Vithoukias, Henrico County Manager
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Davis named director of Capital Region Workforce Partnership

Henrico County Manager John A. Vithoukias announces the appointment of Brian K. Davis as director of the Capital Region Workforce Partnership (CRWP), effective April 7.



Davis has 20 years of experience with local- and state-level planning and policy, including more than 10 years focused on workforce development systems and programs. He currently serves as director of Virginia's Region 2000 Workforce Investment Board, which is responsible for workforce development planning, policies and strategies for an area that consists of the city of Lynchburg and four surrounding counties.

Davis will succeed Rosalyn D. Key-Tiller, who retired in February after 26 years leading CRWP.

As director of CRWP, Davis will oversee efforts to promote employment and workforce development in the counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent and Powhatan as well as the city of Richmond. Henrico serves as the fiscal agent and provides administrative oversight to the agency. CRWP works in collaboration with the Resource Workforce Investment Board.

Davis holds a bachelor's degree in urban studies and planning from Virginia Commonwealth University and a leadership development certificate from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

March 4, 2014

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Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services earns three-year accreditation

Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services (MH/DS) earned accreditation for three years from CARF International following an extensive review of the agency and its programs and services.

MH/DS received its fifth consecutive three-year accreditation, the strongest endorsement that it substantially complies with CARF standards. CARF, founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, is an independent, nonprofit organization that works with health and human service providers to assess and improve the quality of their services based on internationally recognized organizational and program standards.

MH/DS's accreditation followed a survey in late January that focused on 11 program and service areas, including treatment, case management, community housing and integration, prevention services and community employment services. MH/DS is a Henrico agency that provides mental health, substance abuse and developmental services for the counties of Henrico, Charles City and New Kent.

"The leadership is present and very approachable by the consumers, staff members and other stakeholders. Services and programs function at an exceptionally high level, and administrative support processes are excellent," CARF said in its survey report.

"I was pleased that the surveyors recognized so many strengths throughout the agency," said Michael D. O'Connor, executive director of MH/DS. "Among those they singled out were employment services, youth-oriented prevention services, services to adults with a serious mental illness and financial management. I am very proud of our staff."

March 3, 2014

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Henrico Extension accepting applications for community garden program

The Henrico County office of the Virginia Cooperative Extension is accepting applications from residents who would like to grow their own vegetables or flowers on community garden plots.

The Gardens Growing Families program allows the use of garden plots measuring about 15 feet by 20 feet at the Lakeside Garden, at Vale Street and Michael Avenue, near Lakeside Avenue; and at the Highland Springs Garden, on West Jerald Street at South Cedar Avenue. Fees range from \$10 to \$65 per year based on household size and income.

Participants of the Gardens Growing Families program also have access to free classes and workshops on gardening as well as advice from the Henrico Master Gardeners.

For information on Gardens Growing Families, call (804) 501-5160 or go to www.co.henrico.va.us/extension.