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Stowe honored with Procurement Xcelerator Award from Virginia General Services

Cecelia H. Stowe, purchasing manager for Henrico County, earned an inaugural Procurement Xcelerator Award from the Virginia Department of General Services in recognition of her career accomplishments in public procurement.

Stowe received the Career Achievement Award on Nov. 17 at the 2014 Public Procurement Forum in Hampton and will be recognized by the Henrico Board of Supervisors at its meeting Tuesday, Nov. 25.

The Department of General Services' Division of Purchases and Supply presented Procurement Xcelerator Awards to eight procurement professionals and agencies. The Career Achievement Award recognizes a longtime procurement professional whose achievements showcase innovation and adeptness at applying procurement principles to solve difficult issues or advancing public procurement.



Stowe has worked as Henrico's purchasing manager since 1994. Her 35-year career in procurement also has included positions with the state, the city of Richmond and the private sector.

In addition, Stowe has helped develop and taught classes for the Public Procurement Forum; helped establish the Virginia Contracting Officer Certification program, which has certified thousands of officers and increased professionalism in the field since its creation in 1990; and guided Henrico to the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing's Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award in 2014. She represents county government on a General Assembly subcommittee studying the Virginia Public Procurement Act.

The Virginia Department of General Services established the Procurement Xcelerator Awards program to recognize how procurement is being leveraged to meet the goals of public agencies and to highlight the outstanding contributions of employees at state agencies, local governments and institutions of higher learning in advancing efficiency and effectiveness in their supply chains.

Nov. 21, 2014

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Varina District meetings to highlight road projects, Virginia Capital Trail, new library

Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson will hold two Community Conversations meetings in December to discuss various road initiatives, the Virginia Capital Trail and the planned Varina Area Library.

The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 at Dorey Park Recreation Center, 2999 Darbytown Road, and at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5 at Henrico Theatre, 305 E. Nile Mile Road.

Nelson will be joined by representatives of the Virginia Department of Transportation and Henrico County. For information, call (804) 501-4208.

Nov. 13, 2014

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Tuckahoe Supervisor O'Bannon reappointed to VACo board of directors

Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon has been appointed to serve an additional two-year term on the board of directors of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo).

O'Bannon, who also is serving as chairman of the Henrico Board of Supervisors in 2014, was reappointed to represent VACo's Region 3 during the association's annual conference Nov. 9-11. O'Bannon, one of three representatives for Region 3, has served on the VACo board since 2008.

VACo's board consists of a six-member executive committee, 24 elected officials representing 13 regions of the state and three past presidents. The number of directors in each region is based on population. The VACo board is responsible for supervising, controlling and directing the affairs of the association, its committees and its publications.

Nov. 6, 2014

CONTACT: Gerald M. McKenna, Director, Henrico County Public Library
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Henrico County Public Library receives second Star Library honor

For the second consecutive year, Henrico County Public Library (HCPL) earned a Star Library designation from Library Journal based on national rankings that consider per-capita circulation, visits, program attendance and public computer access.

HCPL was the only system in Virginia to receive a five-star rating, which is the highest class. It earned a four-star rating in 2013. HCPL was among four library systems in Virginia and 258 libraries or library systems in the United States recognized in 2014.

Library Journal, a national publication for library professionals, has compiled its list of Star Libraries annually since 2008. For 2014, Library Journal rated 7,586 public libraries across the country and awarded Star Library status to the top 30 libraries in groups with similar levels of expenditure.

“Henrico County Public Library is proud to once again be recognized as one of the country’s best library systems,” said Gerald M. McKenna, HCPL director. “The Star Library designation is a credit to our dedicated staff and volunteers as well as our supportive local government and Board of Supervisors. It also shows what a vital role libraries play in the lives of our residents.”

In Henrico, library patrons checked out 3.9 million items during more than 2 million visits to HCPL’s 10 locations in fiscal year 2013-14. Also recognized from Virginia were Mary Riley Styles Public Library, in Falls Church; Central Rappahannock Regional Library, in Fredericksburg; and Williamsburg Regional Library, in Williamsburg.

For information on the Star Library ratings, go to lj.libraryjournal.com.

Nov. 5, 2014

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Henrico Board of Supervisors to meet Wednesday, Nov. 12, due to Veterans Day

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors will hold its next meeting Wednesday, Nov. 12, in observance of Veterans Day.

The board typically meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Board Room at the Henrico County Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road. The board shifted its first meeting in November to Wednesday, Nov. 12 in recognition of Veterans Day, which falls on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

For information, call (804) 501-4318 or go to henrico.us/supervisors.