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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 beautifully landscaped and maintained.

The Board of Supervisors will recognize the 10 recipients of the 2015 Land Lover and Clean Business awards during its meeting Tuesday, June 23. 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. This year marks the 20th year of Henrico's Land Lover and Clean Business awards.

The winners of the Land Lover award for residential properties are Kathi and Bob Witte of the Brookland District, Thelma Johnson of the Fairfield District, Lucy McGuffin of the Three Chopt District, Catherine Drooger of the Tuckahoe District and Brenda Burwell of the Varina District.

The winners of the Clean Business award are Faison School for Autism, 1701 Byrd Ave. in Brookland; Popeyes, 8121 Brook Road in Fairfield; Natural Organic Process Enterprises (NOPE), 3601 Mayland Court in Three Chopt; Lakewood Manor, 1900 Lauderdale Drive in Tuckahoe; and Industrial Control Systems, 20 W. Williamsburg Road 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/keep-henrico-beautiful/awards/.

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Henrico to host Little League World Series hero, team for games Saturday

Henrico County and the Metropolitan Junior Baseball League (MJBL) will welcome Mo'ne Davis — who earned national acclaim for her performance in the 2014 Little League World Series — and her Philadelphia team for exhibition games with local squads Saturday, June 20.

The games will be played at Glen Allen Stadium at RF&P Park, 3400 Mountain Road. Davis and her Anderson Monarchs will play the MJBL All Stars at 10 a.m. The MJBL Mariners will take the field against the Hotchkiss A's at 12:30 p.m. The teams feature players ages 13-14.

Admission is free. The games also can be viewed live online at <http://henrico.us/rec/baseball>.

Henrico Board of Supervisors Chairman Frank J. Thornton and Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover each will throw out an opening pitch.

The 13-year-old Davis gained nationwide attention in August when she led the Mid-Atlantic Region team, composed of players from the Anderson Monarchs and others selected from the Taney Youth Baseball Association in Philadelphia, to a pair of victories in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. She became the first girl to pitch a shutout and earn a win in series history. She also became the first Little League player to be photographed for the cover of a national issue of Sports Illustrated magazine.

Davis and the Anderson Monarchs are visiting Henrico at the outset of a 23-day bus tour of key sites from the civil rights movement and the heyday of the Negro Leagues. The team and its tour were featured in a recent issue of the New York Times.

Founded in Richmond in 1966, the MJBL gives urban youth the opportunity to play baseball, travel and experience diverse cultures. The league now includes teams throughout the United States and the Caribbean.

Additional information is available at <http://visithenrico.com>.

June 12, 2015

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*Henrico wins National Association of Counties awards for 24 programs
Internship program recognized Best in Category*

Henrico County departments and agencies have earned 24 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo), plus a Best in Category honor for an internship program that has provided valuable work experience for dozens of high school and college students since 2013.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Frank J. Thornton will accept the awards July 12 at the 2015 NACo annual conference in Charlotte, N.C. The NACo Achievement Award Program recognizes groundbreaking programs and initiatives in 21 service categories, including children and youth, county administration management, libraries, emergency management and response, and human services.

Henrico's 24 awards are the most of any county in Virginia for the 10th consecutive year and the sixth most nationally, behind Maricopa County, Ariz.; San Bernardino County, Calif.; San Diego County, Calif.; Montgomery County, Md.; and Los Angeles County, Calif. Each of those counties has at least 2 million residents, except for Montgomery County (986,965). Henrico, which submitted 28 programs for awards, has 321,374 residents.

"Once again, the NACo awards reflect the outstanding work that Henrico's employees do every day for our community," County Manager John A. Vithoukaskas said. "These awards also highlight the work ethic that is ingrained in our culture. Every day, our employees are challenged to identify and solve problems, to innovate and to look for ways to better meet the needs of our residents."

The Department of Human Resources won an Achievement Award and a Best in Category honor for “Internship Program: Preparing the Workforce of Tomorrow.” Started in summer 2013, Henrico’s internship program provides work opportunities for students who are in high school or college or are pursuing an advanced degree. A total of 127 interns have participated in the program, receiving either pay or educational credits. In addition, Henrico has hired four participants to either full- or part-time positions. An internship coordinator works with county departments and colleges and universities to determine how internships might benefit all parties.

Henrico has earned 548 NACo awards since 1985. Henrico’s awards in 2015 recognize the efforts of eight general government departments and Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS). HCPS and Henrico County Public Library collected six and five awards, respectively, more than any other Henrico department or agency. The Department of Human Resources earned at least one award for the 29th consecutive year, a feat unmatched by any other human resources agency in the country.

Henrico’s award-winning programs and their submitting agencies are listed below. Detailed descriptions of the programs are available online at henrico.us/manager/programs/naco-awards.

- Springer Preschool Academy: Parents Night Out, Henrico County Public Schools
 - Education in Racing: How STEM Plays a Role in NASCAR, Henrico County Public Schools
 - The Un-Initiative, Henrico County Public Schools
 - A Systematic Process for Evaluating Educational Programs, Henrico County Public Schools
 - Operations Professional Development Initiative, Henrico County Public Schools
 - Culinary Experience: Serving Our Campus and Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center, Henrico County Public Schools
 - Jumpstart Your Summer Teen Volunteer Fair, Henrico County Public Library
 - Promoting Online Homework Help to Teens, Henrico County Public Library
 - Teen Community Emergency Response Teams, Henrico County Public Library
 - Study Abroad, Henrico County Public Library
 - Summer Reading Club Trophy Challenge, Henrico County Public Library
 - Teen Summer Fire Academy, Fire
 - Hermitage Career and Technical Emergency Medical Technician Course, Fire
 - Amateur Radio Emergency Services Program, Fire
 - Field Training Medic Program, Fire
 - Jail Diversion, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services
 - Coping Skills Group, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services
 - Substance Abuse Walk-in Clinic, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services
 - Environmental & Sustainability Management System: Cost Cutting Tools, Human Resources
 - Internship Program: Developing the Workforce of Tomorrow, Human Resources
 - Vacuum Leaf Program, Public Works
 - TEMPO Dashboard, Police
 - Leasing Company Electronic Billing and Payment Program, Finance
 - Development Condition Analysis, Planning
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June 5, 2015

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Varina District meeting June 15 to discuss state of Henrico County Public Schools

Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson and the Eastern Henrico Business Association will hold a Community Conversations meeting Monday, June 15 to discuss the state of Henrico County Public Schools.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at Varina High School, 7053 Messer Road.

Varina District School Board representative John W. Montgomery Jr. and Superintendent Patrick C. Kinlaw will join Nelson for the discussion of school system trends, initiatives and issues. For information, call (804) 501-4208.

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Fairfield meeting June 15 to highlight emergency preparedness, resources for seniors

Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton will hold a constituent meeting Monday, June 15 to discuss emergency preparedness and issues related to the growing number of older residents in Henrico County.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave.

Anna McRay, deputy coordinator for emergency management in the Henrico Division of Fire, and Thelma Bland Watson, executive director of Senior Connections, will join Thornton for the discussion and will answer questions. McRay will explain what Henrico is doing to prepare for an emergency and what residents can do for themselves. Watson will highlight resources that are available to older adults and the Age Wave Coalition.

For information, call (804) 501-4208.