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Libbie Mill Library earns LEED Silver rating for environmentally friendly design

Henrico County's Libbie Mill Library has earned LEED Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for its environmentally friendly design and construction.

Libbie Mill becomes the 13th Henrico government or school building to earn LEED certification since 2011. LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the recognized standard for excellence in green building.

The library, which opened in October 2015, qualified for the Silver rating — the third highest — based on meeting design and construction requirements in a variety of categories: sustainable site; water efficiency; energy efficiency; materials and resources; indoor environmental quality; and innovation.



Libbie Mill's landscaping was designed to support stormwater management, incorporates native or adapted plantings, promotes biodiversity and requires no irrigation. The building uses energy-efficient systems and low-flow plumbing fixtures, which are designed to save an estimated 90,000 gallons of water per year. The library's large windows capture natural light and subsequently reduce energy consumption. It also features low-chemical

building materials to improve indoor air quality as well as bicycle racks and parking spaces for low-emission vehicles, including compacts and hybrids.

Libbie Mill, a three-story, nearly 60,000-square-foot building at 2100 Libbie Lake East St., was built to replace the now-closed Dumbarton Area Library, on Staples Mill Road. Libbie Mill used 30 percent less energy per square foot in its first year compared with Dumbarton.

The U.S. Green Building Council released this week its 2016 ranking of the top states that are making considerable strides in sustainable building. Virginia placed eighth, based on a calculation of the amount of the LEED-certified space per resident. Henrico's Firehouse 3 and Crestview Firehouse 10 earned LEED Silver and Gold certifications in 2016, respectively.

Henrico's LEED-certified government and school buildings

- Holman Middle School, LEED Silver (2011)
- Glen Allen High School, LEED Gold (2011)
- Glen Allen Branch Library, LEED Silver (2012)
- Firehouse 12, LEED Gold (2012)

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- Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, LEED Silver (2014)
- Gayton Branch Library, LEED Silver (2014)
- Kaechele Elementary School, LEED Silver (2014)
- Firehouse 7, LEED Silver (2014)
- Henrico Health Department East Clinic, LEED Gold (2015)
- Firehouse 3, LEED Silver (2016)
- Crestview Firehouse 10, LEED Gold (2016)
- Libbie Mill Library, LEED Silver (2017)

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Henrico supervisors, deputy county managers appointed to VACo committees

All five members of Henrico County's Board of Supervisors and two of its deputy county managers will serve on committees of the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) during 2017. Board members received the following appointments:

- Chairman and Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover, Economic Development and Planning Steering Committee;
- Vice Chairman and Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon, General Government Steering Committee;
- Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton, Education Steering Committee and Nominations Operational Committee. He also represents Region 3 on the VACo Board of Directors;
- Three Chopt District Supervisor Thomas M. Branin, Finance Steering Committee; and
- Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson, Transportation Steering Committee.

Administration officials who received appointments are:

- Deputy County Manager for Community Development Randall R. Silber, Environment and Agriculture Steering Committee; and
- Deputy County Manager for Community Services W. Brandon Hinton, Health and Human Resources Steering Committee.

VACo's 11 committees review legislative requests from member counties, recommend an annual legislative program and provide policy guidance to VACo staff. The association represents local governments at the state and federal levels and provides a resource network for planning and implementing ideas and technologies.

Jan. 27, 2017

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Henrico to offer free workshop Feb. 4 on improving home accessibility

The Henrico County Department of Community Revitalization will present a free workshop Saturday, Feb. 4 to discuss home improvements that can improve accessibility and allow residents to age in place.

The class will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave. Exhibits, hands-on demonstrations and refreshments will be included. The session also will include tips on hiring a contractor.

The class is part of a workshop series that began in October and is focused on helping residents maintain and improve their homes. For information, call (804) 501-7640 or go to henrico.us/revit.

Jan. 20, 2017

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Henrico honors longtime Supervisor David A. Kaechele upon his death

Henrico County is honoring the memory and service of longtime Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele, who died early this morning at the age of 85.

Mr. Kaechele served Three Chopt in western Henrico for 36 years — the longest term of any supervisor under Henrico’s modern form of government — before retiring at the end of his ninth term in December 2015.

In appreciation for Mr. Kaechele’s service, County Manager John A. Vithoukias ordered the Henrico flag to remain at half-staff at all county facilities through sunset Friday, Jan. 27. Vithoukias announced Mr. Kaechele’s passing in an email to county employees this morning.

“It is with a very heavy heart that I report to you the passing of Mr. David A. Kaechele, who served as the Three Chopt supervisor for 36 years,” Vithoukias wrote. “Mr. Kaechele was a consummate gentleman and had the interest of Henrico and its employees at the forefront throughout his tenure. Every county employee — past, present, and future — owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Kaechele. It is often said that we stand on the shoulders of others, and this was clearly the case with David A. Kaechele.”

A native of Allegan, Mich. and a graduate of Michigan State University, Mr. Kaechele was a retired development engineer for Reynolds Metals Co. and a U.S. Army veteran. Recognized widely as an amiable, steady leader, Mr. Kaechele joined the Board of Supervisors in January 1980 after winning election to the open Three Chopt seat.



During Mr. Kaechele’s tenure as supervisor, Henrico and Three Chopt, in particular, underwent tremendous development and change. Once mostly rural, the area is now a thriving center of activity, with Innsbrook and other corporate centers, a variety of retailers, restaurants and hotels as well as parks, other amenities and a variety of housing types.

Mr. Kaechele’s résumé includes nine appointments as chairman and eight as vice chairman of Henrico’s board as well as dozens of appointments to local, regional, state and national boards and commissions. After retiring as supervisor, he continued to represent Henrico on the Richmond Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

The Henrico School Board honored Mr. Kaechele’s service in 2012 in the naming of David A. Kaechele Elementary School, which opened in fall 2013 on Pouncey Tract Road. He received the 2015 Henrico County Leader of the Year Award from the Henrico Business Council of the Greater Richmond Chamber, which is now ChamberRVA.

Jan. 19, 2017

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Varina meeting Jan. 26 to highlight public safety efforts in Sandston

Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson will hold a Community Conversations meeting Thursday, Jan. 26 to discuss public safety efforts in the Sandston area.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Sandston Elementary School, 7 Naglee Ave. Nelson will be joined by representatives of the Henrico County Police Division for a discussion of its public safety efforts and how residents can help.

For information, call (804) 501-4208.

Jan. 19, 2017

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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, March 4 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, April 5 at the Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

Anyone interested in serving as a volunteer advocate must apply by Friday, Feb. 17, 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. For information, contact Jeannine Panzera at (804) 501-1673 or pano1@henrico.us. Applications are available at henricocasa.org.

Henrico CASA is a private, nonprofit organization that has worked closely with the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for more than 21 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 worked 12,103 hours and served 367 children in fiscal year 2015-16.

Jan. 18, 2017

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Fairfield meeting Jan. 23 to present county manager's State of the County address

Fairfield District Supervisor Frank J. Thornton will hold a constituent meeting Monday, Jan. 23 that will feature the State of the County address by Henrico County Manager John A. Vithoukias.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 1440 N. Laburnum Ave. For information, call (804) 501-4208.

January 11, 2017

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Glover, O'Bannon to lead Henrico Board of Supervisors in 2017

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to elect Brookland District Supervisor Richard W. Glover as chairman and Tuckahoe District Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon as vice chairman for 2017.

Glover is serving as the board's chairman for the sixth time. He most recently held the post in 2012. He succeeds Varina District Supervisor Tyrone E. Nelson in the position.

At Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting, Glover thanked Henrico residents for giving him the opportunity to serve, noting that he is beginning his 29th year on the board.

"You as citizens are fantastic," he said. "You've done so well by this county. You've made us what we are, and you will continue to do that."

The incoming chairman also applauded the work of Henrico County staff, adding that he is proud of many areas, including the county's Police and Fire divisions.

"They are out on a regular basis across the county, and every day they are producing the efforts Henrico County has gotten used to — making sure that the health, safety and welfare of our people are taken care of," he said.

The longest-serving active member of Henrico's board, Glover first was elected Brookland District supervisor in 1987 and now is marking his eighth term representing the district. He had previously served on the county's Planning Commission.

He holds positions on a variety of national, statewide and regional governmental organizations, including the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Community, Economic and Workforce Development steering committee, the Virginia Association of Counties' (VACo) Economic Development and Planning steering committee and the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (RRPDC). He also serves on the county's Board of Social Services.

Glover is a lifetime member of the Hermitage High School Band and Auxiliary Boosters and the Glen Allen Youth Athletic Association and Hall of Fame. A native of Victoria, Va., he is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and an Eagle Scout.

O'Bannon, first elected to represent the Tuckahoe District in 1995, is serving her sixth term on the Henrico board. She also holds positions with NACo, VACo and RRPDC. She serves on the Virginia Building Code Technical Review Board, Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital Community Advisory Board and the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization policy board. In addition, she serves on the boards of the Virginia Coalition for Open Government, the Greater Richmond Partnership and the Henricus Foundation.

A Richmond native, O'Bannon is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University. She is a former English teacher, news editor for a local publication and development associate for public television.

Henrico's Board of Supervisors regularly meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday each month. Meetings typically are not scheduled for the fourth Tuesday in August and December.

Meetings are held in the Government Center Board Room, 4301 E. Parham Road. For more information, call (804) 501-4318 or go to <http://henrico.us/supervisors>.