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Price tapped to lead Henrico's Real Property Department

Henrico County Manager John A. Vithoukias has appointed Andrew S. "Steve" Price to serve as director of the Real Property Department, effective July 8.

Price, who currently works as the department's assistant director, will succeed Jon B. Tracy, who recently retired from the position.



As director, Price will be responsible for planning and administering the real estate program for Henrico's general government, the Henrico Economic Development Authority and Henrico County Public Schools. Real Property manages all county property transactions and works with other county agencies to acquire easements, rights of way and sites for schools, libraries, fire stations and other facilities. The department has a staff of seven and a budget of \$648,326 for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

Price joined the Real Property staff in 1990 as an assistant real property agent and was named assistant director in 2006. He earned a bachelor's degree from West Virginia State University.

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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 Henrico County Board of Supervisors recognized the 10 recipients of the 2017 Land Lover and Clean Business awards during its meeting Tuesday, June 27. 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 22nd year of Henrico's Land Lover and Clean Business awards.

The winners of the Land Lover award for residential properties are Julian Pemberton of the Brookland District, Robert and Kiely Sharpe of the Fairfield District, Aubrey and Elaine Garner of the Three Chopt District, Sandee Bailey of the Tuckahoe District and Christie Stuart Johnathan of the Varina District.

The winners of the Clean Business award are 2nd & Charles, 9004 W. Broad St. in Brookland; Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, 1800 Lakeside Ave. in Fairfield; Exxon/7-Eleven, 9525 W. Broad St. in Three Chopt; Colonial Athletic Association, 8625 Patterson Ave. in Tuckahoe; and Victory Farms, 7001 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 at henrico.us/utility/keep-henrico-beautiful/awards/.

June 23, 2017

CONTACT: Michael D. Martin, Superintendent, James River Juvenile Detention Center
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Largest class to graduate June 27 at James River Juvenile Detention Center

James River Juvenile Detention Center will celebrate its largest class of high school graduates Tuesday, June 27, as 13 residents receive their high school diploma or GED certificate.

The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at the detention center, 3650 Beaumont Road in Powhatan County. The graduates will mark their academic milestone by walking across a stage in a cap and gown before an audience of family members. A reception will follow.

Representatives of the news media are welcome to provide coverage as long as they do not photograph the graduates' faces. Those planning to attend are asked to contact Superintendent Michael D. Martin in advance at (804) 652-3041 or mar15@henrico.us.

"These graduates are to be commended for their hard work and dedication," Martin said. "Their time here will change their lives forever. They will soon return to the community with a running start. We congratulate them and thank our detention and educational staff. This moment also would not be possible without the support of judges, probation officers and families."

Of the 13 graduates, 11 will receive a GED certificate, and two others will receive a high school diploma. Three of the graduates have secured jobs following their release, and one other plans to attend a local university. The detention center had an additional resident earn a GED certificate earlier this year, giving it 14 graduates for the year.

Each graduate is a resident of the detention center who has been sentenced for six months to its post-dispositional program, which provides an alternative to incarceration through the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice. Participants attend class at the detention center through a program operated by Henrico County Public Schools. The 60-bed detention center is jointly owned and operated by the counties of Henrico, Powhatan and Goochland.

June 19, 2017

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Henrico to offer July 20 class on treating opioid overdoses with naloxone

The Henrico County Division of Fire and Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services (MH/DS) will present a free class Thursday, July 20 on how to administer naloxone to potentially save the life of someone who has overdosed on opioids.

The Revive! Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Education for Virginia class will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the MH/DS offices at 4825 S. Laburnum Ave.

The class, developed by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, is open to the public. Participation will be limited to the first 50 registrants. To sign up, go to surveymonkey.com/r/9Q35Q6T or call (804) 727-8574. Callers will be asked to leave an email address where they can receive a link to register for the class.

Naloxone is available in Virginia from pharmacists without a prescription, and it can temporarily reverse the toxic effects of an opioid or heroin overdose, allowing time to seek professional medical attention. Naloxone is available in a generic form and under the brand name Narcan. The Revive! class will provide hands-on instruction on how to administer the drug in its nasal spray form.

June 12, 2017

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Parr appointed director of Henrico Social Services

Henrico County Manager John A. Vithoukias has appointed Ty F. Parr to serve as director of the Department of Social Services, effective June 24.



Parr has served Henrico Social Services as its Children's Services Act coordinator since 2014. He will succeed Cynthia J. Steinhauser, who is retiring after serving as director since 2012.

Parr began his career with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice in 1996 and joined Henrico Social Services as a senior social worker in 2008. In 2012, he left to serve as a financial, data and program audit consultant for Virginia's Office of Children's Services.

As director of Social Services, Parr will be responsible for the department's activities, which include providing financial assistance and social services programs that help individuals and families meet their basic needs and increase their independence, and that protect abused and neglected children as well as aged and disabled adults. Social Services will have a budget of \$20.6 million and a staff of 198 for fiscal 2017-18.

Parr holds a Bachelor of Social Work from Radford University and a Master of Public Administration from Strayer University. He is a member of the Virginia Association of Local Human Services Officials, the United Way Education Action Council and the Central Virginia Partnership on Youth.

June 12, 2017

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*Henrico wins National Association of Counties awards for 28 programs
Two initiatives recognized as Brilliant Ideas at Work*

Henrico County departments and agencies have earned 28 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for innovative programs, with two also recognized in the new 100 Brilliant Ideas at Work category.

The County Manager's Office received an Achievement Award and a 100 Brilliant Ideas at Work honor for an initiative to offer virtual town halls. The effort, led by Board of Supervisors Chairman Patricia S. O'Bannon, of the Tuckahoe District, allows residents to watch and participate in public meetings via a live stream over the internet.

The Henrico County Public Library collected both honors for a program that gives young library patrons an intuitive way to find books of interest. The Children's and Teen Neighborhood Collections effort organizes books by subject matter in the children's section and by emotion and mood in the teen section, reflecting how those young users tend to browse for titles.

Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Frank J. Thornton, of the Fairfield District, is expected to accept the awards July 22-23 at the 2017 NACo annual conference in Columbus, Ohio. The NACo Achievement Awards Program recognizes groundbreaking programs and initiatives in 18 service categories, including children and youth, county administration and management, libraries, risk and emergency management, and human services.

Henrico's 28 awards, which stemmed from 33 entries, are the most of any county in Virginia for the 12th consecutive year and the seventh most nationally, behind San Diego County, Calif.; Maricopa County, Ariz.; San Bernardino County, Calif.; Miami-Dade County, Fla.; Los Angeles County, Calif.; and Montgomery County, Md. Those counties have between 1 million and more than 10 million residents; Henrico has about 326,000 residents, according to U.S. Census Bureau estimates.

With two programs recognized in the Brilliant Ideas at Work category, Henrico tied Loudoun County for the most in Virginia.

"Henrico is recognized across the country as a great place to live, and it's no accident that the county's general government also stands among the best," County Manager John A. Vitoulkas said. "Each day, our employees accept the challenge to do all they can to improve the quality of services to our residents. NACo's annual awards program gives us a chance to gauge how well we are innovating and adapting to the needs of our dynamic community."

Henrico has earned 604 NACo awards since 1985. The awards in 2017 recognize the efforts of nine general government departments and Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS). HCPS collected nine awards, while Henrico County Public Library earned four awards — more than any other Henrico department or agency. Human Resources earned at least one award for the 31st 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 at henrico.us/manager/programs/naco-awards.

- Field of Dreams, Henrico County Public Schools
- Loving: A School's Behind-the-Scenes Role in a Major Motion Picture, Henrico County Public Schools
- Springer Preschool Academy: Summer with Friends, Henrico County Public Schools
- The "One Lunch" Menu: Improved Learning, Collaboration and Community, Henrico County Public Schools
- Local Government 101: Youth Educational Program, County Manager's Office

- The Zika Working Group and Pick-a-Day to Fight-the-Bite Initiative, Department of Public Works
- Crisis Intervention Team Mentoring Program, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services
- Fire Command Officer Exchange Program, Division of Fire
- Pre-Sentencing Jail Diversion Program, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services
- Residential Fire Risk Identification, Division of Fire
- Streamlined Business Tax Non-Filer Resolution Process, Department of Finance
- The Role of the LPN in Community Education, Henrico County Public Schools
- Client Art Project — An Initiative of the Health and Wellness Committee, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services
- Coding for Success: Web Development and Programming Collaboration, Henrico County Public Schools
- Digital Citizenship Program, Henrico County Public Schools
- Schoology, Henrico County Public Schools
- Students Giving Back: Technology Training and Refurbishment Program, Henrico County Public Schools
- Virtual Town Halls: Government at Your Fingertips, County Manager's Office
- Children's and Teen Neighborhood Collections, Henrico County Public Library
- Community Authors Showcase: Library Promotes Local Authors With "Self-Serve" Events, Henrico County Public Library
- Heritage Wall: A Personal Interaction with Local History, Henrico County Public Library
- Nature Study: Connecting Families to the Outdoors Through the Public Library, Henrico County Public Library
- Creating a Culture of Leadership: Public Works Leadership Discussion Group, Department of Public Works
- Employee Academy: Engaging Employees at All Levels of the Organization, Department of Human Resources
- Unified Workforce Environmental Awareness Training, Department of Human Resources
- Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive Transportation Report Process Improvements, Department of Planning
- A Focus on Customer and Employee Safety — Critical Incident Response Program, Police Division
- Fire Apparatus Diesel Particulate Filter Reprocessing, Division of Fire

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Henrico launches bouncebackhc.com to confront heroin, opioid threat

With help from students at two of its high schools, Henrico County has developed a website to call attention to the dangers of heroin and opioid use and to highlight resources available to individuals in recovery.

The Henrico Heroin Task Force launched bouncebackhc.com to provide a clearinghouse of information about an epidemic that is plaguing Henrico and other communities across Virginia and the United States. Nationally, the number of fatal overdoses from heroin and other opioids — including prescription painkillers such as OxyContin and Vicodin — has now surpassed deaths from automobile accidents, said Leslie Martin Stephen, program manager for Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services.

“Opiate use in our community is rampant,” she said. “This new website puts potentially lifesaving information at your fingertips. We want to help our community, including friends, neighbors, coworkers and loved ones, recover or ‘bounce back’ from addiction or, better yet, avoid it altogether.”

The website provides timely information about addiction, including potential signs of heroin or opioid use, as well as treatment options, local resources, upcoming training opportunities and other events as well as state and local statistics on overdoses.

Fully launched this month, the website was designed in part by students at the Advanced Career Education Center at Hermitage High School. The site features a video produced by students from Deep Run High School that highlights individuals in recovery as well as participants of the ORBIT Program. The Henrico Sheriff’s Office started the program in 2015 to provide step-by-step guidance to help jail inmates overcome an addiction to opiates. ORBIT stands for Opiate Recovery by Intensive Tracking.

“Task force members recognized from the outset that we need to engage students and their families because this horrific epidemic threatens every segment of society,” Stephen said. “By having students help with the website and video, we hope to give them — and their families and peers — the information they need to avoid these dangerous, highly addictive drugs.”

The Heroin Task Force also is printing 30,000 refrigerator magnets that will feature the website’s logo and address. Emergency responders will leave a magnet after treating someone following an overdose, giving the individual and his or her family access to information to support recovery.

County Manager John A. Vithoukas established the task force in May 2016 to ensure the county has a comprehensive, coordinated response to the heroin and opioid epidemic. The group includes representatives of various agencies, including Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services, Henrico Health District, the Police and Fire divisions, the Sheriff’s and Commonwealth’s Attorney’s offices, Henrico County Public Schools, Community Corrections and Circuit Court.

