



HENRICO COUNTY VIRGINIA

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Henrico County employee B.R. Carson, a member of the county staff for more than 30 years, has won the seventh annual Excellence in Public Service Award. County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. presented the award during a ceremony Jan. 23.

The Excellence in Public Service Award recognizes a general government employee who consistently demonstrates and exemplifies outstanding public service. Nominees are chosen by their co-workers; only one of Henrico's more than 3,770 general government employees receives the award each year.

Carson began his Henrico career in the Division of Police and has been a staff member of the Department of Information Technology since 1978. He currently serves as an Information Technology project manager, leading the team responsible for Police, Fire and jail operations. His work has involved the development and support of a number of key software applications for the county's public safety agencies, including the E-911 system; Police's reporting system and mobile data initiative; and the traffic reporting system on the county Web site.

"Although the Department of Information Technology may not interact directly with the public, everything it does affects the lives of Henrico residents," Hazelett said. "(Carson) has always realized this fact and made it part of his work ethic."

Carson said he draws great satisfaction from working with Henrico's public safety personnel and from the public-service aspects of his job.

"Every time you hear a siren in Henrico, our software is being put to the test and is helping our dispatchers, detectives and emergency responders do their jobs," he said. "It is very fulfilling to know that your work is serving the public. That's what we strive to do."

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Henrico County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. has appointed Karen K. Mier director of the Division of Recreation and Parks, effective Jan. 24.



Mier, who most recently served as the division's assistant director, succeeds former director Wes Malcomb, who retired Jan. 9.

As director, Mier will oversee an agency with nearly 160 full-time employees and a budget of \$15 million. She will manage Henrico's extensive park system, which features more than 3,500 acres, 150 recreation structures and an 18-hole public golf course. She also will direct Recreation and Parks' array of programs for county residents, including sports, therapeutics, nature, historic preservation, cultural arts and special events. Last year, some 268,000 people participated in the 13,700 programs offered by the division.

Mier, a county staff member since 1976, has more than 30 years of experience in the recreation field. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Virginia Commonwealth University and is a member of both the National and Virginia Recreation and Park societies.

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The Henrico County Board of Supervisors has elected Varina District Supervisor James B. Donati, Jr. as chairman and Three Chopt District Supervisor David A. Kaechele as vice chairman for 2007.



Chairman
Varina District Supervisor
James B. Donati, Jr.



Vice Chairman
Three Chopt District Supervisor
David A. Kaechele

Donati and Kaechele were elected at the board's regular meeting Tuesday. They will each serve a one-year term.

Donati, a native of Henrico County, has represented the Varina District since his election to the board of supervisors in 1991. He begins his fourth term as board chairman. He has served on a number of national, regional and local governmental organizations, including the Capital Region Airport Commission, the Henricus Foundation advisory board, the Maymont Foundation board of directors, the James River Advisory Council and steering committees for the Virginia Association of Counties and the National Association of Counties. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Donati owns WhiteOak Turf Care, a landscaping company.

First elected as Three Chopt District supervisor in 1979, Kaechele also has served on a variety of governmental and civic boards and organizations, including the National Association of Counties, the Virginia Association of Counties, the Richmond Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Capital Region Airport Commission, the Greater Richmond Partnership and the Richmond Metropolitan Authority Stadium Operating Committee. Kaechele, a retired senior development engineer for Reynolds Metals Company, is a graduate of Michigan State University and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

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