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Forsyth County Honored with 2016 North Carolina Safety Awards

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Forsyth County government was recently recognized by the North Carolina Department of Labor for its work place safety achievements and the ongoing success of the county's safety programs. Safety Awards were presented to 23 county departments during an awards luncheon at the Cross Creek Country Club in Mount Airy on June 26. The awards were presented by North Carolina Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry.

The coveted Safety Awards are given to employers that have outstanding employee safety and health programs. Employers must have at least ten employ-

ees to qualify for the award and must meet two requirements. The work site must be free of fatalities and the injury and illness rate must be 50 percent below the industry average for the particular work group. The awards are based on data from OSHA's form 300A which is prepared annually in accordance with Federal regulations.

Paul Fulton, Forsyth County's Chief Financial Officer said "Recognition for providing a safe working environment for its employees is one of the highest honors an employer can receive. These awards are directly attributable to the professionalism of our employees and the dedication of Forsyth County's leadership."

This is the fourth consecutive year that

Forsyth County has been recognized. County departments receiving awards were:

- *County Attorney
- *County Manager/Commissioners Office
- *Emergency Services - EMS
- *Emergency Services - Fire
- *Environmental Assistance and Protection
- *Finance Department
- *General Services - Administration
- *General Services - Automotive Services
- *Library Administration
- *Library - Southside Branch Library
- *Library - Malloy/Jordan East Winston

- Heritage Center Branch Library
- *Library - Reynolda Branch Library
- *Management Information Services
- *Parks & Recreation Administration
- *Parks & Recreation - Tanglewood Park
- *Parks & Recreation - Triad Park
- *Public Health - Highland Ave
- *Public Health Administration
- *Register of Deeds
- *Sheriff's Office - Public Safety Center
- *Sheriff's Office - Law Enforcement Detention Center
- *Social Services
- *Tax Office



Winners shine

Scholarship recipients and family members pose with members of the Minsters' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity and The Chronicle after the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Seed Fund Scholarship Award service at St. John C.M.E. Church in Winston-Salem recently. Scholarship award recipients (in alphabetical order of last name) are: Alexander Henry Choyce, Andrew Denard Cuthrell, Kyndal Dionne Dodd, Jeremiah Terrell Gallant, Nazjah Nicole McBride, Allyson Kristina Pannell, Amber LaRosso Peppers, Chamberlain William Russell, Devin Terry Singleton, Tatyanna Smith and Justin Stephon Walker.

Teen Lawn Care program running strong in 2nd year

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The Teen Lawn Care program, operated by UNITY Neighborhood Association, is reaching its full stride. The program, which was funded by Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods (NBN) for the second consecutive year, is nearing the midway point of its yard-cutting season.

The program received a grant for \$5,000 - the same amount granted last year - to continue its operation. Last year only five teenagers were a part of the program because of the capital outlay for equipment. Since now it already has equipment, this year a total of 14 teenagers ages 13-18 from the Bowen Park area have been chosen to participate. The participants must go through a three-hour orientation and safety program before they are allowed to operate the equipment.

Each of the participants is trained to operate a lawnmower, weed-eater, blower and use a rake. Most of them have not previously operated any of the equipment. Dorothy Bonner,

president of UNITY, said the teenagers are gaining

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great hands-on experience.

"We are teaching these teens the value of hard work," Bonner said. "They are learning so many valuable things, including how to take care of their own lawns. And hopefully, they will learn about managing money."

The program solicits area residents to allow the Teen Lawn Care program to cut their lawns. In return for their services, they ask for residents to make a \$20 donation.

"I've been waiting for them to get started again this year," said Charlie Clemmons, a community resident. "They cut my yard last year and they did a really good job. I told a couple of the young ladies that I wish my granddaughter was here to see them because they are setting a good example in this com-

munity."

Shakara Johnson, who was in the program last year, said she learned a lot last year and is learning more this summer.

"I have enjoyed being in the program," she said. "I learned a lot about how to use lawn care equipment and it's also fun to work with other people who are near my age to accomplish things together."

Bonner said the program is still looking for more yards to cut.

"We would like to expand our program in the future," she said. "The funds that are donated will allow us to offer more kids an opportunity to participate with us."

Sam Davis, program supervisor, said he sees how the program is affecting the entire community.

"People are starting to take notice," he said. "They see positive things happening with our youth and realize that there are some teenagers out here in this community who don't mind getting their hands dirty and doing work. It is good that these teenagers are putting sweat equity into their community and everyone benefits."

Volunteers and donations needed for July homeless count

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Volunteers are needed to help with the Homeless Point-in-Time identification and counting of people who are sleeping outside on Wednesday, July 27, in Winston-Salem and the surrounding areas.

The Homeless Point-in-Time Count is a one day, unduplicated count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families in Forsyth County. The count, coordinated

by United Way of Forsyth County and the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Homeless Council, helps determine the extent of homelessness in our community. The data collected is used to plan services for the homeless throughout the year.

Volunteers will be organized into groups of four or five and in two shifts, 9 p.m.-12 a.m. and 1 a.m.-4 a.m.

Organizers will be assembling bags of neces-

sities to hand out to homeless men and women and are seeking donations of baseball caps/sun visors, individual tissue packets, sun screen, bottled water, canned foods with pop-tops or pre-packaged food, and plastic utensils. Volunteers may register by visiting www.forsythunitedway.org

Donations can be delivered to United Way of Forsyth County at 301 N. Main St. in Winston-Salem.

PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS DO'S & DON'TS

DO:

- Supervise children at all times-even at lifeguarded pools. Kids drown in seconds and they can go under silently.
- Know where lifesaving equipment is kept and the location of the emergency phone.
- Make sure that the water is clear and has little odor. Ask about water chemistry.
- Make sure the fence and gates are in good working order. Notice that main drain covers are visible, secure and in good repair.
- Shower before swimming.

DON'T:

- Allow children to swim with soiled swim diapers. Take them on regular restroom breaks.
- Horseplay or "Dunk" each other.

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