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Clean Community Commission to Recognize Clean Businesses

Nominations accepted through March

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA (January 13, 2011) — Have you ever gone to a business in Suffolk and noticed how clean it was? If so, the Suffolk Clean Community Commission wants to know about it.

This year, the Commission will recognize six clean businesses in the city. The Suffolk Clean Business Awards will be presented in April 2011 in recognition of Earth Day. Nominations are being accepted January 1, 2011- March 4, 2011. Nomination forms are available on the city's website, www.suffolk.va.us, under the Litter Control tab on the Public Works page. Forms can also be picked up from the Public Works Operations Complex, located at 866 Carolina Rd.

In addition to the forms, Clean Community Commissioners will visit various businesses during the nomination period. Commissioners will observe how businesses are maintained and kept exceptionally clean, both inside and outside.

A clean business makes for a clean community. Whether the business is landscaped with annuals or the inside is litter free, it qualifies to be potentially recognized by the Commission.

The awards program is one of several initiatives the Commission will launch this year to Keep Suffolk Beautiful! Established in the 1980's, the Commission's mission is to promote public interest in the general improvement of the environment; to initiate, plan and coordinate programs for litter control; and to encourage the placing, planting and/or preservation of trees, flowers, plants, shrubs and other objects of ornamentation.

For more information on the awards, please contact Hattie Lester, Litter Control Coordinator at 757-514-7604.

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