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HANOVER -- Battersea Foundation ready to purchase estate

Wrapping up the first year of its fundraising campaign, Securing Battersea, the Battersea Foundation is poised to assume ownership of the majestic, Colonial-era estate on the banks of the [Appomattox River](#) in [Petersburg](#).

The foundation will present a check to the city of [Petersburg](#) for the purchase of the property at a public ceremony on **Tuesday** at 5 p.m.

Board President Alexander "Sandy" Graham will represent the foundation and share its future plans, which include a training program for historic preservation trades and ongoing educational events and workshops.

Youths needed to serve on Chesterfield board

The county's Youth Planning and Development Department is seeking youths to serve on the [Youth Services Citizen Board](#). The board is made up of a junior and a senior from each high school and an adult representative from each magisterial district. Board members attend monthly meetings and help plan programs throughout the year.

The following positions are available: Meadowbrook High, rising junior; Matoaca High, rising junior; Midlothian High, rising junior; Thomas Dale High, rising junior; Community High, rising junior and senior; L.C. Bird High, rising junior and senior.

To download an application, visit [chesterfield.gov](#), under Government, click boards and commissions on the tab list to the left and scroll to bottom for Youth Services Citizen Board. Applications must be mailed to Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Attn. Janice Blakley, P.O. Box 40, [Chesterfield, VA 23832](#) or faxed to (804) 717-6297 by **June 27**. For details, call (804) 796-7100.

Cooling aid program kicking off in Hanover

Application forms for the cooling assistance program offered by the [Hanover County Department of Social Services](#) are available at the office.

The Hanover DSS will start processing applications for its cooling assistance program on **Wednesday**. This program runs through Aug. 15 or until the money is gone.

Cooling assistance, offered through the Virginia Department of Social Services' Energy Assistance Program, helps eligible households meet costs related to cooling one's home.

Aid is based on the availability of funds and is first-come, first-served.

The Energy Assistance application has been updated and must be used to apply for cooling assistance. It can be requested by calling the Hanover DSS at 365-4100 or on the Web at [www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea/cooling/index.cgi](#).

Completed applications can be mailed, faxed to 365-4110 or returned in person; however, applications that are received before Wednesday cannot be accepted due to state Social Services' rules. All applications must be signed by the applicant.

The Hanover DSS is at 12304 Washington Highway, Ashland, VA 23005. Applications also can be sent to the new DSS satellite office at 8475 Bell Creek Road in [Mechanicsville](#).

For more information about the cooling assistance program, call the Hanover DSS at 365-4100 or stop by the office.