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# City employees recognized for Helping “Team Up to Clean Up”

Rockingham County Board of Commissioners’ Chairman Mark Richardson honored City of Reidsville employees and local citizens as “Team Up To Clean Up” Champions at the Reidsville City Council meeting September 12.

Chairman Richardson presented a framed Certificate of Appreciation that stated “In Recognition of Your Time and Effort Contributed During ‘Team Up to Clean Up’ held August 26, 2017 at Reidsville



**Rockingham County Board of Commissioners Chairman Mark Richardson, left, presents Reidsville Mayor Jay Donecker with a framed certificate recognizing the help of City employees and Reidsville citizens in “Team Up to Clean Up” at four local schools Aug. 26. Also pictured are, from left: Councilman Donald Gorham; City Marketer Judy Yarbrough; Councilwoman Sherri Walker; City Human Resources Director Terri Rivers; Mayor Pro Tem Harry Brown; and Councilman Tom Balsley.**

Schools. Your Example sets a Standard for the Entire County and Recognizes Each of You as ‘Team Up to Clean Up’ Champions!”

Rockingham County Government and the Rockingham County Schools jointly held the clean up at Reidsville High School, Reidsville Middle, Moss Street and South End Elementary Schools the Saturday before school started back on August 28. Some 100 City of Reidsville employees, family and friends joined other Reidsville citizens to clean up and paint the four schools.

“Having been a former school principal, I can tell you for sure that the essence of having community involved in the schools makes everything run better and performance increase,” Chairman Richardson said.

Prior to the presentation by Chairman Richardson, City Marketer Judy Yarbrough and Human Resources Director Terri Rivers discussed both the mechanics of how the City got involved in the project as well as describing the richness of the experience for employees.

“We appreciate the opportunity to give back to our community,” said Rivers, who talked about the importance of the City’s involvement and by extension, that of City of Reidsville employees. Each department and every demographic of City staff, including retirees, were well represented, working alongside staff members at the schools, she said. The school employees

obviously appreciated the help, and they all worked hard to get the assigned tasks done, she added.

While the City Manager offered those who volunteered an incentive on behalf of their insurance program by getting wellness points, Rivers noted that many of those who worked didn't need the points but just wanted to be there. She told "feel good" stories of employees going the extra mile by coming in Friday night to move mulch to make it easier for others to spread on Saturday or going past lunch break to make sure a job got done.



**Councilman Tom Balsley** makes remarks at the "Adopt-A-Spot" presentation to Coach Jimmy Teague, RHS Principal Ann Mitchell and football team members. Also looking on are Mayor Pro Tem Harry Brown and Councilwoman Sherri Walker, at left.

Rivers talked of the "giving spirit" experienced on the work day and expressed the appreciation of employees to the Council for allowing them to take the time and to the schools for allowing them to take part in the clean up.

In thanking Yarbrough and Rivers as employee representatives, Mayor Jay Donecker said, "We need to send a message to our community about how supportive we are of the schools. You are certainly the best ambassadors for that."

Also, at 9 a.m. on August 26, the City of Reidsville recognized Reidsville High School Football Coach Jimmy Teague and the football team for agreeing to "Adopt-A-Spot" for trash pickup across from the main school entrance on South Park Drive. The presentation was made as part of the clean up at the high school.