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Tattered highway program runs aground; projects to be halted

Gov. Mark R. Warner and his transportation team have seen the future and it is bleak. Between now and the end of the 2002 legislative session the new administration has committed to “reconciling the (transportation) budget and matching it to a more realistic highway program, including revising the advertisement schedule while taking into account the budget shortfall, keeping close ties on the cash forecast (and ensuring more accurate cost estimates ...” That was the language used in a Jan. 21 Virginia Department of Transportation memorandum. As a part of this reconciliation, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) likely will stop and/or reprioritize projects currently in the Six Year Plan. Local leaders will feel the effects of these actions.

It is clear from recent statements about available and projected revenues that the previous administration inaccurately reported available and projected transportation revenues and added projects to the Six Year Plan without accurately accounting for available and projected revenues. Recently proposed state budget amendments and revised federal funding estimates — both of which will negatively affect the Six Year Plan — serve to compound the problems facing the new governor, the CTB, VDOT, local governments and the transportation road building industry.

In a positive development, albeit related to process, the administration has committed to advertising and adopting the fiscal year

2003 Six Year Plan before the start of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2002. The new leaders, who include Secretary of Transportation Whittington W. Clement and Interim VDOT Commissioner Ray D. Pethel, are committed to forthrightly communicating with the legislature and local governments as they work through the funding problems.

Chronology of events affecting transportation funding

Dec. 18, 2001. The CTB adopts the Virginia Transportation Development Plan or Six Year Plan for fiscal year 2002 that began on July 1, 2001. On Dec. 19, then Gov. Jim Gilmore releases the state’s fiscal years 2002 and 2003-04 revenue estimates and his proposed budgets. To help balance the state’s budget he proposes reducing and borrowing against highway funding to the

tune of approximately \$1 billion. The action includes withholding a transfer of more than \$220 million from the state’s General Fund to the transportation program and transferring — and replacing with debt — more than \$650 million of dedicated highway funds to the General Fund (\$317 million in fiscal year 2003 and \$335 million in fiscal year 2004). This action effectively places into question the validity of the Six Year Plan.

VDOT reports that the plan may be over-committed, or under funded, by as much as \$3 billion (over the life of the plan). The



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Senate Finance Committee reports that at the current rate and by fiscal year 2004, state funding or cash will represent only 10 percent of highway construction funding statewide while federal support will represent more than 56 percent and debt will represent more than 34 percent.

Jan. 17, 2002. Gov. Mark Warner appears before the CTB stating that "the Virginia Department of Transportation suffers from 'very serious' financial problems and has maintained a six-year highway development plan that is more of a 'wish list' than a realistic plan ..." The new administration finds that on-average, and for the last seven months of 2001, construction awards are 92 percent greater than original estimates. In 2000, similar estimates initially were reported by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission. Warner outlines several specific steps to address the identified problems, including directing VDOT to adjust the six-year plan to "reflect reduced revenues available..." and to require greater accuracy in projecting project costs.

Jan. 21. As directed by Warner, VDOT Commissioner Pethel provides Transportation Secretary Clement with a memorandum entitled: "Approach to the update of the Six Year Plan." The approach includes:

Providing appropriate funding for VDOT's Maintenance Program. In the current fiscal year, VDOT has borrowed more than \$100 million from the construction fund to support maintenance activities. Additionally, the previous administration, in an attempt to deflate annual expenditures, flat-lined maintenance costs

in the out-years of the Six Year Plan, whereas actual costs have been rising on average by more than 4 percent a year.

Creating a realistic and achievable Six Year Plan. As stated in the memorandum: "Districts are identifying projects that cannot be delivered in six years; [and] projects that can be delivered (not funding constrained) will be listed in priority order." Priority criteria will include: safety; mobility and intermodality; economic development; environmental/cultural improvement; and projects under construction.

Establishing criteria to evaluate Public Private Transportation Act Proposals. This evaluation includes evaluating VDOT's debt capacity.

Jan. 22. Warner proposes his amendments to the budgets of 2002 and 2003-2004. His actions include transferring \$317 million from the highway fund to the state's General Fund and replacing it with \$400 million in additional debt authority (Federal Revenue Anticipation Notes or FRANs). He commits, however, not to transfer more than \$335 million of highway funds to the state's General Fund in fiscal year 2004.

Week of Jan. 21. Virginia's transportation leaders learns that due to lower than anticipated federal revenues, including federal gas tax receipts, Virginia stands to lose between \$200 million and \$300 million in fiscal year 2003. Each of the 50 states will be affected.

Jan. 26. The *Richmond Times-Dispatch* reports that "...[VDOT] intends to delay or stop up to 183 highway projects underway or planned to start this summer..." The projects total more than \$200 million. ❖

Bills of interest to local government defeated

Manufactured housing bill carried over

A bill that would have required localities to treat double-wide trailers the same as single-family homes has been carried over until next year at the request of the patron.

This means that HB1212 (Suit) will not be an issue for the remainder of this session. It will, however, be an issue in 2002. The bill was carried over during a hearing on Friday, Jan. 25, in the House Counties Cities & Towns Committee. The Virginia Housing Study Commission will likely take jurisdiction over the bill. VML will work on it for next session.

This is a major victory for local governments in their efforts to maintain local control over land-use matters. The committee pulled the bill from further consideration after its members began to hear substantial opposition from local officials and citizens.

Meet & confer bill dies

The House Commerce & Labor committee voted 12-9 to pass by indefinitely a bill that would have provided that public employee groups may form associations for the purpose of *discussing their interests with*

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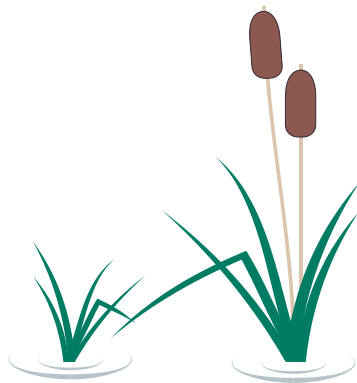
the employing agency whenever the employing agency agrees to do so.

Current statute provides that employees may form associations for the purpose of promoting their interests before the employing agency. VML opposed to the bill —

HB145 (Darner) — because it created an avenue to the bargaining table for organized labor. Thanks to those of you who made calls in opposition — *it makes a big difference.*



Natural resources agencies describe budget crisis fallout



Across-the-board budget cuts would have a severe effect on the agencies charged with protecting the state's natural resources. That was the assessment Secretary of Natural Resources Tayloe Murphy gave members of the House Appropriations Committee's Natural Resources Subcommittee on Jan. 17. Murphy was asked to quantify the effects of the budget proposed by former Gov. Jim Gilmore and other proposed budget reductions.

Murphy explained that these state agencies receive less than 1% of the general fund budget, and that the marginal impacts of budget cuts are severe. He asked the subcommittee to analyze and evaluate state agency programs individually, rather than institute across-the-board budget cuts.

Bill Woodfin, director of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, told the subcommittee that the proposed

diversion of \$1.5 million in money from the game protection fund to the state's general fund puts at risk matching federal funding for his agency.

Representatives from the Department of Conservation and Recreation explained that cutting \$6.1 million from state park general funds would require closing 27 of 34 state parks. In addition, 112 professional and 700 part-time and seasonal staff would be laid off.

Although the Gilmore budget proposal replaced some of this general fund cut with "HB 38 Funds" (sales tax on sporting goods), it would not be enough to close the funding gap.

Bob Burnley, director of the Department of Environmental Quality, told the subcommittee that proposed general fund reductions for DEQ will total more than \$21 million for the fiscal years 2001-2004 period. He noted that about \$6.2 million of this reduction could be offset by permit fee increases proposed in the Gilmore budget. ❖

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December revenue report disappointing

The December 2001 revenue report, released Jan. 11, showed that fiscal year 2002's growth is the lowest rate for the first half of a fiscal year since fiscal year 1990. December's receipts were lower than expected, declining by 3 percent. Slumping withholding collections and the decline in corporate income tax payments were blamed for the disappointing numbers.

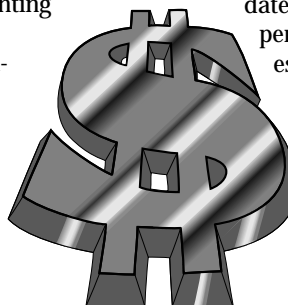
While the national unemployment rate rose to 5.8 percent, the November unemployment rate in Virginia was 3.6 percent — lower than the national

rate, but the highest since Sept. 1997.

Individual income tax collections were 3.5 percent lower than last year. For the first half of the fiscal year, collections grew at 0.6 percent, which is ahead of the revised annual forecast of a 0.2 percent decline.

Withholding collections fell by one percent compared to last December, and year-to-date growth of 3.1 percent is 1.8 percentage points behind the revised estimate of 4.9 percent growth.

On a brighter note, sales tax collections, which represent November activity, increased 14.1 percent. Year-to-date growth is 1.5 percent. ❖



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HB 599 projected distributions released

Local governments may see the proposed distribution for HB 599 funding in fiscal years 2003 and 2004 on the Department of Criminal Justice's website. The web address is <http://info.dcjs.stat.va.us>. Click the option for HB 599 funding.

The proposed distributions shown on this web page are based upon adjusted FY 2002 allocations. The formula used to generate these figures used 2000 Census data as well as updated public safety and

social services data. The result is that approximately 65 localities experience some level of decrease in funding in FY 03 as opposed to FY 02. Many rebound in FY 04, but some allocations continue to be lower than their FY 02 allocations because of the adjusted demographic data in the formula.

Please keep in mind that these are just proposed numbers – the General Assembly and governor could act to amend these numbers in the coming weeks. ❖

Top environmental officials named

The new state secretary of natural resources is W. Tayloe Murphy Jr.; Robert G. Burnley has been named to head the Department of Environmental Quality. Murphy was a member of the House of Delegates for 18 years and served three times as chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Commission. His environmental record includes helping to steer the Water Quality Improvement Act through the General Assembly, assisting farmers and local governments fund sewage treatment improvements, and supporting new standards for sewage management.

Burnley is a former DEQ director of program support and evaluation. He left the agency in 1977 to take a position with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership. From 1991 to 1993, he was the deputy executive director of the State Water Control Board.

Gov. Mark R. Warner made both appointments. Earlier this month, Warner also named David Paylor, another former State Water Control Board staff member, as deputy secretary of natural resources. Paylor had served as director of program coordination for DEQ since 1998. ❖

New bay program web page for local governments launched

To assist local officials in their Chesapeake Bay-related activities, the Chesapeake Bay Program has developed an easy-to-use web page dedicated to local governments.

The page is available at [http://www.chesapeakebay.net/](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/index_localgovt.cfm)

[index_localgovt.cfm](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/index_localgovt.cfm). The site offers information on many bay topics and issues, including the Chesapeake Bay Local Government Advisory Panel, a multi-state advisory group chaired by Henrico County Board of Supervisors member Patricia S. O'Bannon. ❖

IN CONGRESS

House passes infrastructure security legislation

The House of Representatives recently passed the Water Infrastructure Security and Research Development Act. H.R. 3178, passed by the House on Dec. 18, would authorize the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to fund research, development and demonstration projects for the security of water infrastructure. Companion legislation (S. 1593) is being considered in the Senate.

The bill's goal is to develop technologies for response and recovery from biological, chemical, and radiological contamination of water supply systems, and to improve the security of water systems. The legislation calls for a \$12 million disbursement to the EPA for each of the next five years. ❖

ETCETERA

ICMA seeks case studies for brownfields

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) is seeking applications from local governments interested in participating in its case study "Local Government and Community Engagement in Brownfields Redevelopment."

The EPA-funded project will document local government policies and practices in

conducting community outreach and education, including the specific techniques used to engage and inform community members.

For more information or to request an application to participate in the study, contact Riti Dhesi at 202/962-3657 or e-mail, rdhesi@icma.org. ❖

Grants available for urban park rehabilitation

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery grants for the rehabilitation of existing neighborhood recreation areas and facilities are available, according to the National Park Service.

NPS will award \$28.9 million in UPARR grants in 2002. Grants ranging up to \$1 million are awarded on a 70/30 federal-local matching basis, and may be used to remodel, rebuild, or develop existing outdoor or indoor recreation.

The list of eligible jurisdictions in

Virginia includes Charlottesville, Danville, Lynchburg, Newport News, Norfolk, Petersburg, Portsmouth, Richmond and Suffolk. Some funding is also available for local governments located within Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas that are not on the list of eligible jurisdictions.

Preapplications are due by March 29. The UPARR Preapplication Handbook is available online at <http://www.nps.gov/uparr>. For more information, contact Wayne Strum with NPS at 202/565-1200. ❖

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Longer version of job ads posted at www.vml.org

Because of the large number of requests it receives to publish job advertisements, VML reduces the length of the of position descriptions in Update. A full version of all of the job listings published here appears on VML's web site at www.vml.org. Visit the VML site and click on "Marketplace" to read the complete description.

Director of Community Development, West Point

SALARY: \$30,000-\$35,000 negotiable (+) benefits. Develop and manage master planning process for 3,360 pop. town. Dept. head charged with: providing professional advice to town council, town manager and appointed boards on land-use related matters, including maintenance of comprehensive plan; updating and drafting ordinances; serving as zoning administrator; interpreting and enforcing compliance w/ land use and environmental laws. Familiarity with ESRI GIS preferred. Town employment application, resume and 3 references to: Anthony J. Romanello, Town Manager,

P.O. Box 152, 329 Sixth St., West Point, VA 23181. Call 804/843-3330 for an application. Open until filled.

Airport Manager, Franklin

SALARY: \$25,469-\$38,204 (+) benefits. H.S. graduate or equiv. w/ extensive exper. in airport mngmnt. Must have thorough knowledge of airport operations, maintenance and occupational hazards of the facility; ability to keep accurate records and prepare reports and budget; work independently in performance of regular duties; prepares and analyzes written and computer data. Must be familiar with FAA and Virginia Department of Aviation regs. Must relocate to Franklin area or live within 15-miles radius of Franklin Municipal Airport and possess valid Va. driver's license. Pre-employment screening req. For a full job description/application contact the Personnel Department, 221 Progress Parkway, Franklin, VA 23851. Tel: 757/562-8508. Only those applicants selected for interview will be contacted. Deadline: Feb. 15. EOE.

Firefighter / EMT, Franklin

SALARY: \$25,469 (+) benefits, including tuition reimbursement and career development incentives. Min. reqs. include H.S. diploma or equiv., valid Va. driver's license. Must have ability to pass a written test and thorough background investigation. Certifications as

Va. EMT, FFII, Hazardous Materials Operations and EVOC desirable. Franklin is combination career/volunteer department operating out of two stations. Provides fire protection, EMS-ALS transport, and hazardous materials response to city of Franklin and portions of Southampton and Isle of Wight counties. For a full job description/application contact the Personnel Department, 221 Progress Parkway, Franklin, VA 23851. Tel: 757/562-8508. Only those applicants selected for interview will be contacted. Deadline: Feb. 4. EOE.

Police Chief, Hillsville

SALARY: \$34,382-\$54,125 (Group IV) Bachelor's degree in law enforcement, public administration or related field and extensive admin. exper. in police service with a current certification from an accredited academy. Extensive exper. w/ progressive youth, crime prevention and community oriented programs. At least 4 yrs. of command, personnel and bdtg. mngmnt. exper., including familiarity with federal and state purchasing guidelines in either a state or local govt. police dept. Residency req. within 6 mos. of employment. For complete position description and to make application (resume, town application and letter of interest req.) w/ references

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and salary reqs., contact Mayor Ivan M. Taylor at Town of Hillsville, P.O. Box 545, 410 N. Main St., Hillsville, VA 24343, tel: 276-728-2128. Deadline: March 1. EOE.

Transportation Planner/ Engineer, Harrisonburg

SALARY: \$38,300-\$41,300 DOQ (+) benefits hiring range. (Pop. 40,000 +) Seeking enthusiastic team-oriented professional with strong leadership abilities. Newly created FT position involves coordination of transportation and safety projects with city departments, including Police, Public Works, Transportation and Community Development. Applications may be downloaded from: www.ci.harrisonburg.va.us. Submit application, resume and salary history to: Human Resources Department, City of Harrisonburg, 345 S. Main St., Harrisonburg, VA 22801. (#241-4) Initial review of applications to begin Feb. 25. Open until filled. EOE.

Zoning Administrator, Petersburg

SALARY: \$28,221-\$45,751. (Pop. 33,740) Seeking land-use planner w/exper. in administration and enforcement of a local zoning ordinance, administration and enforcement of soil erosion and sedimentation control regulations, general planning skills to provide staff support to the Board of Zoning Appeals and to assist with the application of planning and subdivision regulations. Submit application and/or resume and requests for needed accommodations to: City of Petersburg, Human Resources Department, 103 W. Tabb St., Petersburg, VA 23803. See www.petersburg.va.org. Deadline: Feb. 8. EOE.

Building Inspector, King and Queen County

SALARY: \$24,000 (+) benefits. FT in Building Inspection Dept. Conducts routine and complex inspections of bldgs. and structures under construction, alteration or repair for compliance with Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code and other codes and regs. Reqs. thorough knowledge of bldg. trade at journeymen level, and ability to recognize deviations from plans and specs. Must obtain certification from Va. BHCD as Combination One & Two Family inspector within 3 yrs. of employment. For county application (required) contact county administrator's office, Allen Circle, P.O.

Box 177, King & Queen C.H., Va. 23085 or call 804/785-5975. Deadline: Feb. 15.

Superintendent of Public Works, Luray

SALARY: \$36,574-\$51,679 DOQ (+) benefits. Lead and direct public work operations (streets, water, sewer). Reqs. excellent leadership skills and ability to effectively schedule a diverse and progressive workload. Reqs. bachelor's degree in public works management, or related field or professional exper. equiv. to graduation from 4-yr. college or university. Reports to town manager. Send cover letter and resume to: Luray Town Manager, P.O. Box 629, Luray, VA 22835. Phone: 540/743-5511. Deadline: March 15. EOE.

Traffic Engineer, Portsmouth

SALARY: \$48,290. Direct traffic engineering program, including evaluation, planning, design and implementation of traffic control devices. Administer traffic control networks and coordination with other transportation modes and programs. Supervise staff and plan and evaluate traffic engineering services. City application to: City of Portsmouth, Human Resource Management Department, 801 Crawford St., Portsmouth, VA 23704 or to the nearest Virginia Employment Commission office. www.ci.portsmouth.va.us Deadline: Open until filled. EOE.

Assistant City Manager, Lynchburg

SALARY: \$48,630 to start. Work directly with the city manager and deputy city manager to complete managerial assignments relating to overall operation / management of the city. Exercise discretion while operating with considerable autonomy and the authority of the city manager's office. Provides array of experience and opportunity req. to progress to higher-level govt. mngmnt. Resume to: Karen Loughney, Office of Human Resources, City Hall, 900 Church St., Lynchburg, Va. 24505, 804/847-1315. Fax 804/845-4304, or e-mail at loughka@ci.lynchburg.va.us. Visit us at www.ci.lynchburg.va.us. Deadline: Feb. 15. EOE.

Assistant Director of Utilities (2 positions), Norfolk

SALARY \$59,590-\$104,879. Department of Utilities seeks positive, energetic and proactive managers with strong backgrounds in the financial and customer service or operational and technical aspects

of managing a municipal water and wastewater utility. P.E. or CPA licenses desirable. Department provides water to 700,000 customers and sanitary sewer services to 234,000 customers; employs appx. 350 people and has bldgt. of appx. \$80 million. Norfolk residency req. within 6 mos. from hire date. Apply using #2149, to Department of Human Resources, 100 City Hall Bldg., City of Norfolk, Norfolk, VA 23501. Deadline: Feb. 12. EOE

Civil Engineer IV, Norfolk

SALARY: \$49,574-\$79,250. Supervise professional, technical and clerical employees working with water/wastewater design and construction contracts, plans, specifications and cost estimates; prepare and administer operating and capital improvement bldgts. Qualifications: bachelor's degree in civil engineering, and 5 yrs. of increasingly responsible exper. in design and construction of utility facilities, including at least 2 yrs. supervisory exper. or equiv. Reqs. professional engineer's license. Apply, using position #1337, to Department of Human Resources, City of Norfolk, 100 City Hall Bldg., Norfolk, VA 23501. Deadline: Feb. 5. EOE.

Town Manager, Clifton Forge

SALARY: Competitive (+) benefits. (Pop. 4,200) \$4.2 million bldgt. 5-member non-partisan council elected at-large for 4-yr. staggered terms. Reqs. bachelor's degree (MBA/MPA preferred). Strong professional, administrative, leadership and interpersonal skills; record of success in planning, finance, and economic and community development. Increasingly responsible local govt. exper. and history of stable tenure. Resume, work-related references and salary history to: John T. Maxwell, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 1206 Laskin Road, Suite 210, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 or by e-mail to virginiabeach@springsted.com. Telephone 757-422-1711. Deadline: March 15. EOE.

Public Affairs Officer, Alexandria

SALARY: \$42,286-\$62,451 DOQ (+) benefits. Perform full range of professional and technical print and media services citywide; perform complex hands-on writing, editing, proofing, lay-out and communications tasks involved in writing, designing and editing the city's annual report, newsletters and brochures, and other materials disseminated to citizens and city employees. Preferred candidate speaks and writes Spanish. For more info. and req. city

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application, contact 703/838-4422 or for on-line application access <http://ci.alexandria.va.us>. Ref. # 70402. EOE.

Electric Distribution Superintendent, Danville

SALARY: \$44,185-\$49,697. Coordinate, plan and direct line construction and maintenance of power transmission and distribution system for Utility Department's Electric Division. Direct emergency repair operations; oversee switching operations to provide reliable electric service. Apply to: City of Danville, Human Resources, P.O. Box 3300, Danville, VA 24543, the Virginia Employment Commission or see www.ci.danville.va.us for city application. Open until filled. EOE.

Deputy County Administrator, Alleghany County

SALARY: DOQ (+) benefits. Should have thorough knowledge of public administration, budgeting and fiscal practices, purchasing, and management practices. Perform high-level assistance to the county administrator. At least 5 yrs. exper. and/or educ. in public administration, business, personnel management, or related field and some exper. in a staff or administrative position in local gov't. Resumes to: Tammy D. Stephenson, Alleghany County Administrator, 9212 Winterberry Ave., Suite C, Covington, Va. 24426. For additional info., contact Stephenson or Christy Johnson at 540/863-6600. Deadline: Feb. 15. EOE.

Senior Engineer — Capital Projects, Leesburg

SALARY: \$47,549-\$76,078 (+) benefits DOQ. Professional engineering position involves review, project management, scheduling and construction of public works projects. Must be experienced in managing both construction and professional service contracts for capital projects, and overall project management, including scheduling and cost control, and able to read and interpret engineering drawings and specifications. Apply to and request application from the Town of Leesburg, Human Resources Department, 25 W. Market St., Leesburg, VA 20176. Tel: 703/737-7177. See www@leesburgva.org for application. Open until filled. EOE.

Planning Director, Norfolk

SALARY: \$71,078-\$122,914 negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. (Pop. 234,403). Reports to city manager; leads staff of 69 FT employees and is responsible for a \$3 million (+) annual operating budget. Manages operation of Planning and Building Construction Services Divisions, including: planning for economic, physical, human and social development of the city, for neighborhood preservation and improvement, and for transportation services; providing zoning and land-use guidance; supplying information services; and developing and implementing environmental programs. Residency 6 mos. after employment req. Send resume to: Gerald Plock Associates Inc. / Joshua Kim Associates, 7501 Stallion Circle, Flower Mound, TX 75022. Detailed recruitment brochure available. Expedited search process.

E-mail: geraldplock@geraldplockassoc.com. Deadline: Apply immediately. EOE.

Utilities Financial Manager, Stafford County

SALARY: \$44,304 to start (+) benefits. Develops, plans, and manages the county's Utilities Enterprise Fund; identifies, and compiles, operational, maintenance and capital improvement costs; develops utility rate and fee structures; oversees utilities customer service functions. Reqs. bachelor's degree in business, finance, engineering, or related field (MBA with engineering background preferred); extensive experience in local government utilities operations; considerable supervisory experience; computer proficiency. Send county application (required), resume, and cover letter to: Stafford County, Personnel Department, P.O. Box 339, Stafford, VA 22555; fax: 540/658-4597; for application contact 540/658-8628; TTY: 540/658-4534; www.co.stafford.va.us. Open until filled. EOE.

DEADLINES: *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, Feb. 8. Submit ads via e-mail to David Parsons at: dparsons@vml.org. You may also submit via FAX at: 804/343-3758. VML publishes job advertisements at no cost to its local government members. Non-members are charged a flat rate of \$25 per ad per issue, which includes posting on VML's web site and publication in Virginia Town & City (deadlines permitting). VML reserves the right to edit position descriptions because of space limitations.*

CALENDAR

Virginia Water Conference 2002, March 10-12, Virginia Beach

Topical keynote speakers, responsive exhibitors on hand to discuss topics including watersheds, surface and groundwaters, regulation and administration. Registration: \$165 before March 1, \$185 after. Contact: www.vlwa.org, 703/642-5080 or dpearson@gky.com.

Virginia Rural Water Association 14th Annual Training & Technical Exposition, March 18-20, Richmond.

VRWA will host its 14th annual training and technical exposition at the Richmond

Marriott. Topics range from Distribution System Management, VA Agency Updates, SCADA System Basics, Groundwater Rule, Distance Learning and Security to much more. Also, there will be golf, clay shooting and casino. For more details and/or a registration form visit www.vrwa.org or call 540/261-7178.

Virginia Crime Prevention Association 24th Annual Statewide Crime Prevention Conference, March 24-27, Roanoke

At Hotel Roanoke and Convention Center. Theme is "Crime Prevention for a Better Tomorrow." Broad mix of plenary sessions and training workshops. Keynote speaker A. Roger Ekirch of Virginia Tech will present on "Night is No Man's Friend: Crime and its

Prevention Before the Industrial Revolution." Contact: 804/231-3800 or see www.vcpa.org or e-mail to vaprevent@aol.com.

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