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Machinery and tools tax target of legislative study

Variations in assessment practices and administration of the machinery and tools taxes were discussed at the April 5 meeting of the joint subcommittee studying manufacturing needs and the future of manufacturing in Virginia.

Committee staff reported that the 2004 edition of *Tax Rates*, compiled and published by the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia, reported that all 39 cities, all but one of the 95 counties, and 101 towns imposed the tax in 2004. Staff also reported that the tax generated more than \$189 million in FY04 and more than \$195 million in FY03, according to the comparative cost report produced by the Auditor of Public Accounts. (This figure includes revenues from only 37 of towns in the state, so the total tax generated undoubtedly is higher than this amount.)

Representatives of the Virginia Manufacturers Association told the subcommittee that Virginia has the second highest utility tax in the South. VMA also said that businesses paid \$8 billion in Virginia state and local taxes in FY03, which accounted for 37 percent of total state and local taxes. Of this, according to the association, 11 percent was paid by manufacturers, which account for 3 percent of the businesses.

The report also said that property taxes account for 44 percent of state and local business taxes.

Sen. John Watkins, a member of the subcommittee, said that the most difficult issue in the area of machinery and tools taxation is the variation from one commissioner's office to another. He related that variation in assessment was a problem for the group studying deregulation of the

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VML policy committee nominations sought

VML recently mailed 2005 policy committee nomination information and forms to all full-member local governments. The deadline for committee nominations is April 29.

VML has five policy committees that set the league's policy direction for the coming year. The committees often examine issues raised by the league's legislative committee, and in turn, make recommendations to the legislative committee as to potential legislative items for adoption in VML's legislative program. The league's policy committees are: Environmental Quality; Finance; General Laws; Human Development & Education; and Transportation.

These committees will meet on Thursday, July 28, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. Each full-member local government may nominate up to two individuals for each committee. At least one of these individuals must be a governing body member. Individuals can serve on one committee. Confirmation letters with additional information about the policy committee's meeting time and location will be sent once VML receives localities' nomination forms.

Each policy committee includes a steering committee that will meet prior to July 28 to review the existing policy statement and set the agenda for the full policy

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utilities industry, and that the group assigned that function to the State Corporation Commission as a way of removing the local variation. He suggested that perhaps standardizing the machinery and tools tax could be an area for the subcommittee to study. Sen. Frank Wagner, chairman of the committee, said the committee should look at a policy that is consistent and fair. The VMA said equity, predictability and competitiveness were the three most important factors.

The subcommittee staff was asked to review past studies of the machinery and tools tax, as well as review legislation that had been introduced in previous years.

Wagner, addressing Gov. Mark R. Warner's veto of a bill that could have led to an exemption to the existing moratorium on offshore natural gas exploration, said that he was not optimistic that the veto would be overturned. The bill was part of the subcommittee's legislative package.

The subcommittee will meet June 7 in Bedford County, Aug. 11 or Aug. 25 in Pulaski County, and on Nov. 30 in Williamsburg.

The subcommittee is in its second year of study. The handouts for the meeting will be posted on the subcommittee's Web page at <http://dls.state.va.us/groups/SJR64/meetings.htm>. ♦

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committee meeting. VML President Tom Starnes, mayor of Radford, will appoint the steering committee members once completed nomination forms are received. Letters will be sent to notify those chosen to serve on the steering committees. These

letters will include information about the steering committee's meeting location and time.

Starnes is completing the policy committee leadership appointments, which will be announced in the next issue of *Update*. ♦

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Draft of 6-year transportation program available

The first cut of the draft six-year improvement program that allocates funding to transportation projects in Virginia is available for public review. Changes will continue to be made to the program before a final version is adopted by July 1.

Go to www.VDOT.Virginia.gov to review the working draft of the Six-Year Improvement Program for fiscal years 2006-2011. The six-year program allocates funding for rail, public transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and primary and interstate highway improvement projects. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) updates the program annually.

The CTB will hold a public hearing on the working draft of the six-year program starting at 5 p.m. on April 19 at VDOT offices. For a list of locations and public comment opportunities, go to <http://www.virginiadot.org/infoservice/news/newsrelease.asp?ID=CO-0507>. You may also provide comments online.

The CTB will take public comments into consideration prior to adopting a final program. The draft program will change over the weeks to reflect updated estimates and schedules, the final state budget, revenue actions and legislation passed by this year's General Assembly.

The working draft outlines how \$7.8 billion in transportation funding may be allocated to projects across the state over a six-year period beginning in July. By July 1, the final Six-Year Improvement Program will reflect the final budget, revenue actions and legislation passed by the 2005 General Assembly.

Highlights of the legislative transportation package in the working draft for FY 06 are:

- \$256 million dedicated to pay off deficits on completed projects;
- \$75 million in increased public transportation funding;
- \$97 million for federally qualifying maintenance activities; and
- more than \$141 million in additional funding for projects in the program.

The legislative initiative includes a \$75 million local assistance program that would expand revenue sharing and strengthen local control of projects. Other components include the establishment of a permanent rail fund, rest area improvements, funding for public-private partnerships and maintaining existing highways. These components will be reflected in the agency budgets.

An important part of the working draft program would pay off deficits on completed projects. This would allow the CTB to finish cleaning its book and advance some new projects and other project phases.

Go to www.VDOT.Virginia.gov. The direct link is <http://www.virginiadot.org/infoservice/syip-Disclaimer-2005.asp>. ♦

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Public hearings set on health services for women, children

The Virginia Department of Health has scheduled five public hearings and created a Web-based questionnaire as part of an assessment of the needs of women and children served by a federal block grant commonly referred to as Title V. This federally required assessment would be used for program planning and resource allocation over the next five years.

Each public hearing will begin with an overview of the needs assessment process, as well as a brief presentation from the department's Office of Family Health Services about the populations served and services offered through Title V. Department staff are interested in hearing comments regarding the availability and effectiveness of current maternal and child health services, services and supports needed by these populations—particularly services and supports of high priority, and other issues regarding those served by this grant.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the entrance of each meeting site. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to

three minutes; written comments also will be accepted. In addition, a department Web site, www.vahealth.org, contains separate links to questionnaires for individuals and organizations that want to offer input. This site includes a slide presentation regarding the purpose and history of the maternal and child health block grant and shows how Virginia compares to other states on a variety of performance measures.

The regional public hearings will be held as follows:

Central Region

Monday, April 11
3-5 p.m.
Chesterfield County Central Library
9501 Lori Road, Chesterfield
Information: 804/233-6206

Southwest Region

Friday, April 15
3-5 p.m.
Wytheville Community Center
250 S. Fourth St., Wytheville
Information: 540/994-9540

Eastern Region

Tuesday, April 19
3-5 p.m.
Peninsula Health District Auditorium
416 J. Clyde Morris Blvd.,
Newport News
Information: 757/461-4834

Northern Region

Friday, April 22
1-3 p.m.
Northern Virginia Regional Commission
7535 Little River Turnpike, Suite 100,
Annandale
Information: 703/573-1276

Northwest Region

Wednesday, April 27
3-6 p.m.
Albemarle County Office Building
Auditorium
401 McIntyre Road, Charlottesville
Information: 434/977-6010
Note: *No parking permitted at the county building; some paid parking available at the Omni Hotel across the street, as well as some street parking available.* ❖

State posts assortment of tax, compensation estimates, 599 figures



A reminder: The Virginia Department of Taxation's FY06 estimates for ABC profits/wine tax; state sales and use tax; SOQ/local real estate property tax relief fund; local option 1 percent sales and use tax; and recordation and grantor's tax are available on the department's Web site.

See the Virginia Department of Taxation estimates in PDF format at http://www.tax.virginia.gov/web_pdfs/localest06.pdf.

Constitutional office budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 are available online from the Virginia Compensation Board. Go to <http://www.scb.virginia.gov/budgets.html> and then select "Budget Estimates," then your locality or regional jail, and finally which office estimate you wish to review.

Call Bruce Haynes, Robyn de Socio or Charlotte Luck at the Compensation Board, 804/786-0786, if you have any questions about your locality's budget estimates.

The Department of Criminal Justice Services also has posted a spreadsheet showing the current allocations for "HB 599" funds in FY05 and FY06, and the revised FY06 allocations based on the budget bill as passed by the General Assembly. The spreadsheet is available at: <http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grantsAdministration/599/2006RevisedBudget.pdf>. ❖

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Game department needs help with conservation strategy

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries is developing a Wildlife Conservation Strategy. The plan identifies 925 birds, fish, reptiles, butterflies and other wildlife. It also identifies important habitat for these species, and conservation actions needed to ensure their long-time survival.

DGIF is holding a series of meetings throughout April seeking public input into the plan. Meetings in Abingdon, Staunton and Roanoke were held earlier this month.

Additional meetings will be held April 16 in Fairfax at Northern Virginia Com-

munity College, April 22 in Virginia Beach at the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center, April 25 in Warsaw at the Northern Neck Electric Cooperative, April 27 in South Boston at the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center, and April 27 in Richmond at the DGIF Boardroom.

For times and additional information go to www.dgif.virginia.gov, and click on "VDGIF Developing Strategic Wildlife Conservation Strategy" under "Recent Press Releases." ❖

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VML schedules town meetings



VML will conduct a series of regional town section meetings around the state in May and June.

These gatherings will offer town officials an opportunity to receive useful information on issues of concern, as well as time to interact with other elected and appointed officials. The staff also will brief attendees on key actions of the 2005 General Assembly that impact towns (new laws become effective July 1.)

Each meeting will begin at 11a.m. and will include lunch. Presentations will include:

- Model Ordinance on Personal Property Tax Relief (Car Tax) Program
- Key changes to FOIA and Conflict Acts
- Employment discrimination claims
- Summary of 2005 General Assembly session
- Overview of VML service programs benefiting towns
- Developments in broadband systems in towns

Dates, locations and cost of lunch for the regional meetings are:

Date	Location	Cost
May 4	Cape Charles Aqua Restaurant at Bay Creek Marina	\$16
May 6	Tappahannock Lowery's Seafood Restaurant	\$15
May 26	Bridgewater Town Hall	No fee
May 27	Abingdon Martha Washington Inn	\$16
June 3	Farmville Historic Train Station	\$15

A registration form is on page 9 of this edition of *Update*. Return it with your check to: VML, Attn: Peggy Blunt, P.O. Box 12164, Richmond, VA 23241. ❖

VML seeks photos for 100th anniversary book

The Virginia Municipal League will publish a book later this year commemorating its 100th anniversary and the many accomplishments of local governments over the past century. Copies will be distributed to all local elected officials, managers, administrators and public libraries.

In order for the book to reflect a cross-section of cities, towns and counties across Virginia, VML needs to compile a comprehensive collection of photographs spanning the past 100 years. VML mailed letters to all of its member local governments in mid-February, including all

mayors and board chairs, soliciting photographs for use in the book. The deadline for submitting photos is May 15.

VML needs digital copies of photographs taken between 1905-2005 that depict any of the following: historic or significant events in your community's history, especially as they relate to local government; administration of local government services, including police, fire, public works, transportation, voter registration etc.; streetscapes and skylines spanning the century; historic local officials (elected or appointed); and significant public buildings

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and projects, including regional endeavors. As always, we are open to suggestions.

Again, we need digital copies in any of the following formats: TIFF, JPEG or PDF. The higher the resolution the better. Please include a separate text file explaining the content or significance of the photos and any photo credits that need to

accompany publication. Please do not embed pictures into text files.

Please mail CDs or send by e-mail to: David Parsons, VML, P.O. Box 12164, Richmond, VA 23241 or via e-mail: dparsons@vml.org.

Call Parsons at 804/649-8471 if you have questions. ❖

2005 VML Achievement Awards call for entries

VML has mailed entry packets for its 2005 Achievement Awards competition. Two sets of the materials were sent to every VML local government member in mid-March.

If you have not received one of the entry packets, contact David Parsons at

804/649-8471. All of the information included in the packet is also posted on the VML Web site at www.vml.org.

All entries must be postmarked by May 31. ❖

ETCETERA**Accessibility focus of VBCOA mid-year meeting**

Accessibility and the building code will make up the educational portion of the May 2 mid-year meeting of the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association. The meeting will be held at the OMNI at 235 W. Main St. in Charlottesville. Dominic Marinelli, director of accessibility services for the United Spinal Association will be the speaker, at the session, which will be held from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

VBCOA will hold its mid-year business meeting prior to the seminar. The business meeting will include a report on legislative activities, and an update on activities in the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

Conference registration material is available at VBCOA's web site: www.vbcoa.com or from the league (pblunt@vml.org). VBCOA is an affiliate of the league. ❖

IN CONGRESS**Congress returns; issues of interest to local government abound**

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following summary was supplied by the National League of Cities.*

Members of Congress returned to Washington this week after a two-week Easter recess. Their agenda will include Social Security reform, the reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Act) Block Grant and confirmation of President Bush's judicial nominations.

Both the House and Senate Appropriations committees will begin preliminary hearings on the FY 2006 budget this month. Legislation is not expected to be marked up until June at the earliest.

CDBG

The House and Senate will begin to reconcile the budget resolutions passed before the Easter recess. Despite similar language in both resolutions regarding the Community Development Block Grant program, the House and Senate measures are significantly different in many other respects. Still, the budget votes in both the House and Senate were excellent indicators of sentiment against moving CDBG to the Department of Commerce. With this victory in hand, advocates for the CDBG program are confident but keenly aware that the war is still not won.

Both the House and Senate have consolidated several of their appropriations committees, placing agencies like the Department of Transportation and

HUD in direct competition with each other for funding from an ever tighter pot of money. The result is that funding for CDBG or other NLC priority programs could still see significant funding cuts.

Transportation reauthorization

Despite possible Congressional momentum to finish a surface transportation bill before May 31, when the current extension bill that keeps federal transportation programs funded and operating expires, Congress faces high hurdles before crossing the finish line.

First, will \$284 billion be the final funding level? HR 3, the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEALU), which passed the House before recess, 417-9, set funding for six

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years at \$284 billion. The Bush Administration, which threatens to veto a bill priced above this figure, argues that this is the maximum funding possible without exceeding the Highway Trust Fund's revenues.

The full Senate, however, has not yet debated its \$284 billion bill, which the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee completed before recess. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) controls when the Senate would bring up the transportation bill, currently expected in late April. He has insisted publicly that the Senate not raise the bill's price tag above \$284 billion.

Both the House and Senate adopted this figure in their respective fiscal year 2005 budget resolutions, which still must be reconciled, but many members in both houses remain frustrated that \$284 billion is insufficient to meet growing transportation needs.

The second hurdle involves reaching agreement over how to divide the funding among states fairly. The third hurdle is successfully negotiating the remaining policy and program details in a House-Senate conference required before Congress votes on a final bill.

Homeland security

At a field hearing held in Vicksburg, Miss., on March 22, Chairman Christopher Cox (R-Calif.) of the House Committee on Homeland Security announced plans to have a first-responders authorization bill. Cox would like to change the distribution formula of first-responders funding to focus on terrorism-based risk threats.

This position is similar to the administration's budget, which proposes to require that the allocation of homeland security funding be based on risk. Cox's position would put him at odds with his counterpart, Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine), chair of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee, who has already introduced a bill that would preserve much of the current distribution formula, which allocates a guaranteed minimum to all states, regardless of the threat of terrorism-based risk.

Collins' bill will likely be reconciled with the Risk-Based Homeland Security Funding Act, co-sponsored by Sens. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) and Jon Corzine (D-N.J.) and a yet-to-be introduced bill by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), which would also limit the distribution of formula to risk-based funding. Congress first appropriated homeland security grants in fiscal year 2002, but has yet to pass authorizing legislation that establishes the specific guidelines for the grants programs.

Tax reform

The federal tax reform debate continues to gain momentum in Washington.

NLC recently learned that the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform is considering holding a hearing on the impact of federal tax reform on state and local governments in late May.

NLC has been closely following the debate on reforming the nation's taxation system, which may present significant consequences for local taxing authority and federal tax incentives that specifically impact state and local governments, such as state and local tax deductibility and tax-exempt bond financing.

Last month, NLC requested a hearing on the impact federal reform will have on local governments, and will be working with the panel staff as it develops the upcoming hearing in May.

Telecommunications taxes

On the telecommunications tax front, NLC leadership and staff have been meeting with representatives of the National Governors Association, the National Association of Counties, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and with executives from the nation's leading communications companies to begin discussing a possible framework for communications tax modernization.

Talks have been scheduled to continue throughout the spring. NLC has also been strongly advocating against introduction of a Streamlined Sales Tax Agreement authorizing bill in Congress

that would require streamlining of state and local telecommunication taxes.

The legislation would provide state and local government with the authority to require sellers to collect and remit sales and use taxes on remote transactions, but would also require that states and local jurisdictions simplify their telecommunications tax laws by July 2007 as a prerequisite for obtaining the collection authority.

NLC has argued against such a requirement, which would disregard the need for further study and discussion on the potential impact the requirement might have on the success of the streamlined sales and use tax project and local government revenue.

NLC will continue to support the Streamlined Sales Tax Project. Congressional telecommunications staff members have been at work preparing for future hearings and laying the groundwork for legislation. Just before the Congressional recess, the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing considering voice over Internet protocol, also known as VOIP. The focus of the hearing was appropriate obligations for VOIP providers, including whether they should be required to offer E911 services and whether they should compensate existing network owners.

Rep. Charles Pickering (R-Miss.) announced that he intends to introduce legislation in the near future that would address the treatment of VOIP services.

He indicated he hoped to pursue a "pragmatic partnership" with states and localities and expressed strong concern over barriers preventing entry of new telecommunications providers. NLC staff is meeting with Pickering's staff to discuss this legislation.

Although timing is tentative, House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Joe Barton (R-Texas) is unlikely to introduce legislation updating the Communications Act until after the committee has fully considered legislation governing the digital television transition and several other telecommunications bills.

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TANF reauthorization, Head Start

A vigorous debate on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) reauthorization is expected on the Senate floor.

Several provisions included in the bipartisan legislation that NLC and other local government groups are pleased with include: \$6 billion in additional funding for child care; a transitional jobs program; and the replacement of the caseload reduction credit with an employment credit to the states.

NLC, in coalition with other local government organizations, will advocate for inclusion of these provisions in the final Senate bill that is expected to pass. However, advocates have a tougher fight

when the House of Representatives brings TANF legislation to the floor later this year.

Presently, the TANF reauthorization bill in the Senate Ways and Means committee does not address any of the concerns and priorities of local governments.

On April 5, both the House and Senate education committees held hearings on the financial irregularities at local Head Start centers as detailed in a recently released Government Accountability Office (GAO) report on Head Start's financial management issues.

Many of the irregularities highlighted were minor infractions, such as dead batteries in a flashlight and toaster oven crumbs claimed to be a fire hazard. The

National Head Start Association strongly believes this report is meant to discredit the Head Start program that has been successful in lifting millions of American children out of poverty since 1965. Neither NHSA nor NLC oppose termination of Head Start grantees that have failed to live up to the Head Start mission of providing disadvantaged preschoolers the social and academic foundation they need to enter elementary school.

NLC supports keeping Head Start funding and management in local communities and

will continue advocacy efforts on behalf of this federal-local program. v

POSITIONS

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

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

Senior Planner/GIS Analyst, Ashland

SALARY: \$37,837-\$56,757 DOQ/DOE. Research and review planning requests that involve subdivisions, rezonings, conditional use permits and site plans; create, edit and maintain multiple geodatabases and support data requests. Application (required) and job description may be downloaded at www.town.ashland.va.us. Inquiries to: Department of Planning and Community Department at 804/798-1073. Send applications to: Town Manager, Town of Ashland, P.O. Box 1600, Ashland, VA 23005. Open until filled. EOE.

Building Official, Warren County

SALARY: \$43,880-\$53,464 starting range. Reqs. 5 yrs. exper. as licensed professional

engineer or architect, building inspector, contractor or superintendent of building construction with at least 3 yrs. in responsible charge of work. B.S. in engineering, architecture or construction sciences preferred. For employment application, including job description, contact Warren County Administrator's Office, 220 N. Commerce Ave., Suite 100, Front Royal, VA or by calling 540/636-4600 or by visiting www.warrencountyva.net. Open until filled. EOE.

Deputy Library Director, Alexandria

SALARY: \$63,440-\$82,604 starting range DOQ. Works closely with library director in administering the operations of the Central Library and all branch libraries, in improving operating systems, and in planning for the future needs of the city for library service. Reqs. master's degree or equiv. comb. of exper. and training, and significant responsible exper. in professional library work. Contact: Brenda Brinson at 703/519-5905 to indicate interest. Resume required. Open until filled. EOE.

County Planner, Accomack

SALARY: DOQ/DOE. Advise Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals on land-use issues; review subdivisions, rezoning applications, conditional use permits, erosion and sediment control plans, and other land development

related applications. Master's degree supplemented by 3-5 yrs. exper. and/or training that includes professional planning; or an equiv. comb. of educ., training, and exper. is req. For application packet, contact the Accomack County Department of Building, Planning, and Zoning, P.O. Box 93, Accomac, VA 23301 or call 757/787-5721. Deadline: April 22. EOE.

Planning Analyst, Accomack County

SALARY: DOQ/DOE. Responsibilities include reviewing applications and fieldwork for compliance with Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act and erosion and sediment control ordinances; creating maps for county documents and staff; providing technical assistance through GIS; drafting grant applications and generating reports. Reqs. bachelor's degree and 1-3 yrs. previous exper., or equiv. comb. of educ., training, and exper. For an application packet, contact the Accomack County Department of Building, Planning, and Zoning, P.O. Box 93, Accomac, VA 23301 or call 757/787-5721. Deadline: April 22. EOE.

Management Analyst I (Planning Office), Prince William County

SALARY: \$38,394-\$41,850 entry range / \$38,394-\$61,431 full range. Monitor and

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evaluate departmental operations. Collect, automate and analyze statistical data to assess office productivity, efficiency and effectiveness. Use "Apply Now" feature to submit a resume and cover letter on county Web site at www.pwcgov.org. Do not send attachments or questions through the site's resume builder. If you prefer to mail a resume and cover letter, send to: Human Resources, 4380 Ridgewood Center Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192. TTY: 1-800/828-1120. Position # 743003. Deadline: April 13. EOE.

Planning Administrator, Chesterfield County

SALARY: \$46,307-\$79,073. Reqs. master's degree in planning or landscape architecture with an emphasis on land development and min. 4 yrs. experience in plan review or design in a high growth area, including a min. 3 yrs. supervisory experience; or an equiv. comb. of training and exper. Send required county application to Human Resource Management, P.O. Box 40, Chesterfield, VA 23832. More info. at 804/748-1551 or www.chesterfield.gov. #05-476 Deadline: April 28. EOE.

Town Engineer/Civil Engineer, Ashland

SALARY: \$40,325-\$50,407 (+) benefits hiring range for civil engineer; or \$46,682-\$58,351 (+) benefits hiring range for town engineer. Send required Town of Ashland application to P.O. Box 1600, Ashland, VA 23005 or drop off at Town Hall, 101 Thompson St. Deadline: April 21. EOE.

Planner, Isle of Wight County

SALARY: \$36,000 to start DOQ (+) benefits. Search extended; previous applicants need not reapply. Work involves the coordination and review of site plans, subdivision plats, land development plans and land-use proposals. Reqs. min. comb. of educ. and exper. equiv. to bachelor's degree in urban planning or related field with 2 yrs. related work exper. Send resume and completed county application to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, Virginia 23397. Deadline: April 29. EOE.

Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector, Prince George County

SALARY: \$34,081-\$51,859 starting range. Administer, monitor and enforce the county's Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance; oversee Chesapeake Bay

Resource Protection and Resource Management areas; assist property owners, contractors and the public with inquiries related to land disturbance. For complete job description and county application, visit www.princegeorgeva.org or pick up at the main desk in the County Administration Building. For info. call 804/722-8669. Resumes accepted with completed application. Faxed applications not accepted. Deadline: April 15. EOE.

Administrator, Virginia Section American Water Works Association

SALARY: \$33,280-\$34,944 to start (+) benefits. Perform complex clerical and administrative duties, including coordination of the business, financial, and day-to-day operations of the section in support of the Virginia AWWA Board of Trustees. For a complete job description and an employment application, visit <http://www.vaawwa.org/> or contact Lee Higgins at 540/633-0078 or Talmadge Piland at 757/427-8652. Deadline: April 15. EOE.

Other positions

NOTICE: The following positions also are listed on VML's Web site at www.vml.org.

Purchasing Agent, Suffolk

SALARY: \$49,451-\$71,704. Open until filled.

Marketing and Research Manager, Danville

SALARY: \$43,354-\$67,000 DOQ. Deadline: April 20.

Director of Public Works, Accomack County

SALARY: \$53,399-\$77,429. Deadline: May 13.

Town Attorney, Leesburg

SALARY: \$73,264-\$105,000 hiring range DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: May 6.

Town Manager, Orange

SALARY: \$58,000-\$82,000 DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: April 19.

Assistant County Administrator, Southampton

SALARY: \$42,808-\$66,352 (+) benefits. DOE/DOQ. Screening starts April 11.

Town Manager, Colonial Beach

SALARY: \$50,000-\$75,000 DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: May 16.

Firefighter/EMT-B, Poquoson

SALARY: \$28,897 to start (+) benefits. Deadline: April 11.

Utilities Technician, Poquoson

SALARY: \$26,061 to start or higher DOE/DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Utility Worker, Poquoson

SALARY: \$22,280 to start or higher DOE/DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Assistant Director of Electric Utility, Manassas

SALARY: \$75,000-\$90,000. Open until filled.

Community Development Director, Surry County

SALARY: \$52,932-\$87,565. (Pop. 7,010) Deadline: April 15.

Director of Public Works, Lynchburg

SALARY: DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: May 15 (initial review begins April 15).

Chief of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Stafford County

SALARY: Negotiable. Open until filled.

Finance Director, Manassas Park

SALARY: \$63,207-\$110,835 DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Civil Engineer, Manassas Park

SALARY: \$46,093-\$75,000 DOQ. Open until filled. EOE.

DEADLINE: *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, April 15. 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 edits position descriptions in printed publications because of space limitations.*

2005 Town Section Meetings



Name: _____

Title: _____

Locality: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

All meetings will begin at 11 a.m. I will attend the following town section meeting:

Wednesday, May 4, 2005 **Cape Charles** **\$16**

Aqua Restaurant
located at Bay Creek Marina at Kings Creek
5 Marina Village
Please respond by April 28

Friday, May 6, 2005 **Tappahannock** **\$15**

Lowery's Seafood Restaurant
Check your entrée choice:
 Tilapia - Fried Broiled
 Chicken - Fried Broiled
Please respond by May 1

Thursday, May 26, 2005 **Bridgewater** **Free**

Town Hall Bldg. (Arey Assembly Hall)
201 Green St. *compliments of*
Town of Bridgewater
Please respond by May 20

Friday, May 27, 2005 **Abingdon** **\$16**

Martha Washington Inn
150 West Main Street
Please respond by May 23

Friday, June 3, 2005 **Farmville** **\$15**

Historic Train Station
510 W. Third St.
Please respond by May 20

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