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Policy committees address likely '06 legislative issues

More than 150 elected and appointed officials participated in VML's policy committee meetings in Richmond on July 28. Each of the five policy committees – Environmental Quality, Finance, General Laws, Human Development and Education, and Transportation – met to discuss emerging issues, review and revise the league's current policy statements, and to develop recommendations on potential 2006 legislative positions for consideration by the Legislative Committee.

Finance

The Finance Committee, chaired by Hampton Council Member Rhet Tignor, discussed two controversial issues: potential challenges to local authority over the real estate property tax, and telecommunications tax reform.

Jim Regimbal, a principal in the consulting firm Fiscal Analytics, explained the potential effects of proposals to restrict the

ability of local governments to collect and administer the real estate tax. The committee reiterated the importance of local governments having the flexibility to generate revenue from a variety of taxes and fees to pay for critically important services.

Bernard Caton, legislative director for Alexandria, discussed the status of telecommunications tax reform efforts. Caton is a member of the Local Government Telecommunications Tax Task Force. The Finance Committee said that it was essential for local governments to remain engaged in the telecommunications tax reform negotiations. It also agreed to keep existing language in the policy statement endorsing the tax reform concept.

General Laws

The General Laws Policy Committee, chaired by Newport News Vice Mayor Charles Allen, addressed two significant

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FOIA opinion: Citizens advisory panel subject to act

A citizens committee appointed by a local governing body to advise it on a subject must abide by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, according to a written opinion issued by a state advisory panel.

The July 6 opinion from the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council was in response to a question concerning whether a citizen had the right to videotape meetings of a "special study group" formed by a county board of supervisors.



The opinion noted that a citizens advisory group, like the one in question, is a "public body" as defined in the state Freedom of Information Act. The opinion

said that meetings of public bodies are open and that Va. Code §2.2-3707.H allows any person to record the meeting, unless a closed session is

called.

This opinion is not groundbreaking; most any local government attorney would

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emerging issues: eminent domain (following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Kelo v. New London*), and the development of a position on cable TV franchise authority where competition exists in the local market.

The committee recognized that much of the public remains upset by the Supreme Court's approval of the city of New London's use of condemnation that was – at least in part – an economic development tool that conveyed condemned properties to a private developer. The committee also recognized that it will be impossible to convince the General Assembly not to enact legislation in reaction to the case. The committee recommended a position recognizing the concerns arising from the ruling. It expresses the need to protect the right of eminent domain in blight abatement and avoidance activities, and in other areas where condemnation is authorized in Virginia law.

The committee also discussed cable TV franchise issues. Specifically, what degree of local franchise regulation is necessary and appropriate when a second player, a telephone company, enters a local market to compete with the cable company to provide cable TV services?

The committee recommended a balanced approach, by recommending a legislative position agreeing that competition may replace local regulation via franchise, unless the locality has entered franchise agreements with both the cable company and telephone company. In that case, the locality would retain the right to enforce both franchises. In most cases, however, the committee recommended a statement that shifts a significant part of regulation to the marketplace.

Human Development and Education

The Human Development and Education Committee, chaired by Fredericksburg Mayor Tom Tomzak, discussed chronic homelessness and its effect on communities. The committee heard from Nikki Nicholau, deputy director of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's housing division. Nicholau directs a statewide policy council on homelessness.

Katie Kitchin, director of Norfolk's office on homelessness and VML's representative to the statewide council, also attended the policy committee meeting.

The committee decided to create new policy language to address some of the homelessness issues affecting local governments, particularly identification cards and access to services.

Transportation

The Transportation Committee, chaired by Chesapeake Council Member Debbie Ritter, discussed a new state revenue sharing program and the local partnership fund. Mike Estes of the Local Assistance Division of the Virginia Department of Transportation, addressed these issues.

The 2005 General Assembly opened the state's revenue sharing program to cities and towns in the urban system and added \$35 million in one-time money to the program. It previously was funded at \$15 million and was open only to counties. This program offers matching funds to localities that make improvements to primary and secondary roads or that perform maintenance on them.

The Local Partnership Fund initiative, also approved by the 2005 General Assembly, designates \$40 million to encourage local governments to assume responsibility for the management and administration of certain transportation projects within the locality. Local governments must identify a qualifying project or projects, and agree to administer the projects. Additional information about the program may be found on VDOT's Web site at <http://www.virginiadot.org>.

Estes also discussed federal funding transfers to local governments. Members of the transportation steering committee had expressed interest in federal funds coming directly to local governments instead of having the state serve as the middleman in such distributions. Estes explained the federal requirements that localities would have to meet in order for such funding transfers to be "streamlined" from the federal to local level.

The committee's top transportation issues for the 2006 session are: adequate funding, impact fees and regaining

authority to police busy intersections with automated cameras that capture images of motorists running red lights.

Environmental Quality

The Environmental Quality Policy Committee discussed options for funding natural resources protection, including clean up of Virginia's polluted rivers and streams. A joint subcommittee of the General Assembly is studying the issue, and is expected to have recommendations by November.

VML's Environmental Quality Policy Committee emphasized the importance of working with the state to develop funding formulas for natural resources protection. The committee reaffirmed VML's support for the regular appropriation of state general funds to meet the state's constitutional mandate to protect the environment. Committee members also reaffirmed the league's opposition to the imposition of state taxes, fees or surcharges on water, sewer solid waste or on any other local government service.

The Environmental Quality Committee's legislative priorities also include support for land conservation, and for a water quality protection strategy that addresses funding for the state's Water Quality Improvement Fund and for local governments managing combined sewer overflow and sanitary sewer overflow projects.

The committee reviewed the league's environmental quality policy statement, adding:

- language supporting explicit state authority for local governments to ensure the safety of former landfill or dump sites slated for development;
- language encouraging local governments, power companies and others to use energy efficient fixtures and reduce night-time light pollution;
- support for green building techniques and programs;
- language that encourages biological diversity, the revitalization of older communities, appropriate use of agricultural, lawn care and homecare chemicals, and the use of open space easements held by state and local land trusts to help protect water supply watersheds. ❖

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have come to the same conclusion. It serves as a reminder that when a local government appoints a citizens committee to advise it on a topic, such as what facilities to include in a new park, the committee is subject to FOIA. This means that: notice of the committee's meetings must be made public and sent to anyone who asks for a copy; that the

committee must meet in public and must comply with the numerous other meeting and records requirements in the act.

The opinions of the council are at: <http://dls.state.va.us/foiacouncil.htm>. The opinion on the citizen group is at: http://dls.state.va.us/groups/foiacouncil/ops/05/AO_10_05.htm. ❖

DEQ schedules community meetings



The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality will be the host for six community meetings across Virginia in the coming months.

The meetings are part of DEQ's initiative to: increase understanding of how the agency operates; identify issues that are a priority in each region; and enhance opportunities for community involvement in environmental activities. They are open to the public, and DEQ encourages local government representatives to attend.

DEQ will hold the community meetings, except for the one in Chesapeake, at its regional offices. The dates, addresses and times are:

Sept. 1 – West Central Regional Office, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, 5:30 p.m. (open house), 6:30 p.m. (community meeting).

Sept. 22 – Southwest Regional Office, 355 Deadmore St., Abingdon, 1-5 p.m. (open house), 7 p.m. (community meeting).

Sept. 27 – Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 29 – Valley Regional Office, 4411 Early Drive, Harrisonburg, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 3 – Northern Virginia Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 11 – Piedmont Regional Office, 4949-A Cox Road, Glen Allen, 6:30 p.m. ❖

Comments sought on Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund draft

The Virginia Department of Transportation is seeking comments from localities on the draft Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund implementation guidelines and assistance application by Aug. 19.

The fund, created by the 2005 General Assembly, is to be used by the governor to encourage the development of transportation projects. Fifty million dollars has been made available to provide financial assistance to encourage the development of any mode of transportation projects developed pursuant to the Public Partnership Transportation Act of 1995 and through the design-build provisions of Section 33.1-12(2)(b) of the Code of Virginia (Code). Assistance from the fund can also be used for transportation aspects of economic development projects.



The act authorizes the governor to award financial assistance to an agency or political subdivision of the state or to a private entity or operator that has submitted a proposal or that has signed a comprehensive agreement pursuant to the applicable sections of the code. Interest-free loans of up to \$30 million and grants of up to \$5 million will be available from the fund. Loan terms will vary, but will not exceed seven years.

Comments can be submitted at <http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/tpof.asp> or mailed to: Charles L. Massie, Virginia Department of Transportation, Washington Building, 12th Floor, 1100 Bank St., Richmond, VA 23219.

For more information, contact Massie at 804/371-0850 or e-mail him at Charles.Massie@vdot.virginia.gov. ❖

IN CONGRESS

Congress to ship more transportation funding to Virginia

Virginia will experience a 32 percent increase in federal transportation funds over five years as the result of the six-year transportation reauthorization bill recently approved by Congress. In addition to whittling away at its status as a “donor” state, this reauthorization of Tea-21 contains additional funding, or “earmarks” benefiting 103 specific projects in Virginia.

The Tea-21 reauthorization is a six-year, \$286.5 billion bill. Beginning in fiscal year 2008, the bill calls for a gradual increase in the minimum rate of return of federal gas-tax revenues for all states, from 90.5 cents on the dollar to 92 cents on the dollar. Virginia will benefit from this increase in the minimum rate of return, as it is one of several “donor” states that receive less in gas-tax revenues than it contributes to federal coffers. According to press reports, Virginia will receive \$937 million per year from this bill. The earmarked projects will bring in another \$563 million.

The earmarked projects include \$141 million for an expansion of Interstate 81 to create dedicated truck lanes with tolls. Proponents of the expansion had hoped for \$800 million as part of a federal pilot project for dedicated truck lanes. The \$141 would be added to the state’s plan to put in \$160 million as a part of the

six-year plan to start on initial phases of the project if it passes a variety of regulatory reviews.

The bill appropriates \$1.4 million for the preservation of the Bristol Train Station; \$39.4 million toward construction of a third tunnel crossing Hampton Roads harbor in Tidewater; continued authorization for the Norfolk light rail transit project; and \$27 million for the Meadowcreek Parkway in Charlottesville.

Other earmarked projects include \$32.6 million for the widening of I-66 in Northern Virginia. A project to extend Metrorail in Northern Virginia did not receive any earmarked funds, but was given authorization to conduct final engineering work for an extension of the system from Falls Church to Reston. The second part of this project, to bring Metrorail out to Dulles International Airport from Reston, received preliminary engineering authorization.

The transportation reauthorization bill also adopted language, co-authored by Congressmen Christopher Cox (R-CA) and James Moran (D-VA), to allow states to make laws requiring towing companies to obtain prior written consent or require the property owner or lessee to be present during a non-consensual or “trespass” tow off the

owner’s property. The conference report for the bill also included a provision to require the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to study the issues relating to the rights and protections of individuals whose vehicles are towed. Towing issues have been a recurring concern to a number of Virginia’s communities.

While the federal funding picture has brightened some for the state, Virginia’s own long-term transportation funding situation remains less certain. The increasing needs of maintenance funding have overtaken the state-generated funding available for it. Virginia law puts maintenance first in line for state funding, ahead of construction. Diverting these funds to maintenance makes less money available for construction and other transportation needs.

Unless Virginia either downgrades its commitment to maintaining existing roads, or enacts tax changes to ensure revenues that can keep up with transportation needs, the state could be put in the position of turning down federal construction dollars because it cannot make the required match. Both the Senate Finance and the House Transportation Committees are conducting separate studies of Virginia’s transportation funding situation this year. ♦

ETCETERA

Sustainable future summit planned

This Virginia Sustainable Future Summit will be held Sept. 13-15 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

The three-day summit, sponsored by the Virginia Environmental Endowment and other public and private sponsors, will include presentations, tours and workshops on environmentally and economically sound, energy-efficient policies and practices. This year’s themes include: water resources and sustainability; energy for a secure and efficient future; healthy buildings and communities; industrial stewardship; and transportation as it pertains to air quality and land use.

The summit will present “Solutions for the Environment, Business, and

Communities,” in a format that will encourage an interchange of ideas across diverse sectors. The event will provide a forum for discussion of issues, develop a preliminary plan of action for government and private sectors, and establish an on-going advisory body supported by Virginia Commonwealth University to advance the principles of sustainability.

Deadline for early registration is Aug. 15. For more information on sponsors and exhibitors, and to register for the summit, visit www.vsf3.org. ♦

ETCETERA

Virginia Environmental Endowment awards grants

The Virginia Environmental Endowment recently awarded more than \$600,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations and local governments for programs that will prevent pollution, conserve natural resources and promote environmental literacy.

Applications for the next round of Virginia program grants and mini-grants are due by 5 p.m. on Dec. 1. Grantmaking

priorities for the Virginia program include: Water quality research and monitoring of water quality conditions throughout Virginia; land and open space conservation; Chesapeake Bay fisheries conservation, research and recreation; and environmental education.

For proposal requirements, visit www.vee.org. ❖

REGULATIONS

Intended Regulatory Action

Regulations for Emissions Trading.

The State Air Pollution Control Board has proposed regulations to establish requirements to reduce Sox and Nox emissions in order to eliminate their significant contribution to nonattainment or interference with maintenance of the national ambient air quality standards in downwind states and to protect Virginia's air quality and its natural resources. A public hearing will be held after publication. The department is soliciting comments on the (i) intended regulatory action, to include areas to assist the department in the development of the proposal, (ii) impacts of the proposed regulation on farm and forest land preservation, and (iii) costs and benefits of the alternatives state in this notice or other alternatives. Contact Mary Major, Department of Environmental Quality, via e-mail at memajor@deq.virginia.gov for additional information.

Final Regulations

Regulation for Nutrient Enriched Waters and Dischargers within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

The State Water Control Board has suspended the effective date for the amendments to the regulations that were adopted on June 28, 2005 to allow time for a 30-day public review and comment period on the changes. The amendments (i) revise the existing point source policy for nutrient enriched waters to establish technology-based, annual average total nitrogen and total phosphorus concentration requirements for certain dischargers located in Virginia's Chesapeake Bay watershed and (ii) revise the Water Quality Management Planning Regulation to establish total nitrogen and total phosphorus annual waste load allocations for certain dischargers within Virginia's portion of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, and authorize a trading and offsets program to assist in the achievement and maintenance of the waste load allocations.

Water Quality Standards. The State Water Control Board has suspended the effective date for this regulation to allow for a 30-day public review period on changes made to paragraph bb of 9 VAC 25-260-310 and the impact that the

details and the conclusions of the James River loading alternatives analysis conducted by the Department of Environmental Quality have on the criteria in paragraph bb of 9 VAC 25-260-310. For additional information, contact Elleanore Daub, Department of Environmental Quality, at 804/698-4111 or e-mail her at emdaub@deq.virginia.gov.

Water Quality Standards. The State Water Control Board has adopted revisions to the Water Quality Standards in several specific sections of the Virginia Code. These revisions relate to water quality standards to protect designated uses from the impacts of nutrients and suspended sediments in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries. The amendments were published as final regulations on May 16, 2005 with an effective date upon filing a notice of EPA approval with the Registrar of Regulations. The State Water Control Board hereby notices EPA approval of these revisions to the Water Quality Standards via a letter dated June 24, 2005. Copies are available online at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/wqs>, or by calling 800/592-5482 or by e-mail request at emdaub@deq.virginia.gov. ❖

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.

Planner III, Prince William County

SALARY: \$53,563-\$69,096 entry range; \$53,563-\$85,701 full range. Duties include: Analysis of rezoning and special use permit proposals; interpretation of demographics, community design and level of service impact; review of site/subdivision plans; interpretation and administration of development regs. Reqs. bachelor's degree in urban planning, transportation planning, civil engineering, or closely related field, 7 yrs. progressively responsible professional planner exper., and 1 yr. supervisory exper.; or master's degree in a planning field, 5 yrs. of progressively responsible professional planner exper., and 1 year supervisory exper. Job # 723001. To apply, go to: <http://www.pwcgov.org/jobs/applynow/vacancy.asp?intVacancyID=1348> and click on "Apply Now." Deadline: Aug. 19. EOE.

Building Inspector, Gloucester County

SALARY: \$27,033-\$32,000 to start DOQ (+) benefits. Reqs. graduation from H.S. with 3-5 yrs. exper. in construction work and inspections; or any equiv. comb. of training and exper. that provides the req. skills, knowledge and abilities. Must possess or obtain within 3 yrs. of employment Va. certification at a level specified by the county and state for area(s) of inspection. Erosion and sediment control inspector certification req. within 12 mos. Send completed application with cover letter to the Human Resource Department, 6467 Main St. (P.O. Box 329), Gloucester, VA 23061. To request an application, contact the Human Resource Department at above address or call 804/693-5690 or log on to www.gloucesterva.info. Deadline: Aug. 26. EOE.

Social Services Director, Manassas

SALARY: \$79,269-\$126,838. (Pop. 38,000) Plan, organize and administer a comprehensive set of programs to address social problems in the community. Reqs. master's degree in social work, public admin., or a related field (prefer MPA), and 6 + yrs. of progressively responsible exper.; preference 10 + yrs. exper.; or, any comb. of educ., training and exper. that provides the req. knowledge, skills and abilities. Apply: Department of Human Resources, 9027 Center St., Room 302, Manassas, VA 20110; e-mail: hr@ci.manassas.va.us; FAX: 703/257-5827; www.manassas.va.us. Deadline: Sept. 9. EOE.

Town Manager, Mineral

SALARY: DOQ/DOE. Reqs. self-starter with bachelor's degree or equiv. and demonstrated knowledge of municipal govt. mngmnt. Located in Louisa County between Charlottesville and Richmond, Mineral is a small progressive town that is rich in history and tradition. Submit letter of application, detailed resume with salary history, writing sample and work related references to: Mayor Edwin Keller, P.O. Box 316, Mineral, VA 23117. Deadline: Sept. 9. EOE.

Deputy Director Gas & Light Division (Department of Public Utilities), Richmond

SALARY: \$75,561-\$122,773. Manage large municipal operation that serves more than 90,000 natural gas customers and maintains 32,000 streetlights. Manage \$266 million annual operation budget and 10-yr. capital budget of \$297 million for the combined utilities. Oversee staff 300+. Bachelor's in engineering, hard science or related field, plus 6 yrs. of increasingly responsible mngmnt. exper. in the respective utility service. Apply: City of Richmond, Department of Human Resources, 900 E. Broad St. - Room 109, Richmond, VA 23261-6505. See www.richmondgov.com for more info. Job # 35M00000641. Open until filled. EOE.

Engineer III (Department of Public Utilities), Richmond

SALARY: \$51,829-\$85,131. Manages units of Water Maintenance & Repairs, Paving, and External Contracts; oversees professional and laborer staff involved in operational and admin. tasks; and is responsible for bdgt. and expenditure monitoring and control. Bachelor's in engineering or hard

sciences and 4 yrs. exper. as sr. level manager in engineering field, or comb. of training. Apply: City of Richmond, Department of Human Resources, 900 E. Broad St. - Room 109, Richmond, VA 23261-6505. See www.richmondgov.com for more info. Job # 35M00000767. Open until filled. EOE.

Engineer II (Department of Public Utilities - 2 positions), Richmond

SALARY: \$47,274-\$77,650. Perform advanced civil engineering work overseeing the development plan and permit review process that includes water and wastewater system design, and new service connections. Bachelor's degree in civil engineering with 3 yrs. of exper. Proficiency in GIS and CAD. Possess a valid Va. driver's license. Apply: City of Richmond, Department of Human Resources, 900 E. Broad St. - Room 109, Richmond, VA 23261-6505. See www.richmondgov.com for more info. Jobs # 35M00000616 & 35M00000630. Deadline: Aug. 22. EOE.

Economic Development Director, Orange County

SALARY: DOQ/DOE. (Pop. 29,000) Plan, direct and coordinate economic development programs to support and encourage the expansion and establishment of businesses in a picturesque but dynamic county. Reqs. 4-yr. college degree in relevant field. At least 3 yrs. of applicable exper. preferred. Submit county application and resume to: Human Resources, 112 W. Main St., P.O. Box 111, Orange, VA 22960. Obtain applications and info. at 540/672-3313 or e-mail at weakleyg@orangecova.com. Open until filled. EOE.

Budget Analyst I, Albemarle County

SALARY: \$39,429-\$51,259 hiring range DOE/DOQ. Duties include analyzing operating and capital budget requests, estimates, projects, and program activities to develop and manage the county budget. Any comb. of educ. and exper. equiv. to graduation from accredited college with bachelor's in business, public admin., political sci., or related field; min. 2 yrs. financial forecasting or bdgt. analysis exper., preferably in public sector and/or local govt. Master's degree may substitute for 1 yr. of req. exper. Apply at www.albemarle.org/jobs.asp. Albemarle County Human

POSITIONS

Resources Department, 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902. Phone: 434/296-5827, FAX: 434/296-5828. Open until filled. EOE.

County Administrator, Alleghany

SALARY: DOQ (+) benefits. (Pop. 17,215) \$72 million bdtg; 5 administrators since 1980. Virginia's "Western Gateway" on I-64. Appointed by 7-member board. Reqs. 5 (+) yrs. county or city mngmnt. exper. Strength needed in finance, personnel, intergovernmental relations, economic development, water and sewer. Prefer master's degree in public admin. or related degree, but exper. will be considered. Send letter with salary reqs., resume and list of references to Search Committee, c/o Melissa Landis, Office of the County Administrator, 9212 Winterberry Ave., Covington, VA 24426. Deadline: Sept. 30. EOE.

Deputy Director II Public Works (Division of Support Services), Richmond

SALARY: \$75,561-\$127,377 range (+) benefits. Works with the director of public works and the chief administrative officer in the following areas: fleet management; preparation and submission of \$64 million budget; monitoring and controlling expenditures with budget parameters; and hiring, training, supervision and evaluation of appx. 149 employees within assigned areas of responsibility. Reqs. bachelor's degree in liberal arts, public admin., business admin., or related field and 6 yrs. mngmnt. exper. Submit required City of Richmond application to: City of Richmond, Human Resources, Room 109, P.O. Box 26505, Richmond, VA 23261-6505. Resume may accompany application. More info. at 804/646-5900; TTP assistance call 1-800/828-1120. Job #29M00000594. Open until filled. EOE.

Information Technology Manager, Manassas Park

SALARY: \$57,109-\$75,000 hiring range DOQ (+) benefits. \$57,109-\$88,520 full range. (Pop. 12,500) Manages info. technology needs in accordance with organizational policies and goals. Manages technology projects and plans for the migration of contracted IT functionality into a city-based department. Reqs. bachelor's degree in computer science or related field and min. 2 yrs. FT highly

responsible work exper. in computer network admin. Application to: Deputy City Manager, 1 Park Center Court, Manassas Park, VA. 20111. For application call 703/335-8813 or via e-mail: lfitzpatrick@cityofmanassaspark.us. Open until filled. EOE.

Human Resources Director,

Leesburg SALARY: \$68,811-\$115,495. Reqs. bachelor's degree in HR, personnel/public administration, business administration or related area and 5-8 yrs. progressively responsible experience in HR; or an equiv. combination of education, training and experience. For application and further info. log on to www.leesburgva.gov or call 703/737-7177. Send application and resume in confidence: Attn. Nancy Fixx, Interim Director of HR. Applications not accepted via fax or e-mail. Deadline: Sept. 30. EOE.

Deputy Finance Director, Manassas Park

SALARY: \$57,109-\$88,250 DOQ. Assists finance director with all areas of finance administration. Bachelor's degree in business administration, finance or accounting. CPA preferred. Experience with automated fund accounting systems. See www.cityofmanassaspark.us for details. Deadline: Sept. 2. EOE.

Chief Chemist, Richmond (Water Utility Division)

SALARY: \$40,438-\$66,423. Reqs. extensive management and supervisory experience to plan, organize and manage operation of water and wastewater analytical laboratories. Reqs. bachelor's degree in chemistry, natural sciences, environmental science or engineering, 4 yrs. of exper. in water quality laboratory environment, and 2 yrs. of mngmnt. Submit required City of Richmond application to: City of Richmond, Human Resources, Room 109, P.O. Box 26505, Richmond, VA 23261-6505. A resume may accompany application. For more info., call 804/646-5900; TTP assistance call 1-800/828-1120. # DPU - 35M00000655. Deadline: Aug. 15. EOE.

Building Safety Director, Asheville, N.C.

SALARY: \$70,000-\$89,000 DOQ (+) benefits. Responsible for nationally recognized ISO 1 rated department of professionals who enforce city and state building codes and laws, and housing ordinances as they apply to the building

construction, electrical, mechanical and plumbing areas of the building trades. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree and 6-9 yrs. of progressively responsible, related exper. Reqs. possession of a Standard or Probationary level III certificate from the N.C. Code Officials Qualification Board for building inspections. CBO certification from ICC highly desirable. Submit application and resume to City of Asheville, Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802-7148, fax 828/259-5479, or e-mail rnix@ashevillenc.gov. Applications are available at www.ashevillenc.gov. Open until filled. EOE.

Transportation Planner, Loudoun County

SALARY: \$33,661-\$43,759 hiring range. Duties include: Creation of reports on various traffic scenarios using computer modeling software; review and written analysis of transportation-related issues in land development applications; transportation planning and related proffer activities; contract administration; answering inquiries from citizens, development applicants, other agencies and county administration. Reqs. min. of bachelor's degree in transportation or related field and at least 2 yrs. of related work exper. For additional info. and to receive a required application, visit www.loudoun.gov or call 24-hr. job line at 703/777-0536. HR: 703/777-0213. Open until filled. EOE.

Firefighter/Medic, Poquoson

SALARY: \$29,475 to start (+) benefits (+) \$4,000 annual cardiac tech/intermediate incentive pay or \$5,000 annual paramedic incentive pay. Must be at least 18 years old and possess either Firefighter Level II/ EMT-B or be a current State Certified EMT-CT/I or higher; preferential consideration to anyone with both certifications. Current certified EMT-CT/I must obtain Firefighter Level II within 2 yrs. of employment and Firefighter Level II/ EMT-B must obtain State Certified EMT-I or higher within 2 yrs. of employment. Must possess valid operator's license and have satisfactory driving record based on the City of Poquoson's criteria. Graduation from high school or GED required. Applications are available in the City Manager's Office, 500 City Hall Ave., Poquoson, VA 23662 and at www.ci.poquoson.va.us. Open until filled. EOE.

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Building Codes Official, Emporia

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Direct operations of Building Inspections, Erosion & Sediment Control and serve as the fire official. Must have at least 5 yrs. of building experience as a licensed professional engineer or architect, building inspector, contractor, housing inspector or superintendent of building construction, with at least 3 yrs. supervisory experience. Submit cover letter, confidential resume and references to: City of Emporia, Bessie I Reed, Human Resources Director, City Manager's Office, P.O. Box 511, Emporia, VA 23847, or by e-mail at bessie.reed@ci.emporia.va.us. Will begin reviewing applications Aug. 26. Open until filled. EOE.

Director of Green Fields (Division), Alexandria Sanitation Authority

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Develop and implement staffing, training and budgeting plans for newly integrated division of operators, maintenance, instrumentation and electrical staff of 50 FTEs. Green Fields Division includes solid processes of prepasteurization / digestion, odor control, and biosolids processing and beneficial reuse, including implementation of a NBP EMS. Advanced degree and at least 7 yrs. of progressively responsible mngmnt exper preferred. Class I Va. Wastewater Operator license must be obtained. Send resume with cover letter and salary history by fax to 703/549-0763, or by e-mail to repenn@alexsan.com, or by mail to: Personnel DGF-03, P.O. Box 1987, Alexandria, VA 22313. No calls. Deadline: Aug. 17. EOE.

Director of Clean Rivers (Division), Alexandria Sanitation Authority

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Develop and implement staffing, training and budgeting plans for newly integrated division of operators, maintenance, instrumentation and electrical staff of 36 FTEs. Clean Rivers Division includes the liquid processes of preliminary and primary, biological nutrient removal, tertiary treatment and filtration and UV treatment, as well as site storm water management. Advanced degree and at least 7 yrs. of progressively responsible mngmnt. exper. in wastewater industry preferred. P.E. license preferred. Class I Va. Wastewater Operator license must be obtained. Must have exper. managing large secondary/BNR facility.

Send resume with cover letter and salary history by fax to 703/549-0763, or by e-mail to repenn@alexsan.com, or by mail to: Personnel DCW-03, P.O. Box 1987, Alexandria, VA 22313. No phone calls. Deadline: Aug. 17. EOE.

Other positions

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

Engineering Manager, Norfolk (Department of Utilities)

SALARY: DOQ. Deadline: Aug. 25.

Associate Attorney (Private Local Government Practice), Radford

SALARY: Negotiable. Open until filled.

Librarian IV, Virginia Beach

SALARY: \$50,238-\$60,285 to start. Open until filled.

Account Clerk, Ashland

SALARY: \$21,707-\$36,185 (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Human Resources Director, Frederick County

SALARY: \$60,673-\$99,284. Deadline: Aug. 19.

Purchasing Agent, Herndon

SALARY: \$45,222-\$57,319 hiring range. Open until filled.

Program & Project Coordinator, Herndon

SALARY: \$40,976-\$51,969 hiring range. Open until filled.

Assistant Public Works Director, Caroline County

SALARY: \$48,678-\$73,017 DOQ. Deadline: Aug. 15.

Public Works Director / Maintenance Supervisor, Timberville

SALARY: \$30,000-\$40,000 hiring range DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Fire Chief, Duck, N.C.

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ. Open until filled.

Town Clerk, Middleburg

SALARY: DOQ. Part-time and/or flexible hrs. Open until filled.

Zoning Officer, Fredericksburg

SALARY: \$34,874 (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Danville

SALARY: \$61,000-\$85,000 DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector, Falls Church

SALARY: \$23,000-\$28,000 DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Urban Forester, Falls Church

SALARY: \$25,000-plus DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

City Manager, Emporia

SALARY: DOQ (+) benefits. (Pop. 5,665). Deadline: Aug. 15.

Director of Transportation Services, Loudoun County

SALARY: Up to low \$100,000 to start DOQ. Deadline: Aug. 12.

City Attorney, Franklin

SALARY: \$64,000-\$80,000. Deadline: Aug. 19.

DEADLINE: *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, Aug. 19. 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.*

CALENDAR

2005 Local Government Financing Conference, Sept. 13, Hampton

Sponsored by the Virginia Resources Authority at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Program will offer a comprehensive review of the latest innovations in infrastructure financing options available to local governments in Virginia. Reception will be held Monday night, Sept. 12. Multiple sessions will cover broad range of issues and financing information. Also will include case studies and roundtables. For additional information, a complete agenda, and to register, visit www.VirginiaResources.org or contact Trisha Henshaw at 804/644-3331 ext.115 or by e-mail at thenshaw@VirginiaResources.org.

Virginia's Sustainable Future Summit, Sept. 13-15, Richmond

Engage in presentations, tours, and workshops on environmentally and economically sound, energy-efficient policies and practices for your work, home and community. Themes include: Water Resources and Sustainability; Energy for a Secure and Efficient Future; Healthy Buildings and Communities; Industrial Stewardship Options; Sustainable Policy for the 21st Century; and Transportation: Air Quality and Land Use. Deadline for early registration is Aug. 15. For more information on sponsors and exhibitors, and to register, visit www.vsf3.org.

Governor's Housing Conference, Sept. 14-16, Roanoke

State's largest and most comprehensive affordable housing event of the year will be held at the Hotel Roanoke. Register online at www.dhcd.Virginia.gov.

Information Technology Symposium (COVITS 2005), Sept. 18-20, Richmond

Thought leaders from government, industry and academia will discuss technology challenges and solutions. Theme of this year's conference is "The Promise of Digital Government." Conference registration information at www.covits.org. Registration questions? Call 703/442-9329.

IIMC Institute and Academy, Sept. 25-30, Virginia Beach

Hosted by the Virginia Municipal Clerks Association and Old Dominion University, the academy will be held at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center. For information, visit www.vmca.com or telephone Old Dominion University at 757/683-4247.

Virginia Planning and Zoning Conference, Oct. 9-11, Roanoke

The 2005 annual conference will be held at the Hotel Roanoke. Anticipated cost: \$210. Contact: info@vcpa-va.org.

Balancing Water Law and Science, Oct. 10-12, Blacksburg

The Virginia Water Resources Research Center will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a national symposium held at the Virginia Tech Inn and Skelton Conference Center. Will feature nationally known keynote speakers, a series of science and policy forums that address critical water issues, workshops and research presentations. An awards luncheon will be held Oct. 12 to recognize four people who have provided long-term leadership in supporting water resources research, education and regulatory programs in Virginia. For information contact Tamim Younos, interim director, Virginia Water Resources Research Center, 23 Agnew Hall, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0444. Phone: 540/231-5624; E-mail: tyounos@vt.edu.

The Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing, Oct 17-19, Richmond

Fall conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Select, Koger Center South. This is for public procurement professionals and will feature timely sessions and speakers. Registration materials and a full agenda will be available at www.vagp.org.

Virginia Municipal League Annual Conference, Oct. 23-25, Richmond

The 100th annual meeting of VML will be held at the Richmond Marriott Hotel in downtown at the corner of 5th and Broad streets. Contact: Joni Terry at 804/649-8471 or jterry@vml.org. Exhibitors contact: Kimberly Pollard at 804/649-8471 or kpollard@vml.org.

16th Annual Virginia GIS Conference, Oct. 24-25, Richmond

Hosted by the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. Call for papers deadline is July 15. Access www.richmondregional.org for additional information and to register online.

Designing and Evaluating Residential Walls with Large Openings Course, Oct. 25-27, Blacksburg

This course is designed for plan reviewers, building inspectors, building officials, home inspectors, residential designers, engineers, architects and homebuilders. The primary focus and objectives of it are a mastery of the application of prescriptive wall lateral design provisions of the 2003 International Residential Code™(IRC). For more info. and registration details, visit: www.conted.vt.edu/sdww.

2005 Virginia Quality Conference and Forum for Excellence, Oct. 26, Williamsburg

Hundreds of local government, education, healthcare and business representatives will gather to learn about best practices and how to improve performance and attain results. The 2005 award recipients of the U.S. Senate Productivity and Quality Award for Virginia will also be presented at a mid-day luncheon. For more information on the conference, visit www.vaquality.org. Visit www.spqa-va.org or contact SPQA Executive Director Bob Bowles at 757/523-6762 or director@spqa-va.org to learn more about the SPQA program.

The Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing, March 29-31, Blacksburg

Spring '06 conference will be held at the Virginia Tech Skelton Inn and Conference Center. This is for public procurement professionals and will feature timely sessions and speakers. Registration materials and a full agenda will be available at www.vagp.org.

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