

Update

The newsletter of the Virginia Municipal League

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TO SAVE GAS: Drive the speed limit; accelerate and decelerate slower; and make sure tires are inflated properly. In addition, keep your engine in tune; replace air filters; use the right oil; and don't skimp on maintenance. ❖

Bills await action by Kaine; localities need to act now

Gov. Tim Kaine has until April 12 to act on about 1,000 bills, including the two budget bills, passed during the 2008 session of the General Assembly. The governor has already signed 659 pieces of legislation and has vetoed four bills. The General Assembly will meet for its reconvened session on April 23.

Cities, towns or counties that want changes to legislation before the governor need to act immediately. Comments on legislation should be sent by fax – 804/371-6351 – or via e-mail to (tkaine@governor.virginia.gov).

Kaine has four options for any of the bills before him:

- Sign them, in which case the bills become law on either July 1 or another date

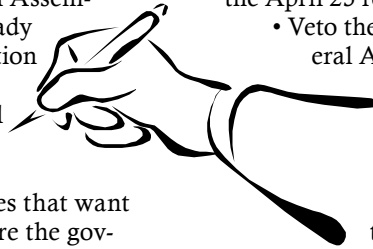
specified in the bill

- Amend and return them to the General Assembly for approval (or rejection) at the April 23 reconvened session.

- Veto the bill and return it to the General Assembly for consideration on April 23.

- Take no action, in which case the bill becomes law without his signature.

HB 30, the Appropriations Act for 2008-2010, includes a variety of cuts to local governments, including the elimination of the distribution of ABC profits / wine liter tax to cities, counties and towns. The budget freezes HB 599 funds at FY08 levels, including the reductions made by Kaine in October 2007.



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GO GREEN REGIONAL FORUMS

Sessions offer outstanding training opportunity

VML's upcoming 'Go Green' forums will give local officials an invaluable opportunity to get up-to-speed on a comprehensive menu of topics related to "green government."

The four forums will offer practical information designed to provide member local governments with information and practical strategies to reduce energy use, promote sustainability and save money.

Among the topics to be covered:

- conducting energy audits;
- transitioning to 'green fleets';
- understanding LEED green building certifications;
- granting tax breaks for green practices and energy-efficient buildings;
- identifying federal sources of funding

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Attend a forum

MORE INFORMATION about the forums, including copies of the registration form, is on the Go Green Virginia Web site at www.GoGreenVA.org. The forums will be held from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; \$45 registration includes lunch.

- April 15, Virginia Beach Convention Center.
- April 17, Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks Mall.
- April 22, Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center – Abingdon.
- April 29, James River Conference Center – Lynchburg.

We look forward to seeing you there!

FROM THE CAPITOL**Bills await Kaine's action continued ...**

Further, HB 30 includes \$50 million in across-the-board cuts for cities and counties in FY09 and FY10. The Department of Planning and Budget has to provide the manager or administrator of each city and county a list of state aid to local government programs from which the cities and counties can decide how to take the 4.2 percent cuts embedded in the budget bill. The department has 30 days in which to develop the list, but it appears that it could be available before the end of that 30-day period, perhaps as early as next week. VML should know more about the timeline at the end of this week.

The department's list will include an estimate of the General Fund amount for each program that each county and city could expect to receive from the state during each year of the biennium. This total will serve as the basis for calculating the reductions apportioned to each city and county. In addition to

the obvious problem of the impact on local budgets, this approach takes state policymakers off the hook for having to either make service cuts or increase taxes to make up for across-the-board cuts.

Local governments can choose to:

- take the total savings out of one program included on the Department of Planning and Budget list;
- reduce multiple state aid programs on a proportional basis or by a specified percentage; or
- reimburse the state in aggregate for the savings share, thereby keeping the state aid programs at an unreduced level.

Each locality may also use a combination of the three options, but must decide before Aug. 30. The department will review each local plan to determine if the local choices are accurate and obtainable.

Additional information on the budget bills and other legislation are available on VML's Web site at www.vml.org. ❖

AT THE LEAGUE**Go Green forums continued ...**

- creating an energy improvement plan;
- developing a sustainability plan;
- conducting a baseline emissions inventory – commonly called a “carbon footprint”;
- developing an urban reforestation plan;
- adopting community conservation measures;
- identifying green power alternatives;
- purchasing of renewable energy credits; or
- saving money by using performance contracting.

The forums are one of the best opportunities that local officials in Virginia will have to learn about these issues, which will confront them more and more in future.

It's hard to pick-up a newspaper or magazine, or to turn on a television or radio these days, without reading or viewing stories on “going green.” Virginians expect their local government leaders to

be knowledgeable about these issues, and to be prepared to help find solutions at the community level.

The forums are part of VML's “Go Green Virginia” initiative, which is starting to draw national attention, with requests for information coming from municipal leagues across the country. VML President Jay Fisette will talk about the program at a national summit in Albuquerque on May 14.

The forums will also provide information on a proposed federal block program for energy efficiency and conservation. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) could be used for such things as residential and commercial building energy audits, programs to conserve energy used in transportation (flex time, satellite work centers, zoning, etc.), installing on-site renewable energy technology, and other activities designed to reduce fossil fuel emissions. ❖

REGULATIONS

Intended Regulatory Action

Stormwater Management Regulations. The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board has proposed action to amend the Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) permit

regulation to establish (i) criteria to protect the quality and manage the quality of stormwater runoff to state waters, (ii) criteria for the administration of a local stormwater management program, (iii) processes and procedures for board approval of a qualifying local program, and (iv) local program oversight and

implementation criteria for the board and for the department. A public hearing will be held. Contact David Dowling, Department of Conversation and Recreation, at 804/786-2291 or e-mail him at david.dowling@dcr.virginia.gov for more information. ❖

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 the entire 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.

Regional Planner, Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission

SALARY: \$41,000-\$72,000 negotiable DOQ (+) benefits. Coordinates environmental and natural resources programs. Also will support commission's land-use planning, community development and hazard mitigation initiatives. Reqs. relevant master's degree and min. 2 yrs. related exper. Significant exper. with environmental planning programs may be substituted for master's. Complete position description at www.nsvrc.virginia.gov. Submit resume and cover letter to: Christopher M. Price, AICP, Executive Director, Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission, 103 E. 6th St., Front Royal, VA 22630. Contact 540/636-8800 for more info. Open until filled. EOE.

Real Estate Specialist, Arlington County

SALARY: \$46,592-\$77,043 (+) benefits. Negotiate and draft agreements for property vacations or abandonments, encroachments, acquisitions, easements, license agreements, leases and sale of real property. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree plus 3 yrs. related exper. Must submit county application via Internet. To apply, go to www.arlingtonva.us/pers, click on "county jobs," scroll down the alphabetical list and click on the job title. Questions? Call 703/228-3500 and press "1." Deadline: April 24. EOE.

Planner III (Department of Community Development), Richmond

SALARY: \$50,001-\$90,342 (+) benefits. Oversee all operations and staff of the Planning and Preservation, which is responsible for long-range planning and historic preservation activities, including development and implementation of city's Master Plan and Downtown Master Plan. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree (advanced degree preferred) and 5 yrs. related work exper. Exper. in traditional neighborhood development, new urbanism, downtown revitalization, multimodal transportation initiatives and/or waterfront planning and development a plus. For an application, visit www.richmondgov.com/departments/hr/. Deadline: April 13. EOE.

Director of Planning, Zoning and Development, Leesburg

SALARY: \$79,689-\$133,752 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Direct planning, zoning and development activities of the Planning, Zoning and Development Department. Reqs. relevant master's and 10 yrs. progressively responsible planning and mngmnt. exper. Prefer extensive knowledge of Va. law as it pertains to planning and zoning; AICP and APA memberships. To apply, log-on to www.leesburgva.gov or request an application from the HR Department at 703/737-7177. Mail application and resume in confidence to: Attn.: Nancy Fixx, HR Director, Town of Leesburg, 25 W. Market St., P.O. Box 88, Leesburg, VA 20178. Applications may be faxed to 703/737-7190. Resumes may be submitted as supplemental only. Deadline: May 16. EOE.

Director of Parks & Recreation, Northampton County

SALARY: \$34,352-\$51,527 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Manage recreational activities and events; supervise staff, prepare and manage dept. bdgts; work with Parks & Rec advisory board. Reqs. bachelor's degree or training equiv. in recreation admin., public admin., business mngmnt. or related field. See www.co.northampton.va.us/jobs.html for detailed job description, other reqs. and

county application form. Submit application, resume and cover letter to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 66, Eastville, VA 23347. Deadline: April 25. EOE.

Senior Planner (2 positions), Leesburg

SALARY: \$52,752-\$88,542 (+) benefits. Perform planning, analytical and research functions as member of Planning and Zoning Dept. Reqs. bachelor's degree in planning or related field (master's preferred) and 5 yrs. exper. Prefer AICP certification. Reqs. town application. See www.leesburgva.gov or request an application from the HR Department at 703/737-7177. Resumes may be submitted as supplemental only. Mail application to: Town of Leesburg, HR Department, 25 W. Market St., Leesburg, VA 20176. Applications and resumes may be faxed to 703/737-7190. Deadline: May 9. EOE.

City Clerk, Manassas

SALARY: \$52,021-\$69,430 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Directs, manages, coordinates and supervises administrative operations of City Clerk's office. Reqs. associate's degree or equiv. from 2-yr. college or technical school and 4-6 yrs. exper. or comb. of educ., training and exper. to perform essential job functions. Prefer exper. as a clerk or deputy clerk. Prefer CMC or demonstrate a schedule to obtain the certificate. Apply: Department of Human Resources, 9027 Center St., Room 302, Manassas, VA 20110. FAX: 703/257-5827; e-mail: hr@ci.manassas.va.us; www.manassascity.org. Open until filled. EOE.

Assistant Financial Officer, Southside Community Services Board

SALARY: \$37,671 min. entry level negotiable DOQ (+) benefits. Perform accounting duties in board's South Boston administrative office, including management of accounts payable; maintaining accounting ledgers; financial reviews and analysis; preparation of financial reports; reconciliations and preparation of financial state-

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ments reflecting budgetary activities on board-wide basis. Submit required SCSB application to: Human Services Coordinator, Southside Community Services Board, P.O. Box 488, 424 Hamilton Blvd., South Boston, VA 24592. Applications available by calling 434/572-6916, from address above, or at www.sscsb.org. # 0013. Open until filled. EOE.

Lead Mental Health Therapist, Southside Community Services Board

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Provide individual and group therapy to seriously mentally ill consumers as lead clinician at Mecklenburg Behavioral Health Center in Boydton. Reqs. master's degree in human services (preferably social work); must be Va. licensed (LCSW or LPC) with outpatient clinical mental health exper., documented crisis intervention and supervisory exper. Submit SCSB application (no resume) to: Human Services Coordinator, Southside Community Services Board, P.O. Box 488, 424 Hamilton Blvd., South Boston, VA 24592. Applications available by calling 434/572-6916, from address above, or at www.sscsb.org. # 0039. Open until filled. EOE.

Family and Children's Services Supervisor, Southside Community Services Board

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Provide all clinical and administrative supervision for board's Family and Children's Services Department. Reqs. master's degree in clinical social work, counseling or other human services field with significant behavioral health management exper. Prefer exper. in providing direct services to children and youth with emotional and behavioral problems, as well as knowledge of Medicaid regs. regarding billing procedures. Submit req. SCSB application with resume to: Human Services Coordinator, Southside Community Services Board, P.O. Box 488, 424 Hamilton Blvd., South Boston, VA 24592. Applications available by calling 434/572-6916, from above address, or at www.sscsb.org. # 0033. Open until filled. EOE.

Substance Abuse Counselor, Southside Community Services Board

SALARY: \$30,715 min. to start (+) benefits. Provide counseling services at Halifax Behavioral Health Center in South Boston for chemically-addicted people. Reqs. bachelor's degree in human services field (master's preferred), as well as work exper. in substance abuse counseling and

certification or CSAC / SACAVA eligible. Submit required SCSB application to: Human Services Coordinator, Southside Community Services Board, P.O. Box 488, 424 Hamilton Blvd., South Boston, Va. Applications available by calling 434/572-6916, from address above, or at www.sscsb.org. # 0199. Open until filled. EOE.

Psychiatrist, Southside Community Services Board

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Provide diagnostic and treatment services in community mental health outpatient medical director clinic setting serving adult and children MH/MR/SA population. Work with team of professionals to meet needs of clients in designated underserved area in South Boston. Must be graduate of accredited medical school, licensed to practice medicine in Va., and board certified or board eligible in psychiatry. Submit required SCSB application to: Human Services Coordinator, Southside Community Services Board, P.O. Box 488, 424 Hamilton Blvd., South Boston, VA 24592. Obtain applications by calling 434/572-6916, from address above, or at www.sscsb.org. # 0106. Open until filled. EOE.

Eligibility Supervisor, Manassas Park

SALARY: \$48,863-\$52,000 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Interviews applicants and recipients to determine eligibility for assistance, securing the necessary information and evaluating it for consistency and accuracy. Prefer bilingual English/Spanish. Reqs. knowledge of public assistance program, policies and regs. Submit completed state employment application (DPT Form 10-012). Forms may be obtained from www.dhrm.virginia.gov. May submit resume with completed application; resume will not substitute for an application. View job at www.dss.virginia.gov/jobs/. Send to: Manassas Park Department of Social Services, 1 Park Center Court / City Hall, Manassas Park, VA 20111. #00024-08. Deadline: April 4. EOE.

Utilities Director, Gloucester County

SALARY: \$70,000-\$85,000 DOQ (+) benefits. (pop. 35,000 +). Plans, organizes and directs the activities of supervisory, technical and clerical personnel engaged in operation of water treatment plant, water supply system, sewage collection, and customer service and billing systems. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree and 6-9 yrs. progressively responsible related mngmnt. exper. or any equiv. comb. of training

and exper. Reqs. registration as Va. P.E.; possession of Class I State Waterworks Operators license. Visit www.gloucesterva.info to review complete job description, residency req. and to download employment application. Submit Gloucester County application with cover letter and resume to: Gloucester County Human Resources, 6467 Main St., Gloucester VA 23061. Deadline: April 18. EOE.

Director of Public Works, Bristol, Va.

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Manage well-run and diverse dept. Reqs. bachelor's degree in engineering, civil or environmental engineering, or related field and min. 5 yrs. increasingly responsible public works operations and mngmnt. exper. Potential to become a P.E. within a reasonable time is a plus. City vehicle provided. Moving expenses may be reimbursed. Submit letter of application, detailed resume with salary history and work related references to: John A. Anzivino, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 1564 E. Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228-2360; Fax 804/726-9752 or e-mail Richmond@springsted.com. For further information, visit www.springsted.com. Deadline: April 21. EOE.

Other positions

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

Stormwater Chief, York County

SALARY: \$61,833 base or higher DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Executive Director, Richmond Regional Planning District Commission

SALARY: \$120,000-\$140,000 DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: April 20.

County Planner II, Henrico County

SALARY: \$44,290-\$77,743. Deadline: April 6.

Human Resources Director, Manassas

SALARY: \$83,678-\$110,000 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Planning Director/Assistant Town Manager, Kilmarnock

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

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POSITIONS**Assistant Director of Human Resources, Leesburg**

SALARY: \$62,216-\$104,426 (+) benefits. Deadline: May 9.

Director of Public Utilities, Caroline County

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: April 15.

Director of Finance, Caroline County

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: April 15.

Director of Power & Light, Danville (Utilities Department)

SALARY: \$70,000-\$95,000 DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Council Policy Analyst (2 positions), Richmond

SALARY: \$52,584-\$86,372 (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Council Budget Analyst, Richmond

SALARY: \$52,784-\$86,372 (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Director of Planning and Community Development, Ashland

SALARY: \$60,174-\$75,223 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Director of Planning and Development, Fluvanna County

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

DEADLINE: *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, April 11. 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**Go Green Virginia Regional Forum, Virginia Beach, April 14**

From 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Designed to provide VML member local governments with information and practical strategies to reduce energy usage, promote sustainability and save money. Virginia Beach Convention Center, 1000 19th Street, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. More information at www.GoGreenVA.org or contact Denise Thompson at dthompson@vml.org. Cost: \$45 includes lunch.

Go Green Virginia Regional Forum, Fairfax, April 17

From 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Designed to provide VML member local governments with information and practical strategies to reduce energy usage, promote sustainability and save money. Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks Mall, 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax, VA 22033. More information at www.GoGreenVA.org or contact Denise Thompson at dthompson@vml.org. Cost: \$45 includes lunch.

Community Brownfield Workshop, Newport News, April 17

Sponsored by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. and EPA Region III, this workshop is designed to inform community leaders, planning authorities and redevelopment authorities of funding that is available to assess, clean and redevelop brownfield sites. Location: Malcolm Pirnie office located at 701 Town Center Drive, Newport News, VA 23606-

4296. Time: 9 a.m.-noon. Lunch provide at noon as an opportunity to discuss potential redevelopment of your sites with local developers. RSVP to reserve spot by e-mailing gfirely@pirnie.com. Questions? Call 484/688-0369. Free.

Go Green Virginia Regional Forum, Abingdon, April 22

From 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Designed to provide VML member local governments with information and practical strategies to reduce energy usage, promote sustainability and save money. Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, One Partnership Circle, Abingdon, VA 24210. More information at www.GoGreenVA.org or contact Denise Thompson at dthompson@vml.org. Cost: \$45 includes lunch.

VBCOA Mid-Year Meeting, Charlottesville, April 28

Sessions will take place at the Doubletree Charlottesville, 990 Hilton Heights Road. See www.vlgma.org for more information or contact Mary Jo Fields at mfields@vml.org.

Go Green Virginia Regional Forum, Lynchburg, April 29

From 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Designed to provide VML member local governments with information and practical strategies to reduce energy usage, promote sustainability and save money. James River Conference Center, 400 Court Street, Lynchburg, VA 23504. More information at www.GoGreenVA.org or contact Denise Thompson at dthompson@vml.org. Cost: \$45 includes lunch.

ICMA-SEI Leadership Institute, Charlottesville, May 3

For more information, contact Felicia Logan at flogan@icma.org.

Virginia Transit Association Annual Meeting, Arlington, May 19-21

Three-day conference for all transportation professionals will be held at the Hilton Crystal City. For more information, contact 804/643-1166 or log-on to www.vatransit.com.

Virginia Government Communicators Annual Meeting, Henrico County, June 18

Will be held at the Virginia Housing Center, a Virginia Housing Development Authority office building located off of Broad Street in the Innsbrook business park in western Henrico County. For information, contact Barbara Gordon, director of communications, Northern Virginia Regional Commission, bgordon@novaregion.org or 703/642-4635. More info will be posted at <http://www.vagovcom.org>.

VLGMA Summer Conference, Virginia Beach, June 18-20

Annual summer meeting of the Virginia Local Government Management Association. For more information, contact Denise Thompson at dthompson@vlgma.org.

Preferred method of submitting items is via e-mail to David Parsons at: dparsons@vml.org. You may also submit via FAX at: 804/343-3758.

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