

# Update

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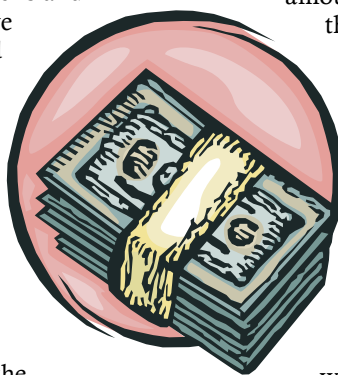


**PLANT DECIDUOUS TREES** such as oak, maple, gum, ash and dogwood. They lose their leaves in the winter, letting the sun shine through to warm your home. In summer, their leaves shade a home or other building. Plant shade trees to the south, since that side of a building is exposed to the sun for the longest time each day.

## Budget amendments offer no fiscal relief for localities

As local budget writers wrestle with increasing costs and stagnant or declining revenues, councils and boards of supervisors will have fewer state dollars than hoped to balance competing needs.

Gov. Tim Kaine submitted 41 amendments to HB 30, which funds the 2008-2010 biennium. The amendments include \$8.9 million of proposed changes, mostly for economic development and land conservation activities. But, for the most part, the bulk of the amendments are technical, and none address the \$378.2 million in budget reductions affecting state-mandated services and services delivered in partnership with the state. Nor, do any of the proposed amendments reverse the legislature's decision to eliminate the revenue sharing program for ABC net profits and wine liter tax collec-



tions. And, no amendments were submitted to alter the new state policy to cap the amount of inflation recognized by the state in re-benchmarking non-personnel and health insurance costs for the Standards of Quality. This policy costs localities some \$10.4 million each year in the upcoming biennium. (The March 21 edition of the *Legislative Bulletin* includes detailed information on the state budget.)

The General Assembly will accept or reject the amendments at its reconvened session on April 23.

Kaine also submitted amendments to about 35 pieces of legislation. The amendments were primarily technical in nature. Concerning HB 29, the bill amending the final months of this fiscal year, no amendments were submitted. ❖

### AT THE LEAGUE

## Town Section meetings to be held in May

VML will hold four Town Section meetings across the state in May.

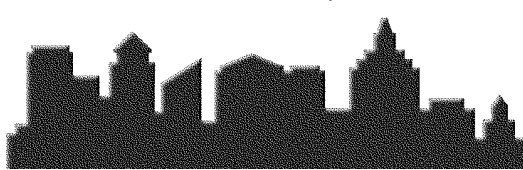
VML staff will brief town officials on how the actions of the 2008 General Assembly will affect their communities. In addition, staff will brief

Town Section members on: the new role for towns pertaining to land use law; the Go Green Virginia environmental initiative; a refresher on laws pertaining to FOIA and conflicts of interest; the VML Model Personnel Manual; and an overview of existing

VML service programs benefiting towns.

The meetings will be held on Thursday, May 8, at the Farmville Train Station; Friday, May 9, at Lowery's Seafood Restaurant in Tappahannock; Thursday, May 22, at the Town Hall in Bridgewater; and Thursday, May 29, at the new Wytheville Meeting Center.

Each meeting will begin at 11 a.m. and will include lunch. A registration form appears on page 7 and is posted on the VML Web site. ❖



## FROM THE CAPITOL

## VML pushes for transportation solution in letter

VML sent the governor and state legislative leaders of both houses a letter this week advocating that they find a sustainable approach to funding long-term transportation improvements.

The governor promised to call a special legislative session this spring following the implosion of the transportation funding plan approved last year by the General Assembly.

The letter reads:

Dear Sirs:

Transportation problems are more than just an inconvenience and expense for families and businesses. Congestion, aging facilities, and project backlogs

threaten the Commonwealth's ability to move people and goods. And this puts the state's economic vitality at risk.

The \$1.1 billion reduction in the official six-year forecast for the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund and the Transportation Trust Fund, coupled with rising oil and steel prices, demand prompt action. Failure to address the transportation challenge jeopardizes future federal funding, meaning we will have even fewer resources to do the job.

The Virginia Municipal League advocates for a funding model that is adequate, sustainable, and dedicated with non-general funds to support Virginia's

transportation network. To that end, our organization urges you to approve a program that addresses the long-term statewide needs of road maintenance and transit operations, imposes tax or fee increases by the Commonwealth and not by individual localities, and provides adequate resources for new construction and other transportation modes.

We are ready to work with you to accomplish these aims.

Sincerely,

R. Michael Amyx  
Executive Director



## VRS certifies contribution rates; trust fund buffeted

The Virginia Retirement System's Board of Trustees certified retirement, group health and group life insurance rates for state employees and teachers at its meeting held April 10 in Richmond.

The board last October set its assumptions at a 7.50 percent investment return, 2.5 percent inflation and a 20-year amortization period, but the General Assembly funded contributions based on assumptions of an 8 percent investment return, 3 percent inflation and a 30-year amortization period. Therefore, contribution rates are lower than what the VRS board announced last fall. Assumptions for retirement contribution rates for political subdivisions, however, do not change; their retirement contribution rates will be those certified in November 2007. The lower rates for the teacher retiree health care credit and group life insurance program will apply to political subdivisions.

Funded rates for FY09 (effective July 1, 2008) are as follows:

- State employees: 6.23 percent (not including the 5 percent employee contribution)
- Teachers: 8.81 percent (not including the 5 percent employee contribution)
- Group life: 0.82 percent (0.49 percent employee contribution and 0.33 percent employer contribution)
- Teacher retiree health care: 1.08 percent.

State reimbursement for a share of the cost of retirement for state supported local employees (such as positions funded through the Compensation Board) is based on the lower of either the state contribution rate of 6.23 percent, or the contribution rate for the locality.

For teachers, the costs of the group life and teacher retiree health care credit are shared with local governments on the basis of the composite index of local ability to pay. Further, for group life, the state only pays a share of the 0.33 percent employer contribution. Some employers pay the 0.49 percent employee contribution, but the state does not share in that cost.

The cost to the state and local governments for teacher retirement contributions will be about \$980 million in FY09 and \$1 billion in FY10. Local governments pay approximately 60 percent of the cost (\$588 million in FY09 and \$606 million in FY10), because of the failure of state funding formulas to recognize adequately salary levels paid by school divisions and the number of teachers employed in school divisions.

The teacher retiree health care credit will cost \$76.7 million in FY09 and \$79.7 million in FY10. Again, local governments pay about 60 percent of these costs, or about \$46 million in FY09 and \$47.8 million in FY10. The General Assembly adopted this benefit in 1998, and said that the state would pay all the

costs of the program. However, the budget adopted in 2002 funded the program the same way as other education costs, through a formula using the composite index. The General Assembly increased the retiree health care credit for teachers in the 2007 session.

Reflecting the downturn in the U. S. economy, the value of the Virginia Retirement System's trust fund fell to \$56.4 billion in April 2008, down from the high point of \$61 billion in October 2007.

VRS Chief Financial Officer Charles Grant presented a series of depressing statistics to the Board of Trustees, which met April 10 in Richmond. Non-farm payrolls have decreased for the last three months, and unemployment has edged up. Consumer confidence, a key measure because the U.S. economy is driven by consumer spending, has plunged since 2007, and is approaching the lows recorded in 2002.

Grant also said that the Financial Standards Accounting Board (FASB) has adopted stricter standards for recognizing the fair value of assets and liabilities. There is concern that the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) will adopt similar standards for governments, which could result in lowering the value of assets held by pension funds and other assets. GASB often follows the lead of FASB in setting governmental accounting standards. ❖

**FROM THE CAPITOL**

**Education data reflect small hike in state, federal support**

Data contained in the Superintendent of Public Instruction's Annual Report for FY07 show that local governments continue to pay the largest share of the costs of K-12 education, but that the state has increased its share slightly over the past year.

Local governments continue to pick up the larger portion of operating expenditures for K-12 education:

- In FY07, local governments paid 48.61 percent of operating expenses, as compared to 50.18 percent in FY06.
- The state share (including the state sales tax dedicated to education as a state source) was 44.65 percent in FY07, as compared to 42.75 percent in FY06.
- The federal share was 6.74 percent in FY07, and 7.07 percent in FY06.

The improvement in the percentage of state support from FY06 to FY07 probably reflects that the state included funding for a 4 percent salary increase in FY07, and a 3 percent salary increase in FY06.

The data for FY07 can be found in Table 15 of the annual report, which is available in either PDF or Excel format on the Department of Education's Web site at: <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Publications/asrstat/2006-07/asrbook.html>.

The superintendent's annual report generally is regarded as one of the most authoritative and comprehensive source of data on education funding. The figures are derived from the annual school reports submitted by the divisions.

Historically, the local, state and federal shares over the last five years are as follows:

**Sources of financial support for education operating expenditures**  
(Expressed as percentage of total operating expenditures)

	FY07	FY06	FY05	FY04	FY03
Local	48.61	50.18	49.33	51.5	51.7
State	44.65	42.75	43.54	41.2	41.4
Federal	6.74	7.07	7.13	7.2	6.9

**Source:** Table 15, Annual Report, Superintendent of Public Instruction, for the fiscal years indicated. The state share includes the state sales tax dedicated to public education.

**AT THE LEAGUE**

**Policy committee nominations deadline is May 9**

May 9 is the deadline for member local governments to submit the names of elected and appointed officials who want to serve on VML policy committees for 2008-2009.

A policy committee information and nominations package was mailed last week to all VML full-member communities. All of VML's policy committees will meet on Thursday, July 24, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

VML's Executive Committee has added a sixth policy committee – Community and Economic Development – to its list of committees. The committee will address community and economic development issues, including business development and retention, infrastructure development and investment, planning, land use and zoning, blight, enterprise zones, housing, workforce development and historic preservation.

VML's policy committees are: Com-

munity and Economic Development; Environmental Quality; Finance; General Laws; Human Development and Education; and Transportation.

The committees prepare statements that define the league's positions on a variety of policy issues. They also recommend legislative positions. For more information on the policy committees or the policy committee process, contact Janet Areson at [jareson@vml.org](mailto:jareson@vml.org) or 804/523-8527. ❖

**Cash prizes for Green Government Challenge announced**

By now, you've heard all about VML's Green Government Challenge, which encourages local governments to implement environmental policies and practical actions that reduce carbon emissions.

But you haven't heard everything! MoseleyArchitects, a VML sustaining member, will award \$18,000 in cash prizes to the nine winners of the Challenge.

The firm will award \$3,000 to the

first place winner, \$2,000 to the second place winner, and \$1,000 to the third place winner in each of the three population brackets. The inaugural 'MoseleyArchitects Go Green Virginia Awards' will be presented at the 2008 VML annual conference in Norfolk, Oct. 19-21.

Use your award money to help create a sustainable future by planting trees, conducting an energy audit, replacing incandescent light bulbs, designing a butterfly or community garden .... the choice

is yours!

You can learn more about the awards at one of the four regional Go Green Virginia forums that kicked-off this week.

It's not too late to sign-up for a forum. The remaining three will be held April 17 in Fairfax County, April 22 in Abingdon and April 29 in Lynchburg. For more information about the Go Green Virginia program, visit [www.GoGreenVA.org](http://www.GoGreenVA.org). ❖

## POSITIONS

### Longer version of job ads posted at [www.vml.org](http://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](http://www.vml.org). Visit the VML site and click on "Marketplace" to read the complete descriptions.

### Finance Director, Pulaski County

SALARY: \$67,000-\$105,000 DOQ (+) benefits. Responsible for financial management, budgeting, and purchasing, including the public service, industrial development and wireless authorities, as well as several regional agencies. Reqs. exper. in govt. accounting; exper. preparing financial statements and annual financial report. Reqs. bachelor's degree in accounting or business admin. and progressive financial accounting and supervisory exper. (prefer familiarity with BAI Municipal Software and Va. local govt. accounting). CPA preferred. Apply to Robert Hiss, Assistant County Administrator, 143 3rd St., N.W., Pulaski, VA 24301 or through the VEC office, 206 3rd Ave., Radford, VA, 24141. Submit cover letter, resume and county application, available at [www.pulaskicounty.org](http://www.pulaskicounty.org). Application review begins May 12. Open until filled. EOE.

### Deputy City Manager, Suffolk

SALARY: \$97,936 - \$129,765 (+) benefits. Assists city manager in coordination, organization and direction of departments and programs. Involves supervision of all development depts., as well as certain operations depts.; oversees development of operations and capital improvement bdgts. for development and operations depts. Reqs. bachelor's degree in government or public admin. and 6-9 yrs. progressively responsible exper. in govt. managerial work. Submit city application, which can be found with additional info. at [www.suffolk.va.us](http://www.suffolk.va.us), or call 757/514-4120. Open until filled. EOE.

### Budget Analyst, Suffolk

SALARY: \$53,537-\$68,260 (+) benefits. Assists in development of annual operating and capital bdgts.; provides analytical assistance to budget office and other city depts.; performs research and analysis to provide pertinent info. regarding city programs and depts.; assists in preparing brief-

ing packages on recommended city budget. Reqs. bachelor's degree in bookkeeping or accounting, and 3 yrs. exper. in accounting clerical work. Submit city application, which can be found with additional info. at [www.suffolk.va.us](http://www.suffolk.va.us), or call 757/514-4120. Open until filled. EOE.

### Assistant Director of Finance, Suffolk

SALARY: \$66,090-\$85,918 (+) benefits. Assists in directing city financial activities. Supervises and manages financial functions in areas of general accounting, operating and capital budget development and administration, debt issuance and management, purchasing and overall financial administration. Work also involves supervision and management of procurement activities. Reqs. bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, business admin.; supplemented by 6 yrs. progressively responsible govt. accounting, financial mngmnt. and supervisory exper. Submit city application, which can be found with additional info. at [www.suffolk.va.us](http://www.suffolk.va.us), or call 757/514-4120. Open until filled. EOE.

### Rental Housing Administrator, Virginia Beach

SALARY: In Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Department. For more information and/or to submit an online application, log-on to [www.vbgov.com/careers](http://www.vbgov.com/careers). Deadline: April 18. EOE.

### Code Enforcement Administrator, Virginia Beach

SALARY: In Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Department. For more information and/or to submit an online application, log-on to [www.vbgov.com/careers](http://www.vbgov.com/careers). Deadline: April 18. EOE.

### Director of Finance, Roanoke

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Leads divisions and units of Finance, Billings & Collections, and Real Estate Evaluation under general supervision of mayor and City Council. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree (master's preferred, but not required); 10 yrs. progressively responsible exper. in finance administration, preferably in govt. accounting; considerable admin. mngmnt. exper.; or equiv. comb. of educ. and exper. CPA preferred. For more info. or to apply, log-on to: [www.roanokeva.gov/jobs](http://www.roanokeva.gov/jobs). Contact: City of Roanoke, Human Resources, 215 Church Ave., Room 207, Roanoke, VA 24011. Phone: 540/853-2231; Fax: 540/853-1218; e-mail: [hr@roanokeva.gov](mailto:hr@roanokeva.gov). Deadline: May 12. EOE.

### Paralegal, Henrico County

SALARY: \$38,479-\$67,542 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Provide support and assistance in practice areas of bankruptcy and real estate, which includes managing large volume of documents, reviewing and summarizing complex documents, performing legal research, and a knowledge of court rules and procedures. For a more specific description of duties and qualifications, pay information and to apply, visit [www.henricojobs.com](http://www.henricojobs.com). Job # 0112-0013. Deadline: April 27. EOE.

### Team Leader Community Inspections, Arlington County

SALARY: \$43,368-\$71,718 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Conduct field inspections in response to complaints; coordinate work of a team of community inspectors responsible for resolving violations pertaining to county and/or state ordinances of the Zoning Code, Condition of Private Property, Noise, and Va. Uniform State-wide Building Code. Reqs. 3 yrs. exper. in: building construction; building, fire or housing inspections; and/or investigating violations in zoning, care of premises and noise. Must have, or be able to obtain, Va. certification as building maintenance inspector within 1 yr. To apply, go to [www.arlingtonva.us/pers](http://www.arlingtonva.us/pers), click on county jobs, scroll down and click on the job title. Questions? Call 703/228-3500 and press "4." Deadline: May 1. EOE.

### Town Manager, Vinton

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Reqs. 5-10 yrs. exper., preferably as manager or asst. manager. Reqs. bachelor's degree in public or business admin. (master's preferred). Responsible for appx. \$12 million operating and capital bdgt. Reqs. knowledge of financial systems, budgeting, utility system mngmnt., economic development and personnel admin. Residency req. Send cover letter, resume, salary history and 3 professional references to: Beth Austin, Human Resource Director, 311 S. Pollard St., Vinton, VA 24179. Visit [www.vintonva.gov](http://www.vintonva.gov). Apply by May 28. Open until filled. EOE.

### County Planner I (Code Administration Division), Henrico County

SALARY: \$38,479-\$67,542 DOQ (+) benefits. Review, analyze and prepare staff reports for variance and conditional use permit requests before the Board of Zoning

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Appeals; prepares adjacent property notifications; assists in researching and drafting zoning conformance letters; handles zoning inquiries from walk-in customers and by telephone. For specific descriptions of duties and qualifications and to apply, visit [www.henricojobs.com](http://www.henricojobs.com). Deadline: April 27. EOE.

### Police Officer (FT), Buena Vista

SALARY: DOE (+) benefits, including pay incentives, college tuition, state retirement and supplements. (pop. 6,500). Reports directly to chief of police. Certified officers encouraged to apply. Online applications at [www.bvcity.org/police](http://www.bvcity.org/police) or call 540/261-6174. Deadline: April 21. EOE.

### Engineering CADD Technician II (Public Works), Chesapeake

SALARY: \$31,558 (+) benefits. Provide computer aided drafting and design support in assigned area(s). Responsible for reducing survey data, preparing engineering drawings and plans, creating plats, and preparing documents for presentation. Also will develop work methods and sequences under general supervision. Prefer AutoDesk / AutoCad certificate and/or 2 yrs. exper. in civil engineering with the software. For more info or to apply, visit [www.jobs.cityofchesapeake.net](http://www.jobs.cityofchesapeake.net). Deadline: April 15. EOE.

### Engineer II (Public Works), Chesapeake

SALARY: \$48,582-\$60,727 DOQ (+) benefits. Perform complex professional work involving traffic modeling, site and subdivision plan review, level of service analysis and traffic needs assessments, as well as handle citizen requests and perform special studies and analysis related to site development and traffic flow. Will supervise professional and technical staff. Reqs. bachelor's degree in civil engineering or closely related field and min. 4 yrs. exper. Desire Va. P.E. license or ability to obtain one. For more info and/or to apply, visit [www.jobs.cityofchesapeake.net](http://www.jobs.cityofchesapeake.net). Deadline: April 15. EOE.

### Safety Specialist, Lynchburg

SALARY: \$40,227-\$64,355 (+) benefits. Develop, coordinate and implement employee training procedures and programs; conduct safety training classes; conduct safety inspections of city buildings, work sites and equipment; ensure city depts. comply with OSHA regs; analyze city's workers comp and other accident reports

to identify areas where safety training is needed; coordinate hazardous waste programs. Reqs. bachelor's degree with major work in public safety management/technology or related field, and significant exper. in safety; or equiv. comb. of educ. and exper. Apply and find more info at [www.lyncburgva.gov](http://www.lyncburgva.gov). Deadline: April 11.

### Purchasing Agent, Alexandria Sanitation Authority

SALARY: \$61,797-\$98,488 (+) benefits. Plan, coordinate and execute purchasing activities; report to business manager. Reqs. detailed knowledge of procurement law and purchasing practices. Must have ability to prepare RFP's, RFQ's and bid specs. Professional purchasing certification a plus. Detailed benefits info at <http://alexsan.benenet.net>. Send resume with cover letter and salary history to [repenn@alexsan.com](mailto:repenn@alexsan.com); or via fax to 703/549-0763; or mail to ASA Employee Services, PA-09, P.O. Box 1987, Alexandria, VA 22313. Open until filled. EOE.

### Senior Transportation Planner (Comprehensive Planning Division), Leesburg

SALARY: \$52,752-\$88,542 (+) benefits. Implement town's transportation policies and action agenda. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree and min. 5 yrs. exper. in transportation planning. Prefer master's degree, AICP certification or any equiv. educ. and exper. See [www.leesburgva.gov](http://www.leesburgva.gov) to obtain a town application or request from the HR Department at 703/737-7177. Mail or fax to: Town of Leesburg, HR Department, 25 W. Market St., P.O. Box 88, Leesburg, VA 20178. Resumes may be submitted as supplemental only. Open until filled. EOE.

### Director of Planning, Prince George County

SALARY: \$64,865 - \$103,785 (+) benefits. Plan, organize and direct planning and zoning activities, services, programs and staff; coordinate work with county administrator and dept. directors; serve as staff support to boards and commissions. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree. Submit application, resume with salary history and 3 work related references. Online applications preferred. For detailed info regarding job description, min. reqs. and application process, visit [www.princegeorgeva.org](http://www.princegeorgeva.org) or call 804/722-8669. Open until filled. EOE.

### Meeting Services Scheduler, Wytheville

SALARY: \$23,384-\$33,384 DOQ (+) benefits. Should be creative, enthusiastic "people person" who can work independently; has experience in scheduling meetings and conferences, marketing and PR; extensive writing ability. Must be able to work a flexible schedule (nights, weekends, holidays). Prefer relevant bachelor's degree and 2 yrs. exper. or a comb. of educ. and progressive work exper. Application package available at [www.wytheville.org](http://www.wytheville.org). Deadline: April 18. EOE.

## Other positions

**NOTICE:** *The following positions also are listed on VML's Web site at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org).*

### Regional Planner, Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission

SALARY: \$41,000-\$72,000 negotiable DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

### Real Estate Specialist, Arlington County

SALARY: \$46,592-\$77,043 (+) benefits. Deadline: April 24.

### Director of Planning, Zoning and Development, Leesburg

SALARY: \$79,689-\$133,752 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: May 16.

### Director of Parks & Recreation, Northampton County

SALARY: \$34,352-\$51,527 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: April 25.

### Senior Planner (2 positions), Leesburg

SALARY: \$52,752-\$88,542 (+) benefits. Deadline: May 9.

### City Clerk, Manassas

SALARY: \$52,021-\$69,430 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

### Assistant Financial Officer, Southside Community Services Board

SALARY: \$37,671 min. entry level negotiable DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

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### Lead Mental Health Therapist, Southside Community Services Board

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

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

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

### Substance Abuse Counselor, Southside Community Services Board

SALARY: \$30,715 min. to start (+) benefits. Open until filled.

### Psychiatrist, Southside Community Services Board

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

### Utilities Director, Gloucester County

SALARY: \$70,000-\$85,000 DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: April 18.

### Director of Public Works, Bristol, Va.

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: April 21.

**DEADLINE:** *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, April 25. Submit ads via e-mail to David Parsons at [dparsons@vml.org](mailto: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, 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](http://www.GoGreenVA.org) or contact Denise Thompson at [dthompson@vml.org](mailto: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](http://www.vlgma.org) for more information or contact Mary Jo Fields at [mfields@vml.org](mailto:mfields@vml.org).

### Urban Forum: Neighborhood Economic Development and Commercial Revitalization, Indianapolis, April 28-30

Conducted by Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and NLC at the Indianapolis Downtown Marriott. Visit [www.liscurbanforum.org](http://www.liscurbanforum.org) for more details.

### 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](http://www.GoGreenVA.org) or contact Denise Thompson at [dthompson@vml.org](mailto:dthompson@vml.org). Cost: \$45 includes lunch.

### ICMA-SEI Leadership Institute, Charlottesville, May 3

For more information, contact Felicia Logan at [flogan@icma.org](mailto: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](http://www.vatransit.com).

### Grant Writing Workshop, Harrisonburg, May 29-30

Presented by James Madison University Police Department and Grant Writing USA for beginning and experienced city, county, town and state grant writers. Purchase orders, checks and credit cards welcomed. Multi-enrollment discounts available. The \$425 tuition payment includes all materials. More info. at 1-800-814-8191 or <http://GrantWritingUSA.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](mailto: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](mailto:dthompson@vlgma.org).

### 2008 NACo Annual Conference & Exposition, Kansas City, July 11-15

More information at [www.nlco.org](http://www.nlco.org).

### VML Annual Conference, Norfolk, Oct. 19-21

Three-day event featuring general sessions, workshops, round tables and awards presentations will be held downtown at the Norfolk Marriott Waterside Hotel and Waterside Convention Center. More information for attendees: [jterry@vml.org](mailto:jterry@vml.org); more information for vendors: [kpollard@vml.org](mailto:kpollard@vml.org).

### VACo Annual Conference, Bath County, Nov. 9-11

Seventy-fourth annual conference at The Homestead. More information at [www.vaco.org](http://www.vaco.org).

### NLC Congressional City Conference, Orlando, Nov. 13-17.

More information at [www.nlc.org](http://www.nlc.org).

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

# 2008 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:

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**Thursday, May 8**                      **Farmville**    **\$20**  
Train Station  
510 West Third Street  
*Please respond by April 29*

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**Friday, May 9**                              **Tappahannock**    **\$18**  
Lowery's Seafood Restaurant  
528 N. Church Lane  
*Please respond by April 30*

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**Thursday, May 22**                              **Bridgewater**    **Complimentary**  
Town Hall  
201 Green Street  
*Please respond by May 13*

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**Thursday, May 29**                              **Wytheville**    **\$17**  
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*Please respond by May 20*

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