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Test for air leaks in your home by holding a lit incense stick next to windows, doors, electrical boxes, plumbing fixtures, electrical outlets, ceiling fixtures, attic hatches and other locations where there is a possible air path to the outside. If the smoke stream travels horizontally, you have located an air leak that may need caulking, sealing or weather stripping.

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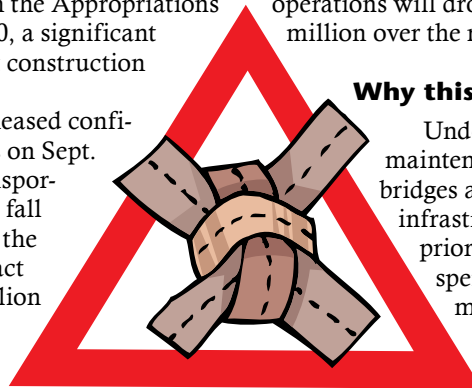
Local construction projects face more cuts in '09, '10

State transportation revenue will fall more than \$390 million short of the estimates included in the Appropriations Act for FY09 and FY10, a significant amount that will affect construction projects.

Gov. Tim Kaine released confidential working papers on Sept. 23 projecting state transportation taxes and fees to fall \$186.2 million short of the figure included in the act for FY09 and \$204 million short for FY10. Most of the downward revisions can be attributed to a slowdown in auto and retail sales and lower demand for motor fuels.

Also, in a presentation made to the Commonwealth Transportation Board on Sept. 18, the Virginia Department of Taxa-

tion projected that state revenues collected for highway maintenance and VDOT operations will drop by a whopping \$739.9 million over the next six years.



Why this is important ...

Under Virginia law, the maintenance of existing roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure is the highest priority in transportation spending. When highway maintenance revenues are insufficient, state transportation dollars from VDOT's new construction budget are transferred to maintenance projects. In FY08, \$265.5 million was moved from the new construction budget to the maintenance budget. In FY09, the transfer

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Kaine declares Va. in recession

State budget cuts imminent as \$2 billion shortfall looms

Gov. Tim Kaine told news reporters that Virginia is in a recession and faces a \$2 billion budget shortfall in the current biennium. A \$2 billion shortfall equals a 6 percent drop in the revenues forecast in the Appropriation Act.

The new forecast is predicated on an economic recession in 2009 with a sluggish recovery sometime in 2010. The "standard forecast" was prepared by the Virginia Department of Taxation, and was reviewed and approved by the Governor's Advisory

Board of Economists in September.

An "alternative low-growth forecast" was also developed by the Department of Taxation, projecting a revenue shortfall of \$2.9 billion for the biennium or 9 percent of the general fund revenues forecast in the Appropriation Act. This forecast assumes that oil prices increase to \$135 per barrel, sending the national economy into a full-blown recession. As of Sept. 25, the price for a barrel of oil stood at \$108.02.

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amount from the construction ledger to maintenance is forecast at \$385 million. Further slippage of transportation revenue could push this transfer in FY09 to half a billion dollars.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) may meet before January to revise the 6-Year Improvement Program for primary, secondary and urban roads construction. In fact, state revenues for new construction are projected to fall almost \$300 million over the next four years. And, federal dollars are also expected to drop. The CTB reduced the 6-Year Improvement Program this past June by \$1.1 billion. The June action slashed, by 44 percent, the plan adopted in 2007.

Analysis ...

The Commonwealth Transportation Fund, which pays for road maintenance and new construction, dipped below FY07 collections by \$47.5 million last year. Revenues from the motor fuels tax, the motor vehicle sales tax ("titling tag"), and motor vehicle registrations all came in under forecast. These three items make up 71 percent of the Commonwealth Transportation Fund.

State revenues imposed on motor fuels and vehicle sales have been battered. The softening economy has reduced

demand for motor fuels, particularly diesel. The increase in gasoline and diesel prices has also dampened fuel sales, and has resulted in a decrease in total vehicle miles traveled. Although the price at the pump leaped 103 percent from July 2004 to July 2008, the state received no windfall. (Virginia imposes an excise tax on the amount of gallons sold. There is no sales tax on fuels.) Since FY95, the average annual percent change in motor fuels tax collections for road maintenance was 2.1 percent. Over the last four years, however, the average annual growth has been 0.3 percent. In FY09, motor fuels tax collections are now expected to decrease by 2.4 percent. For FY10, the Department of Taxation projects an increase of 0.7 percent, which is less than half the increase included in the Appropriation Act.

Concerning vehicle sales, the number of new vehicles sold in Virginia in FY09 is expected to fall to levels not seen since the mid-1990s. The average price of a new vehicle has dropped to spring 2003 levels.

As for the used vehicle sales market, sales have declined for four consecutive years, and the trend is expected to continue through 2010. The drop in new vehicle prices has also depressed used vehicle prices. Used vehicle prices have

fallen to early 2005 levels.

The Department of Taxation's latest forecast calls for a drop in the motor vehicle sales and use tax by 10.2 percent in FY09 and a modest increase of 4.7 percent in FY10. In contrast, the Appropriation Act includes a first year increase of 6.5 percent and a second year increase of 2.5 percent.

Don't expect federal relief ...

The Congress acted in September to avert a shutdown in payments to the states for highway transportation projects by adding \$8 billion to the federal Highway Trust Fund. The trust fund was facing a \$13.2 billion cut. But, even with this "bailout," federal highway program obligations will decrease from \$41.8 billion in federal fiscal year 2008 (FFY08) to \$20.9 billion in FFY10. In fact, federal money for transit programs is also expected to drop from \$10.4 billion in FFY10 to \$5.8 billion in FFY11. In other words, declining federal transportation revenues cannot match demand, making the upcoming reauthorization of the federal transportation bill in 2009 a difficult challenge. And, states and local governments could end up with fewer federal dollars. ♦

Kaine declares recession continued ...**Why this is important . . .**

The governor has said that he will begin implementing budget cuts in early October after releasing the state's new forecast for the rest of the 2008-10 biennium. State agencies already have submitted their 5-10-15 percent contingency reduction plans to the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB). Under Virginia law, the governor can reduce up to 15 percent of an agency's general fund appropriation in the current year. For FY10 reductions, the governor will have to submit budget amendments to the General Assembly.

Kaine has said that he wants to spare localities from having to cut their FY09 education budgets. Reductions for other

services important to local governments, such as law enforcement, health care, economic development, and environmental protection, may not be spared this fiscal year. As for FY10, all programs are "on the table" for reductions.

Analysis ...

The state's general fund is sensitive to economic fluctuations. Increases or decreases in employment, personal income, and consumer spending separate a healthy budget from a lean one.

Under the new "standard forecast," employment is expected to decline 0.1 percent in FY09. The weakness is almost entirely related to the downward spiral in housing. In FY10, total

employment is expected to increase 0.8 percent, indicative of a sluggish recovery. The Appropriation Act assumes that employment will grow by 1 percent and 1.8 percent in FY09 and FY10, respectively.

As for personal income, the "standard forecast" expects increases of 3.2 percent in FY09 and 3.7 percent in FY10 compared with the Appropriation Act assumptions of 5.4 percent and 6.2 percent, respectively.

Economic growth in Virginia will be slowed by the housing downturn. Housing industry experts in the state do not expect an upturn until the mortgage market recovers, which will not be before the

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third quarter of 2009. Even if that occurs, the recovery pace would be slow with no significant price appreciation until late 2009 or early 2010. (The *Virginian-Pilot* reports that the August sales of existing homes and condos in South Hampton Roads were down 8 percent from July and down 26 percent from August 2007. The South Hampton Roads median sales price in August was \$231,000, which was down 3.8 percent from July and 2.9 percent

from year-ago levels.)

The bottom line is that the “standard forecast” projects a decline of general fund revenues by 3.2 percent in FY09 as compared to last year. This means the Commonwealth’s general fund will collect *less* tax revenue this year than in FY08. Total general fund revenues are projected to increase 5 percent in FY10, slower than the 6.8 percent growth contained in the Appropriation Act.

This means second-year spending in the Appropriation Act exceeds general fund revenues by almost \$1.2 billion.

Why this is important . . .

On top of a stagnant housing market and level or declining property assessments, localities will also have to deal with the impacts of sagging state revenues. Maintaining existing services will be a tremendous challenge. ❖

State demands refunds from local ambulance services

The state is requesting that providers of ambulance services, including local governments, repay up to \$40 million it mistakenly overpaid providers over a three-year period.

The Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) sent demand letters to localities, volunteer rescue squads, health care associations, private ambulance operations and other organizations that provide ambulance services for alleged overpayment of Medicaid money for non-emergency transportation of injured and sick people between April

15, 2003, and Aug. 31, 2008. The overpayment resulted from DMAS improperly calculating the amounts of Medicaid reimbursements to ambulance providers.

In the case of one small town, DMAS is demanding repayment of more than \$9,000. The claim against one regional transportation system is nearly \$126,000. All providers cited were given 30 days in which to pay, or file an appeal with DMAS. For many recipients, this deadline is mid-October.

The impact of such a repayment on a volunteer rescue squad or fire depart-

ment could become a burden upon that organization’s operations, or increase the burden of a locality’s funding of the organization.

In addition to local governments filing individual appeals, VML is evaluating whether it should coordinate an appeal for its members that have received a demand letter. If your locality has received a demand, and you are interested, contact Janet Areson (jareson@vml.org 804/523-8522) or Mark Flynn (mflynn@vml.org 804/523-8525). ❖

Energy, climate commissions recommend efficiency strategies

The Virginia Commission on Energy and Environment heard testimony recently from experts on energy and national security, the potential for offshore wind energy and where the state stands in its progress on Virginia’s energy plan.

At its Sept. 9 meeting, commission staff pointed to the VML’s Go Green Virginia initiative as a case where government is “leading by example” to increase energy efficiency. Hugh Montgomery, with the Institute for Defense and Homeland Security, told commission members that the U.S. Department of Defense is the largest energy user in the country. As such, Virginia’s multiple military bases constitute a “ready-made user” of energy from Virginia’s traditional sources of coal, nuclear, uranium and the oil refinery, as well as energy derived from solid waste, energy crops, wind, and algae. Virginia’s mili-

tary operations could thus help drive development of these latter alternative and renewable sources.

Montgomery also recommended that the state’s energy plan be used as a blue print for legislative action. The 2008 General Assembly established the Virginia Commission on Energy and Environment to review and recommend steps to implement the Virginia energy plan.

A goal of the Virginia energy plan, released in September 2007, is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent by 2025. This reduction will be partially achieved through energy conservation and use of renewable energy.

The Governor’s Commission on Climate Change, which met on Sept. 10, is identifying additional steps that need to be taken to achieve the emissions reduction goal. The governor’s commission will issue its report by Dec.15. Among other things, commission members have

suggested that the state:

- Provide local governments with authority to address climate change, mitigation and adaptation in comprehensive plans, infrastructure investments and land use policies;
- Add climate change as a component to State Water Control law;
- Establish a public benefit fund for installing energy conservation and efficiency practices.

The governor’s commission has scheduled three day-long meetings in Richmond on Oct. 23, Nov. 13 and Dec. 4. The Virginia Commission on Energy and Environment will meet at Old Dominion University on Oct. 14. For more information on the Governor’s commission, go to <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/info/climatechange.html>. For more information on the energy commission, go to <http://dls.state.va.us/energy.htm>. ❖

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Voters urged to check registration status



Local governments may well want to urge their citizens through whatever avenues possible to check on their voter registration status prior to the Oct. 6 deadline for registration for the November general elections.

More than a quarter million new voters have registered this year to vote, according to newspaper sources. Gov. Tim Kaine and the State Board of Elections are urging voters to check on their registration status to ensure that they are properly registered and that they know

the location of their polling places.

Virginia residents can check their voter registration status in three ways:

- By visiting www.sbe.virginia.gov and clicking on the "Check Voter Registration Status" link.
- By calling (804) 864-8901 or (800) 552-9745. Staff and volunteers answer phones at the Virginia State Board of Election Voter Registration Call Center from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- By calling their local registrar. ❖

IN CONGRESS

FTC: Water, sewer, utility departments must adopt ID theft policy

The federal government has adopted a set of rules that will require most local utility departments, as well as water and sewer authorities, to adopt procedures against identity theft. The Federal Trade Commission's so called "red flag rules" require compliance by Nov. 1.

If a locality operates a water and sewer department that bills customers for services already used, the FTC considers it to be a creditor, because it is providing a service or property for later payment.

If a locality or authority operates some other office that provides a service or goods to citizens who pay later, then the rules also apply. For example, if a city or town operates a municipal airport that sells gas on account to based aircraft owners, the airport operations could be subject to the red flag rules.

Here is a partial list of "red flags" spelled out by the FTC:

- if an I.D. card appears to be forged or altered;

- notice from a credit reporting agency about a customer;
- identifying information of a customer that is inconsistent with other ID information;
- supplying the wrong address for billing; and
- breach of a utility's computer system.

The rules are aimed at banks, large financial institutions and car dealerships that sell vehicles on credit. Because of the way the rule is worded, local government utility departments and other offices also are included.

In order to comply with the rules, a locality must adopt policies and procedures to:

- identify relevant red flags for covered accounts and incorporate those red flags into the program;
- detect red flags that have been incorporated into the program;
- respond appropriately to any red flags that are detected to prevent and

mitigate identity theft; and

- ensure the program is updated periodically to reflect changes in risks to customers or to the safety and soundness of the creditor from identity theft.

The regulations also set out steps creditors must take to administer the program. A committee must be created to review the procedures. An administrator of the program has to be named (likely the city or town manager). The creditor must ensure oversight of the development, implementation and administration of the program and must train staff on it.

VML is putting together the information your locality will need in order to comply with these FTC rules. The information will be posted on the VML Web site soon. Contact Mark Flynn at VML (mflynn@vml.org or 804/523-8525) for further information. ❖

AT THE LEAGUE

Proposed policy statements and legislative statement on-line

VML's proposed 2009 Legislative Program and policy statements are now available on the league's Web site. Copies of the statements and program were mailed to VML key officials earlier this week.

VML's membership will discuss and vote on the proposed 2009 policy state-

ments and legislative program during the annual business meeting, to be held Tuesday, Oct. 21, during the VML annual conference.

The Web site address is www.vml.org. ❖

AT THE LEAGUE**VML Annual Conference****Featured speakers to include Kaine, Warner, Gilmore and sustainability expert**

Urban Land Institute Senior Fellow Ed McMahon, U.S. Senate candidates Mark Warner and Jim Gilmore and Gov. Tim Kaine are featured keynote speakers at VML's 103rd annual conference, to be held Oct. 19-21 at the Norfolk Waterside Convention Center.

Other conference highlights include 16 workshops focusing on a diverse set of topics ranging from emergency management to brownfields development to state budget issues. The popular local government round tables will be back as well.

McMahon's keynote address at the beginning of the general session on Monday, Oct. 20, will focus on the dollars and cents of sustainable development. Following that presentation, the first Moseley Architects Go Green Virginia Awards will be presented, as will certificates to localities successfully completing the Green Government Challenge.

On Monday night, conference participants will have a chance to visit one

of Norfolk's newest attractions: the Half Moone Cruise and Celebration Center.

The business meeting on Tuesday afternoon will include the election of officers for 2008-2009, and the debate and adoption of VML constitutional amendments, the 2009 Legislative Program and the 2009 Policy Statements.

Conference activities will conclude Tuesday evening with the annual banquet, featuring the presentation of VML's achievement awards and entertainment by humorist Doc Blakely. The Strolling Silver Strings also will entertain banquet participants. The Strings are an ensemble of students drawn from Norfolk's five public high schools.

Complete information on the conference is posted at www.vml.org; just follow the mermaid symbol to view the program and registration information. For questions, call the league at 804/649-8471. ♦

ETCETERA**HUD launches neighborhood stabilization program**

States and local governments are eligible to apply for new federal grant funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help respond to rising foreclosures and declining property values.

The "Neighborhood Stabilization Program" (NSP), included in the *Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008* passed by Congress earlier this year, provides for a total of \$3.92 billion in grant funding nationally for the following purposes:

- to buy foreclosed homes;
- to buy land and property;
- to demolish or rehabilitate abandoned properties;
- to offer down-payment and closing cost assistance to low- and moderate-income homebuyers (those earning less than 120 percent of their area's median income); or
- to create "land banks" to assemble, temporarily manage, and dispose of vacant land to encourage re-use or redevelopment.

Each state will receive at least \$19.6 million under this program. States and localities with the greatest needs based on the extent of foreclosures, subprime mort-

gages, and mortgage delinquencies and defaults may receive additional funds. State and local governments must obligate the money within 18 months. HUD encourages local governments receiving direct grants under this program to coordinate with one another, and with their state government, to make the most effective use of available funds.

HUD will hold a national housing summit in Washington on Oct. 7-8 to explain the technical details of this program to state and local officials. VML e-mailed information about this summit to key officials last week.

Closer to home, Shea Hollifield of the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, will discuss the NSP during a VML conference workshop on the effects of the economic downturn on local governments to be held on Monday, Oct. 20.

Information on this program may be found on HUD's Web site, www.hud.gov. A notice outlining the requirements for state and local grantees will be published in the Federal Register (also available on-line) this week. ♦

ETCETERA**Survey on aging issues to be circulated soon**

VML is assisting in an electronic survey of local governments about issues dealing with the effects of an increasingly aging population on communities.

Local officials who serve as their government's main contact with VML will receive the survey attached to an e-mail soon.

The Older Dominion Project, a state-wide initiative of business, government, foundations and non-profit organizations that was formed to help the state prepare for the "silver tsunami" of aging

Virginians, came up with the idea for the survey. It will address community-based planning that already is underway.

The survey is not long, and a synopsis of its most significant findings will be made available to all participants. VML is working with the Virginia Department for the Aging, the Virginia Association of Counties and the Southeastern Institute of Research (SIR) on the survey.

Contact Janet Areson at jareson@vml.org or at 804/523-8522 if you have any questions about the survey or about the Older Dominion Project. ❖

REGULATIONS**Final Regulation**

Water Reclamation and Reuse Regulation. The State Water Control Board has proposed regulations establishing requirements for the reclamation and reuse of wastewater that are protective of state waters and public health. Contained in the regulation are two sets

of treatment standards and monitoring requirements for the reclamation of municipal wastewater, and provisions to develop treatment standards for the reclamation of industrial wastewater on a case-by-case basis. For six reuse categories (urban – unrestricted access, irrigation – unrestricted access, irrigation – restricted access, landscape impoundments, construction, and industrial),

the regulation specifies the required treatment standards and allows for the approval of other reuses and associated treatment standards commensurate with the quality of the reclaimed water and its intended reuse. For additional information, contact Valerie Rourke, Department of Environmental Quality, at 804/698-4158 or at varourke@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 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.

Engineer II, Chesapeake

SALARY: \$54,039 (+) benefits. Perform difficult professional and routine administrative work in the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Utilities. Reqs. bachelor's degree in civil engineering or closely related field and 4-plus yrs. exper. Va. P.E. license or the ability to obtain one, highly desired. For more info and/or to apply, visit www.jobs.cityofchesapeake.net. Open until filled. EOE.

Assistant County Attorney III, Henrico

SALARY: \$75,390-\$132,331 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. In County Attorney's Office. Reqs. strong academic background, excellent research and writing skills, and exper. in educ. law to handle legal matters for the School Board and school administration. The School Board operates 67 schools with appx. 48,000 students. Position offers a challenging, fast-paced and varied practice, including litigation and administrative agency representation, a wide range of legal issues, and work with highly educated clients. Experience in special education law preferred. Position located in the School Board's offices at the Eastern Government Center on Nine Mile Road. Reqs. JD degree, Virginia State Bar membership, and have min. 5 yrs. exper. in practice of law. Applications accepted only via Henrico County's online JOSH site at www.henricojobs.com. (#0112-0005) Deadline: Oct. 19. EOE.

Deputy Director of Finance, Roanoke

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Assist director of finance in planning, organizing and directing of all financial activities.

Provide oversight of general accounting, payroll, local tax administration, delinquent tax collections, and of retirement programs. Reqs. bachelor's degree from 4-yr. college or university with major work in accounting (master's preferred), 10 yrs. progressively responsible professional exper. in govt. accounting; or equiv. comb. of educ. and exper. CPA preferred. Visit www.roanokeva.gov to apply on-line or to download application. Mail applications to: Human Resources, City of Roanoke, 215 Church Ave., Roanoke, VA 24011. Open until filled. EOE.

Executive Director, Community Services Board (CSB), Chesterfield County

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. (pop. 311,000) Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree (master's preferred) and min. 10 yrs. progressive mngmnt. exper. in human services program administration, 5 of which must be in senior level position. Prefer public sector exper. Reports jointly to the deputy county administrator of Human Services and to the Community Services Board. For additional info, visit www.chesterfield.gov/CSBProfile.pdf and

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www.chesterfield.gov/csb/. Submit confidential resume with cover letter to: Karla J. Gerner, Director, Chesterfield County Human Resource Management, P.O. Box 40, Chesterfield, VA 23832.
E-mail: executivesearch@chesterfield.gov. Deadline: Oct. 23. EOE.

County Attorney, Orange

SALARY: \$85,000-\$105,000 (+) benefits. Reqs. degree from accredited law school, Va. State Bar membership; min. 3 yrs. exper. in local govt. representation; exper. or demonstrated competency in conducting civil litigation. Prefer exper. and knowledge in multiple practice areas of local govt. law. Serves at pleasure of Board of Supervisors and attends all of board's meetings. County residency req'd. within 1 yr. Mail resume with salary history to: County of Orange, Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 111, Orange, VA 22960. Deadline: Nov. 14. EOE.

Director of Planning & Zoning, Mathews County

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Oversee development of comprehensive plan and implementation and enforcement of county's zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance and other land-use ordinances. Supervise 4-person staff. Reqs thorough knowledge of planning and zoning principles, and administration; good communication skills a must. Reqs. relative bachelor's degree and min. 4 yrs. exper. in local planning, zoning or similar field. Valid Va. driver's license req'd. Req'd county application and complete job description available from County Administrator's office at P.O. Box 839, Mathews, VA 23109; 804-725-7172 or go to www.co.mathews.va.us. Submit application, along with resume and cover letter, to above address. Open until filled. EOE.

Town Manager, La Crosse

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. (pop. 750). Council-manager government with mayor and 6-member council; 12 employees. Serves as finance officer, budget director and zoning administrator. Reqs. min. BA/BS degree (MPA preferred and given preference). Reqs. knowledge in water and sewer utilities. Send resume, cover letter, salary history and letters of reference to: Town Manager Search, Town of La Crosse, P.O. Box 178, La Crosse, VA 23950. Open until filled. EOE.

Public Assistance Bureau Chief, Arlington County

SALARY: Negotiable up to \$115,000 (+) benefits. Guide staff in developing and implementing systems for providing local, state and federal public assistance programs and for collaborating with other human service programs to provide integrated customer service. Reqs. bachelor's degree (master's preferred) and substantial progressively responsible mngmnt. and supervisory exper.; significant exper. with Medicaid, Food Stamps, TANF and other public assistance programs; strong record of implementing organizational change; and exper. with developing and/or implementing computerized systems. Submit req'd. Internet Employment Application at www.arlingtonva.us/pers (click on County Jobs). E-mail questions to pers@arlingtonva.us. Apply immediately. Open until filled. EOE.

Director of Community Development and Planning, Orange

SALARY: \$61,282-\$86,230 start range DOQ (+) benefits. Direct and manage the dept. and serve as staff to town manager, Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Responsibilities: administer, interpret, enforce and amend town's zoning ordinance; prepare reports and recommendations for town manager, Town Council and Planning Commission. Reqs. master's degree in urban planning or related field, 8-10 yrs. exper. in public sector planning and zoning, exper. in ordinance enforcement, site plan review, GIS and working with citizen groups. Submit cover letter and resume to: Cole Hendrix, Town Manager, Town of Orange, 119 Belleview Ave., Orange, VA 22960. For inquiries contact Town Manager's Office at townmanager@townoforangeva.org or 540/672-5005. Open until filled. EOE.

Residential Building Inspector, Herndon

SALARY: \$45,267-\$57,410 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. (pop. 23,000) Investigate Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code violation complaints, including both property maintenance and new construction codes; participate in efforts to resolve overcrowding. Reqs. min. 3-5 yrs. exper. in related code enforcement and new construction, valid driver's license. Associates degree in related field preferred. Town application req'd. Call 703/481-1185, e-mail jobs@herndon-va.gov, or visit www.herndon-va.gov for application / information. Deadline: Oct. 14. EOE.

Assistant Director of Finance, Chesapeake

SALARY: \$74,401 (+) benefits. Reqs. strong leadership qualities and management exper. to oversee and direct the city's financial operations; bachelor's degree or equiv. and 6-plus yrs. related supervisory / mngmnt exper. For more info and/or to apply, log-on to www.jobs.cityofchesapeake.net. Deadline: Oct. 19. EOE.

Building Official, Portsmouth

SALARY: \$71,996-\$97,195 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Ensure compliance with the Va. Uniform Statewide Building Code, Va. Industrialized Building and Manufactured Home Safety Regulations, Va. Amusement Device Regulations, and Flood Proofing and Elevation regs. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree; 3-5 yrs. progressively responsible exper. Must possess certification as a Non-structural Plans Examiner; certification as a Master Electrician / Certified Electrical Inspector; Certification as a Master Plumber / Certified Plumbing Inspector; Certified as a Master Mechanic / Certified Mechanical Inspector and Certification as an Amusement Device Inspector. Submit City application and resume to: City of Portsmouth, Department of Human Resource Management, 801 Crawford St., Portsmouth, VA 23704. www.portsmouth-va.gov. Open until filled. EOE.

Other positions

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

Director of Public Utilities, Caroline County

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

Executive Director, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Oct. 10.

Facility Administrator, Southside Community Services Board (LaCrosse)

SALARY: \$44,143 to start (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Police Chief, Altavista

SALARY: \$48,000-\$71,000 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

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Town Manager, North Topsail Beach, N.C.

SALARY: \$70,362-\$113,305 (+) benefits. Deadline: Oct. 10.

Accounting Manager, Newport News

SALARY: \$51,000-\$67,000 hiring range DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Oct. 31.

City Assessor, Suffolk

SALARY: \$89,000-\$118,000 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Oct. 3.

Assistant Finance Director, Radford

SALARY: \$48,000 or higher DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Oct. 3.

Children Services Coordinator, Southside Community Services Board (South Boston)

SALARY: \$44,143 to start (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Finance Director / Assistant to the Manager, Black Mountain, N.C.

SALARY: \$52,083-\$78,104 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Landscape Superintendent, Williamsburg

SALARY: \$53,747-\$80,613 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

General Manager (Development Services), Falls Church

SALARY: \$95,742-\$143,316 (+) benefits.

Clerk to the County Board, Arlington

SALARY: \$85,841-\$115,544 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Director of Finance, Suffolk

SALARY: \$89,313-\$118,339 (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Director of Finance, Suffolk

SALARY: \$95,000-\$105,000 start range DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Nov. 15.

Director of Finance, Norfolk

SALARY: \$86,070-\$148,838 (+) benefits. Deadline: Oct. 6.

Police Chief, Portsmouth

SALARY: \$71,996-\$120,000 DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: Oct. 17.

DEADLINE: *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, Oct. 10. 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

Chesapeake Watershed Forum, Oct. 3-5, Shepherdstown, W.Va.

For program details and to register online log-on to www.acb-online.org/project.cfm?vid=318. Financing Green Initiatives pre-conference workshop to be held Oct. 2. Registration limited to the first 35 workshop registrants.

Virginia Recreation & Park Society Annual Conference, Oct. 4-7, Richmond

Will coincide with Governor's Conference on Greenways, Blueways & Trails. For more information or to register visit www.vrps.com.

IIMC Certified Municipal Clerk Institute, Oct. 5-10, Virginia Beach

Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, 3900 Atlantic Ave. Visit www.execed-odu.com or www.vmca.com for updates. Make hotel reservations as soon as possible: 757/428-1711. (Mention Old Dominion University and IIMC for group discount rate.)

IIMC Master Municipal Clerk Academy, Oct. 7-10, Virginia Beach

Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort, 3900 Atlantic Ave. Visit www.execed-odu.com or www.vmca.com for updates. (Mention Old Dominion University and IIMC for group discount rate.)

Strategic Planning Workshop, Oct. 8, Richmond

Sponsored by the Virginia Institute of Government from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the U.Va. Richmond Center. This class examines strategic planning and how it applies to the budget process and to the effectiveness of an organization. Through analysis of strategic plan development models, learn the relationship between a strategic plan and department performance plans and how to set goals, objectives and performance measures. Designed for supervisors, team leaders, managers and directors. In partnership with Chesterfield County. Registration: \$100 (includes lunch). Contact: Jessica Smith at 804/371-0202; e-mail jessicasmith@virginia.edu, or visit www.VaInstituteofGovernment.org.

VML Mayors Institute, Oct. 18-19, Norfolk

Two-day training for mayors and vice mayors, and chairs and vice chairs, held prior to start of VML Annual Conference. Contact: Mary Jo Fields at 804/523-8524 or mfields@vml.org.

2008 National Summit on Gang Violence, Oct. 20-22, Washington D.C.

Best practices to suppress, intervene and prevent gang activity in your community. See www.gangsummit.org for program details and registration information.

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

Seventy-fourth annual conference at The Homestead. More information at www.vaco.org.

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

More information at www.nlc.org.

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VML ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NORFOLK

VML Annual Conference, Oct. 19-21, Norfolk

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; more information for vendors: kpollard@vml.org.



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