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Need a new car? The time has come to consider buying a hybrid, which runs on a combination of a gasoline engine and electric motor. Hybrids get up to 50 mpg compared with 15-25 mpg for typical vehicles. Even better, walk, bike, carpool or take transit more often. You'll save one pound of CO₂ for every mile you don't drive.

STATE BUDGET REDUCTIONS

Localities should brace for FY09 spending cuts

Local governments will be targeted in the latest budget reductions plans being developed by state agencies. Because of plummeting state revenue, these plans could be implemented as early as October. As a result, local governments will have little choice but to re-examine their own revenue and spending for the current fiscal year.

Preliminary state budget reduction plans are due to the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) by Sept. 26, and will include reduction scenarios of 5 percent, 10 percent and 15 percent. DPB is urging agencies to consider eliminating lower priority activities rather than taking across-the-board cuts.

More importantly, state agencies were instructed to focus on ongoing rather than one-time savings. In other words, the emphasis is to take actions that would provide long-term reductions. Agencies also were directed to focus on overall savings to the state. Thus, reduction strategies that increase costs for other state agencies are not acceptable. There are no prohibitions, however, against shifting costs to

local governments, even in FY09. In such cases, agencies must separately identify strategies to reduce or eliminate money the state sends to local governments to pay for state mandates and other high-priority programs.

The 5-10-15 percent reduction plan comes on the heels of a \$100 million cut in state spending for local governments ordered by the governor and General Assembly last session. DPB is managing these across-the-board cuts of \$50 million a year imposed on Virginia's cities and counties. Reduction plans were submitted by affected localities and regional jails at the end of August. Although VML does not have copies of all the responses submitted to DPB, most league members objected to having to choose which mandates and programs were to be reduced from a DPB-approved list.

The key point is that most cities and counties used local dollars to backfill the state reductions. The additional state cuts in FY09 and FY10 will seriously constrain local governments' efforts to provide core services. ❖

Economic slide continues

The U.S. Department of Commerce reported last week that the price index for finished goods, which is a measure of the change in prices businesses pay, fell in August.

The August decline was the biggest since October 2006, and was driven, in large part, by falling energy costs. Because the nation's trade deficit reached a 16-month high in July due to record-setting oil prices, this news may help persuade

the Federal Reserve to leave interest rates unchanged when it meets this month. Lower interest rates mean businesses can finance expansion and investments more cheaply. (The drop in crude oil prices in recent weeks will be offset by the wake of Hurricane Ike. The closing of oil refineries in the Gulf Coast have caused a spike in motor fuel prices. The average price of gas in Hampton Roads jumped 14 cents

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Economic slide continued ...

this past weekend according to the American Automobile Association. In Richmond, the average price climbed almost 30 cents over last week's prices to \$3.815 per gallon.)

The federal agency also reported last week an ominous statistic. Retail sales for August, which is normally a good month for retailers as families prepare for the new school year, dropped. Sales on electronics fell 1.3 percent, and clothing decreased by 0.3 percent compared to July's sales. Economists attribute the disappointing news to high-energy prices and a weakening job market. The August unemployment rate jumped to 6.1 percent – the highest level in five years.

On the housing front, home foreclosures hit another record in the second quarter of 2008, but the number of borrowers falling behind on payments dropped for the first time in more than two years, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association. Default rates for prime loans, however, increased. The increase in foreclosures and rising unemployment suggest to some banking analysts that the housing market could remain under pressure well into 2009. The reason is the many borrowers with interest-only and other creative loans may not be able to make the higher principal and interest payments when their favorable introductory terms end. Also, many of these borrowers owe more than their homes are worth, which will make it more difficult for them to sell or refinance.

Even the federal government's bailout of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac may have both good and bad effects. For the first time in months, interest rates slipped below 6 percent. A weekly survey released by Freddie Mac showed that 30-year fixed rate loans averaged 5.93 percent. The dip followed the federal government's takeover of the two mortgage giants. Although many bor-

rowers will not qualify for the reduced interest rates, it is good news.

The downside is that those banks holding stock in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have seen those shares shrink in value. Banks that counted on those shares as part of their reserves must now raise money to replace the lost funds.

With banks already hard-pressed to find investors, some banks could face trouble. In the Richmond area, Central Virginia Bank had invested about \$20 million in shares of the two mortgage finance firms. If the shares completely lose

their value, the bank's chief financial officer told the *Washington Post* the bank would drop to the verge of needing to raise more money. In Hampton Roads, Gateway Financial Holding, Inc. is facing a similar situation. The community bank's parent company had invested \$40 million in Fannie and Freddie stock. Those shares were worth \$4.2 million as of last week. Up until recent weeks, the federal Office of the Comptroller of the Currency assigned Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac shares the least risky grade possible.

Why this is important . . .

Sales, income and recordation taxes make up the bulk of the state's general fund revenues, and these taxes are directly tied to economic activity. A prolonged economic decline will result in lower tax collections.

On a year-to-date basis, total state general fund revenues for the months of July and August declined 1.9 percent over the same period last year. The annual forecast for FY09 calls for a 2 percent growth. Net individual income taxes have increased 3.2 percent over last year. But, this increase

trails the annual estimate of 6.5 percent. As for the sales tax, year-to-date collections have decreased by 1.1 percent, far behind the annual estimate of 4.9 percent growth. The Virginia Department of Taxation notes that high fuel prices and the effects of the housing downturn continue to restrain consumer spending. And, recordation tax collections are down 34.1 percent year-to-date.

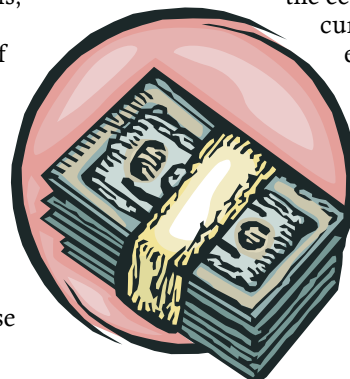
As for transportation, the revenue situation may be even bleaker. Motor fuel taxes are down 1 percent from the 4.5 percent annual growth required to meet the estimate. Revenues from the sale of motor vehicles have declined 16.9 percent from last year. The annual forecast calls for an increase of 6.3 percent. The bottom line for transportation revenues is a year-to-date decline of 4 percent as compared to an annual growth estimate of 11 percent in FY09. In addition, federal transportation revenues are jeopardized. The federal Highway Trust Fund is expected to run out of money this month unless Congress takes action. The cumulative affect could force the Commonwealth Transportation Board to further revise the Six-Year Improvement Program, which was reduced by 44 percent this past June.

What's next ...

Gov. Tim Kaine ordered an acceleration of the fall revenue forecast to include both the general fund and transportation revenues. The Department of Taxation has met with industry experts to examine the outlook for housing, autos and consumer spending. The Governor's Advisory Board of Economists met last week to assess the economic outlook over the current biennium. The Governor's Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates will meet Sept. 23 to consider preliminary revenue forecast. The governor is expected to release the new forecast in early October. ❖

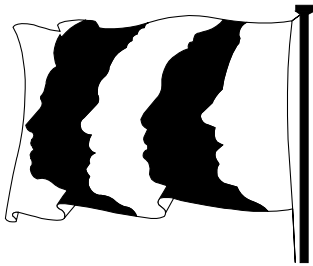
What's going on?

- Consumer spending slows
- Unemployment rises
- Investor confidence in credit markets shaken
- No immediate turnaround in housing expected.



FROM THE CAPITOL

VRS trust fund down 4.4 percent for FY08



The Virginia Retirement System announced in a Sept. 11 press release that its trust fund realized a negative 4.4 percent return on its investment portfolio for FY08.

The fund ended the year with \$55 billion in assets, as compared to a \$58.3 billion value at the end of FY07. At its high point in October 2007, the fund's value was set at \$61 billion.

VRS Chief Investment Officer Charles Grant attributed the loss to the stress in the housing and credit markets, and to overall weakness in the economy. Grant said that he expects the fund to continue to earn a reasonable return of 7 to 8 percent over the long term.

The full effect of the losses for FY08, however, will not translate into higher contribution rates because the actuarial process for setting contribution rates recognizes only 20 percent of a loss (or gain)

each year. Another 20 percent will be recognized in each of the succeeding four years, thereby smoothing out the effect of market losses (or gains). In July, VRS Executive Director Robert Schulz told the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission that the market gains of previous years cancel out this year's losses, and that he did not expect big changes in the contribution rates as a result.

Continued negative growth in FY09, however, would add to the possibility of higher contribution rates for the 2010-2012 biennium. If normal practices are followed, VRS will certify new contribution rates to the General Assembly in the 2010 session of the legislature. The funded contribution rates are included in the budget adopted during the long session held in even-numbered years. ❖

JLARC staff proposes solid waste surcharge

A state tax on the disposal of solid waste could raise as much as \$15.9 million annually, according to the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission.

Noting that Virginia could do more to assist with meeting state recycling goals and developing markets for recyclable materials, JLARC staff suggested recently that the General Assembly consider levying a solid waste tipping surcharge to fund solid waste reduction efforts. Using an annual base of about 15.88 million tons of municipal solid waste, JLARC staff calculated that a 25-cent per ton fee would yield nearly \$4 million annually while a \$1-a-ton fee would raise almost \$15.9 million.

VML member local governments have opposed General Assembly efforts to levy state taxes on local services such as solid waste disposal or wastewater treatment for at least the past nine years. They have opposed such surcharges primarily because of the bad precedent that it would set – the levying of surcharges by the state on user fees that are charged to pay for basic local services. There is no guarantee that the money raised by the state taxes would not end up in the

state general fund instead of paying for specific environmental programs.

Several nearby states levy such a surcharge. Surcharges range from \$8.75 per ton in West Virginia and \$6.25 per ton in Pennsylvania, to \$2 per ton in North Carolina, \$1.75 per ton in Kentucky and \$1.25 per ton in Tennessee. A portion of each state surcharge goes to waste reduction and recycling. South Carolina and Maryland do not impose state surcharges on solid waste tipping fees.

The surcharge recommendation was part of JLARC's Sept. 8 *Waste reduction Efforts in Virginia* draft report. Senate Joint Resolution 361 (2007) directed JLARC to review the success of waste reduction in Virginia and other states, and to make recommendations for long-term goals for waste reduction in Virginia. Other topics included beverage container laws, plastic shopping bags, and compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Virginia's reported recycling rate, at 38.5 percent, compares favorably to the U.S. as a whole (32.5 percent) and states such as Kentucky (26 percent), South Carolina (30 percent) and Maryland (41 percent). All neighboring states except Maryland provide more grant funding

to local governments for waste reduction efforts than does Virginia: Pennsylvania provides \$44 million annually, Tennessee \$6.9 million, South Carolina \$4.8 million, Kentucky \$1.5 million and West Virginia \$1.4 million.

Commission members questioned how Virginia, at \$600,000 annually, can spend less money on waste reduction than its neighboring states of Kentucky and South Carolina, yet achieve a higher recycling rate. Staff responded that Virginia local governments, which pay an average of \$133.80 per ton for curbside recycling, collectively spend \$48 million annually on waste reduction, thus filling in the difference. The commission requested that staff collect additional information on how much local governments in neighboring states spend for recycling, and include this information in the final report.

The JLARC draft, which contains extensive information on landfill and recycling costs, and other data, is available at <http://jlarc.state.va.us/Meetings/September08/WasteMin.pdf>. ❖

ETCETERA

State Web site allows citizens to exchange government improvement ideas

The state has launched an online community that allows citizens to submit ideas for improving government performance and to collaborate with others to highlight those worthy of consideration through an interactive voting feature.

"We are proud of our track record in government performance but are always looking for ways to improve," Gov. Tim Kaine said. "Through Virginia Performs, we've increased transparency on government performance, but in today's launch, we are offering a new forum to highlight the very best ideas to move Virginia forward."

The community portal at www.ideas.virginia.gov enables constituents to share

their ideas, engage in discussions and play a role in improving government service. This new community is designed to strengthen the state's commitment to performance by:

- Inviting members to submit ideas so that others can comment and vote on them;
- Allowing members to discuss ideas with each other and collaborate;
- Encouraging members to vote on other ideas and help promote them for implementation consideration.

Kaine announced the online community at the 10th annual Commonwealth of Virginia Innovative Technology Symposium in Williamsburg earlier this month. ♦

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.

Director of Public Utilities, Caroline County

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Responsible for managing underground utilities, including treatment and distribution, solid waste collection and disposal, and capital improvement projects. Oversees appx. 30 FT employees with direct supervision over 2 managerial positions. Reports to county administrator. Must be excellent leader and possess management, communication and contract negotiation skills. Candidates with 4-yr. college degree in public administration, management or engineering will be considered equally. Req. min. 7-10 yrs. progressive, related exper., including 3 yrs. as supervisor, or any equiv. comb. of training and exper. that provides the req'd knowledge, skills and abilities. Valid Va. driver's license and good driving record also req'd. Applications obtained from County Administrator's Office or www.visitcaroline.com. Submit application, resume and cover letter to: County Administrator Percy Ashcraft, P.O. Box

447, Bowling Green, VA 22427, 804/633-5380. Open until filled. EOE.

Executive Director, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Public / private partnership between City of Alexandria and business community attracts, retains and assists in business expansion. Responsible for promoting city on regional, national and international levels through exhibitions, marketing events, missions, business networking, and media outreach. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree (master's preferred) and min. 5-7 yrs. exper. in economic development. Prefer min. 3 yrs. exper. as supervisor. Apply at www.allianceresourceconsulting.com. For info, contact Eric Middleton or Nicholas Mesic at 562/901-0769, or e-mail apply@alliancerc.com. Deadline: Oct. 10. EOE.

Facility Administrator, Southside Community Services Board (LaCrosse)

SALARY: \$44,143 to start (+) benefits. Serve as administrator for an intermediate care facility, Hope House, serving severely developmentally disabled people in Mecklenburg/Brunswick Counties. Position based in LaCrosse. Reqs. bachelor's degree in human services field (prefer master's in social work, psychology or rehabilitation). Reqs. drug test and criminal history check. Submit req'd. SCSB application to: Human Services Coordinator, Southside Community Services Board, P.O. Box 488, 424 Hamilton Blvd., South Boston, VA 24592. Applications available from address above, calling 434/572-6916 or logging on to

www.sscsb.org. # 0428. Open until filled. EOE.

Police Chief, Altavista

SALARY: \$48,000-\$71,000 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. (pop. 3,425). Direct all operations of police dept. and 11-member staff. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree and 7 yrs. exper., including 2 yrs. major command responsibility; or any equiv. comb. of training and exper. Must obtain DCJS Police Officer Certification. First review of applicants Oct. 20. For more info, contact Waverly Coggsdale at 434/369-5001 or visit www.ci.altavista.va.us to view job profile. Submit resume to: Town of Altavista, P.O. Box 420, Altavista, VA 24517 / Attn: Town Manager. Open until filled. EOE.

Town Manager, North Topsail Beach, N.C.

SALARY: \$70,362-\$113,305 (+) benefits. Appx. 500 households with permanent residential pop. of 843; 2,100-plus housing units in town, many of which are summer rentals. Nature of community and organization reqs. substantial interaction with the public, staff, elected officials and business leaders. Submit cover letter and resume to Colin Baenziger & Associates via e-mail at: RecruitFive@cb-asso.com. Direct questions to: NTB Interim Town Manager (non-applicant) at 910-328-1349. Initial screening ends Oct. 22. Mayor and Board of Aldermen will select finalists by Oct. 31. Visit www.north-topsail-beach.org for a comprehensive recruitment profile. Application deadline: Oct. 10.

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Accounting Manager, Newport News

SALARY: \$51,000-\$67,000 hiring range DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Responsible for administration and coordination of the Accounting Division in the Department of Finance. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree with course work equiv. to a major concentration in accounting and considerable exper. in accounting. CPA preferred. May require some lead or supervisory exper. Reqs. valid driver's license with acceptable driving record and acceptable background check. Log-on to www.jobs-nngov.com for more info or to apply. Deadline: Oct. 31. EOE.

City Assessor, Suffolk

SALARY: \$89,000-\$118,000 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Plan, organize and direct a comprehensive assessment program serving as the ultimate authority for all real estate appraisals. Reports to City Council. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree and min. 5 yrs. progressively responsible exper. in residential, commercial and industrial property appraisals and assessment mngmnt. Will consider any acceptable comb. of training and exper. that provides the req'd knowledge, skills and abilities. Must possess valid Va. certified license to appraise real estate. Suffolk residency req'd. within 1 yr. Submit resume and cover letter to: City of Suffolk, Human Resources Department, 441 Market St., Suffolk, VA 23434. Deadline: Oct. 3. EOE.

Assistant Finance Director, Radford

SALARY: \$48,000 or higher DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Prepare and maintain fiscal or related records, general ledger, payroll, fixed assets, capital projects and grants. Reqs. thorough knowledge of govt. accounting principals, rules and regs. Exper. using MUNIS system desired. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree or equiv. comb. of educ. and exper., and min. 5 yrs. working in local govt. with some supervisory exper. preferred. Applications at www.radford.va.us. Submit to: Office of the City Manager, Attn. Human Resource Office, 619 Second St., Radford, VA 24141. Deadline: Oct. 3. EOE.

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

SALARY: \$44,143 to start (+) benefits. Serve as coordinator for Child / Infant Services Program (Part C) to provide services

to targeted population in Halifax / Mecklenburg counties. Reqs. master's degree in human services field with knowledge of early childhood development, mental disabilities in adults, children and adolescents and service provision including treatment modalities, intervention techniques, behavior management, utilization of community resources and basic budget management. Submit req'd SCSB application to: Human Services Coordinator, Southside Community Services Board, P.O. Box 488, 424 Hamilton Blvd., South Boston, VA 24592. Application also available by calling 434/572-6916 or at www.scsb.org. # 0086. Open until filled. EOE.

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

SALARY: \$52,083-\$78,104 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. (pop. 7,700). Reports to manager and is responsible for administration of Finance, Water Administration and Information Services. Duties include: supervising town financial activities; managing preparation of 3-yr. financial plan (operating budget) and CIP; contract, grants and project administration; and other duties assigned by the manager. Reqs. comb. of educ. and exper. equiv. to relevant bachelor's degree and extensive exper. in municipal govt. Job description and req'd application at www.townofblackmountain.org. Return to: Town Clerk, Town of Black Mountain, 102 Montreat Road, Black Mountain, NC 28711. Open until filled. EOE.

Landscape Superintendent, Williamsburg

SALARY: \$53,747-\$80,613 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Administer and manage 7-member Landscape Division, including rights of way and municipal grounds maintenance, design/build beds, tree and bush planting/maintenance. Reqs. bachelor's degree in horticulture, landscape architecture or agronomy; prefer 5 yrs. exper. in supervisory role. Job description and application available from City Manager's Office, 401 Lafayette St., Williamsburg, VA 23185, www.williamsburgva.gov or 757/220-6105. Open until filled. EOE.

General Manager (Development Services), Falls Church

SALARY: \$95,742-\$143,316 (+) benefits. Direct, supervise and plan GIS, urban forestry and zoning division activities. Responsibilities include: planning, directing and supervising short- and long-range planning activities, services, programs

and staff; supervising personnel engaged in development and implementation of land-use studies, zoning and planning regs, site plan review, tree and landscaping regs., comprehensive and other plans and studies. See www.fallschurchva.gov for more info. Send cover letter and resume to hr@fallschurchva.gov or mail to: City of Falls Church, Human Resources Division, 300 Park Ave., Falls Church, VA 22046.

Learning and Development Specialist/Trainer, Virginia Beach

SALARY: \$50,494-\$75,741 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Play critical role in the Learning and Development Division of the HR Dept. by implementing training programs for leaders and members of the city. Prefer 5-plus yrs. exper. in instructional design and facilitation of leadership development programs; 3-plus yrs. exper. with distance learning; 3-plus yrs. exper. in a people mngmnt role; 3-plus yrs. in coaching and mngmnt; Achieve Global, Situational Leadership or any other certification of instruction. For more info and to submit online application visit www.vbgov.com/careers. #2512. Deadline: Sept. 28. EOE.

Clerk to the County Board, Arlington

SALARY: \$85,841-\$115,544 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Serve as principal officer to the Arlington County Board and provide assistance to constituents. Works closely with the board and serves as the official record-keeper; acts as liaison to the public; and provides administrative and financial management of the County Board Office. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree and 3 yrs. admin. exper. Read full job description and submit req'd Internet employment application at www.arlingtonva.us/pers. Call 703/228-3500 and press "4" if you have questions or e-mail questions to pers@arlingtonva.us. Open until filled. EOE.

Director of Finance, Suffolk

SALARY: \$89,313-\$118,339 (+) benefits. Serve as chief financial officer overseeing all aspects of financial management related to accounting, payroll, procurement, debt issuance, and investment of city funds. Provides fiscal guidance to the city manager, department directors, and others and is responsible for overseeing the divisions of Information Technology and Risk Management. Reqs. bachelor's degree in accounting, business administration or related field and 6-9 yrs. of progressive

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managerial accounting exper., preferably in a govt. setting, including min. 3-5 yrs. of supervisory exper. CPA certification desired. Complete a city application online at www.suffolk.va.us, or call 757/514-4120. Open until filled. EOE.

Other positions

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

Public Works Engineer, Gloucester County

SALARY: \$47,872 or higher DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: Oct. 1.

Director of Emergency Services, Amelia County

SALARY: \$60,000-\$80,000 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Sept. 26.

Animal Control Officer, Amelia County

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Sept. 26.

Mental Health Support Specialist, Southside Community Services Board (South Hill)

SALARY: \$30,715 (+) benefits. Deadline: Sept. 22.

Director of Finance, Suffolk

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

Education and Outreach Coordinator, Alexandria Sanitation Authority

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

GIS Technician, Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority

SALARY: \$36,321 and up; starting pay DOQ/DOE. Open until filled.

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.

Engineering Manager, Purcellville

SALARY: \$60,000-\$95,000 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Neighborhood Revitalization Director, Winchester

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

Economic Development Project Manager, Isle of Wight County

SALARY: \$41,286-\$51,607 to start. Open until filled.

Project Manager (Engineering Division), Isle of Wight County

SALARY: \$41,286-\$51,607 (+) benefits. Open until filled.

Police Officer, Hurt

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

Executive Director, Halifax County Industrial Development Authority

SALARY: \$120,000-\$150,000 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Sept. 30.

Executive Director, Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: Sept. 29.

Zoning Administrator, Chesapeake

SALARY: DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: Sept. 30.

DEADLINE: *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, Sept. 26. 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

Modeling and Simulation World Conference and Expo 2008, Sept. 15-18, Virginia Beach

Explore the "how's and why's" of conducting critical, real-time business or government research without massive risk or expense at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Modeling and simulation – in which complex scenarios ranging from health and medical research, science and technology, disaster planning and transportation are played out in a digital environment – has become a major economic driver in Virginia. Hampton Roads has one of the nation's highest concentrations

of such activity in the country. For more information and to register for the conference, visit www.modsimworld2008.com.

Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association Annual Conference, Sept. 17-19, Bristol

Training and continuing professional education credits for operators of solid waste management facilities. Recycling topics also covered. Trade show, facility tour and other activities. For information visit www.svswwa.org or call 1-800-628-4583 x319.

2008 Virginia Energy and Sustainability Conference, Sept. 17-19, Richmond

Will focus on "Meeting the Climate Change Challenge" and be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. Early registration extended to Aug. 27. For program details and registration information log on to www.vsbm.org/coves2008/.

Virginia's 2008 Rural Summit, Sept. 22-23, Lynchburg

Located at the Kirkley Hotel & Conference Center. Will address critical policy needs and raise statewide awareness about key issues of rural Virginia. Host organizations

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include Council for Rural Virginia, Center for Rural Virginia, VML and VACo. Full registration and one-day registrations available at www.cfrv.org/Register.Summit-08.htm.

Virginia GIS Conference, Sept. 29-30, Roanoke

Sponsored by the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions. More than 400 participants, 20 vendors and 40 speakers. For complete conference information, fees and vendor information visit www.virginiagis.org.

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.

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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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.

Update

The newsletter of the
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