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# 2026 Editorial Calendar

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## January/February - VML President Dwayne Tuggle

He's the Mayor of the Town of Amherst, a retired Virginia State Police officer, avid volleyball fan, the President of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions, former District Administrator and current Assistant Director for Security for Little League, caretaker for the local cemetery, and...he's VML's new President!

## March/April - Thinking Outside the 'burg

With all due respect to our member 'villes (23) and 'tons (19), we are featuring four of our 11 'burg members in this issue. But don't worry – we're not going out of print anytime soon (we hope), so there will be plenty of chances to cover everyone! But in this issue, we're highlighting ways in which Fredericksburg, Harrisonburg, Petersburg, and Pearisburg are making a difference outside their localities or creating reasons for outsiders to take an interest.

## May/June - VML Essay Contest Winners & 2026 General Assembly Review

It's time again to celebrate the 7th and 8th graders who rose to the challenge and bested the competition to become this year's "If I Were Mayor" Essay Contest winners! Completely unrelated: It's also time to celebrate some of the accomplishments of the 2026 General Assembly and to lament some of their failings (at least in our estimation).

## July/August - The Virginia You Love: You Can't Keep a Good Region Down

For our annual outdoors issue, we check in with some Southwest Virginia member localities whose tourism livelihood was washed away by Hurricane Helene but have since come storming back.

## September/October - Pre-Conference Issue: Set Sail for Norfolk

The yearly gathering of VML members for learning, networking, and business will take place at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. In this issue we look forward to everything that will be available October 11-13 at the VML Annual Conference.

## November/December - Post-Conference Issue and More!

We relive the glory of the annual conference and feature some great stories from around the Commonwealth.



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