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Queen of England to Visit Virginia

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, II, and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh, will visit Virginia May 3 and 4 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Jamestown.

Gov. Timothy Kaine will serve as the Commonwealth's official host for the Royal visit to Virginia. The Queen will address a special joint session of Virginia's General Assembly at the State Capitol in Richmond on May 3. The Virginia General Assembly traces its origins to the House of Burgesses at Jamestown in 1619. It is heralded as the oldest continuous law-making body in the New World.

"Four hundred years after colonists first ventured from the Jamestown settlement to explore what is now Richmond, Virginia's capital will shine in the international spotlight of The Queen's historic visit," said Governor Kaine. "While the location and name of Virginia's legislature have changed since 1619, the democratic ideals which took root in the House of Burgesses remain the foundation

of this Commonwealth and our nation."

In honor of the visit, Virginia's Royal Welcome at Capitol Square will feature a day of musical performances by Virginia artists. State offices will also be closed. The event is free and open to the public. Audience members will be able

to watch The Queen's visit and address live on video screens throughout Capitol Square.

The Queen's visit, and Anniversary Weekend, May 11-13 in Jamestown, are the highlights of an 18-month commemoration of America's 400th Anniversary. The White House has announced that President George Bush will attend Anniversary Weekend ceremonies.

The governor's office has launched a new Web site, www.governor.virginia.gov/Queen to keep people informed and updated on The Queen's visit to Virginia. Information will also be available through a toll-free telephone number at the Virginia Tourism Corporation, (877) 876-8282. ☼



Comment on Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements

The 2007 General Assembly session enacted SB 1181 directing VDOT to develop new regulations governing the acceptance of secondary roads into the state system for maintenance. The new regulations will replace the existing secondary street standards currently published in 24 VAC 30-91.

To assist in the development of the new regulations, a committee representing local governments, public safety, the environmental community and other stakeholder groups will be formed.

The legislation placed the development of the standards on a "fast track" and the proposed schedule calls for the adoption of the final regulations in October. VDOT has published a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (<http://www.townhall.virginia.gov/stage/viewstage.cfm?Stage=4064>) and announced a public comment period on the proposed regulations between April 16 and May 16. The comments should address the concepts or requirements that should be addressed in the new regulations and concerns with the current subdivision street requirements that should be modified or eliminated. The notice should also include examples of other similar road standards and requirements that may be used as models for the new regulations.

Supporting information will be available throughout the regulatory process at www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/SSAR. Any county wishing to submit written comments may do so by email to: SSAR@vdot.virginia.gov, or by regular mail at: SSAR Public Comment, c/o VDOT Policy Office, 1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA, 23219. ☞

Counties May Increase Two Fees

Courthouse Security

Chapter 377 of the Acts of Assembly (SB 1082 from the 2007 legislative session, Va. Code 53.1-120, D.) authorizes localities to increase the courthouse assessment fee from \$5 to \$10. The fee is assessed against a defendant as part of the costs in a criminal or traffic case in district or circuit court to fund courthouse security.

Decals

Chapter 896 of the Acts of Assembly (HB 3202 from the 2007 legislative session, Va. Code 46.2-694 and by reference 46.2-752) authorizes localities to increase the decal fee. Localities may charge a decal fee not greater than the DMV fee. The transportation funding and land use reform measure approved by the governor and General Assembly increases the DMV registration fee by \$10. Therefore, localities may increase their local decal fees accordingly. ☞

VACo's 2007 Legislative Summary Now Available

VACo will be mailing the 2007 Legislative Summary to all counties starting this week. The summary includes a review of new laws affecting local governments. In addition, it includes a summary of the new state budget and the transportation funding and land use reform law (Chapter 896; HB 3202). It also highlights key legislation that was defeated. The document is currently posted on the VACo Web site at www.vaco.org. Copies will be mailed to county administrators, county attorneys, the VACo Board of Directors and associate members. County supervisors can obtain a copy of the summary through their county administrator or on the Web. ☞

Tour, Volunteer Info Available for NACo Annual Conference in Richmond

Virginia is hosting the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference July 13-17 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

In commemoration of America's 400th Anniversary, the conference-wide event will be held at Jamestown Settlement on July 15. Spouses or other guests that would like to attend the conference-wide event but are not registered for the conference may purchase a ticket for \$50. Checks should be payable to Conferences, Inc., and mailed to VACo (1001 E. Broad St. Ste. LL20, Richmond, VA, 23219).

The conference planning committee and board of directors, made up of Virginia's local government officials and VACo staff members, have been working hard to showcase all Virginia has to offer. In addition to the registration information located on NACo's Web site, an additional Web page has been created where participants can sign up for optional tours or register for the Women of

NACo golf tournament. The site, www.naco2007.org, also has a sign-up form and detailed information for those who would like to serve as a conference volunteer.

The optional tours represent some of Virginia's best area attractions. Attendees can take a tour of Petersburg to visit Pamplin Historical Park and the Tiffany windows in Blanford Church. The Richmond Black Heritage Tour is fully guided and features a visit to the Maggie Walker House, the Museum of Black History and much more. Spend a day in historic Charlottesville or Williamsburg or take advantage of one the largest coaster collections on the East Coast at Kings Dominion. Sign up today at www.naco2007.org.

Local government staff members are encouraged to sign up as conference volunteers. Hotel rooms are limited so volunteers should be from localities that are an easy ride to Richmond or are registered for the conference.

There are a number of important volunteer roles that need to

be filled. Sign up as a way finder to provide assistance at the airport and the convention center, staff the registration or welcome desk, serve as a bus ambassador or escort on shuttle buses, or help host the conference-wide event. Volunteers will attend an orientation session to learn about the event and their specific responsibilities. Free parking will be provided to those working at the convention center and the Richmond International Airport.

This is an exciting time for Virginia's local governments. Register for the conference on NACo's Web site at www.naco.org, which also provides a link to www.naco2007.org. ☞



VACo Achievement Awards Deadline June 1

Showcase your county's model programs through the 2007 VACo Achievement Awards. Applications are available at www.vaco.org or by calling (804) 761-8255. Last year, VACo received 41 entries from 20 counties. Fifteen programs received an award. Any county department can apply! Recipients will receive recognition at VACo's annual conference, the Web site and through a statewide news release. Awards criteria include innovation, collaboration and model practices. ☞

Grants Available for First Responder Equipment

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced the start of the application period for approximately \$33.7 million in equipment and equipment training awards for first responders through its 2007 Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP). Since its inception in 2005, more than \$69.7 million in equipment and equipment training has been awarded through CEDAP to law enforcement agencies, fire and other emergency responders.

Eligibility for the CEDAP is limited to law enforcement agencies, fire and other emergency responder organizations with specific financial and capa-

bility needs. Equipment and equipment training awards are offered in five categories: personal protective equipment; thermal imaging, night vision, and video surveillance tools; chemical and biological detection tools; information technology and risk management tools; and interoperable communications equipment.

CEDAP equipment awards are integrated with state planning processes for regional response and asset distribution. Each state's administrative agency has the opportunity to review applications submitted by first responder organizations within their state to ensure that equipment requests are consistent with their state homeland security strategy.

Prospective applicants can review the program solicitation

through the Responder Knowledge Base at www.rkb.mipt.org. The application submission period is open via the Web site through May 29.

CEDAP is highly competitive and designed to complement the department's other grant programs. The program strengthens regional response, mutual aid, and interoperable communications capabilities across the nation by providing local homeland security partners essential equipment and equipment training that they may not otherwise be able to afford.

For more information on CEDAP and other DHS grant programs, visit www.dhs.gov. ☞

America's Anniversary Weekend May 11-13 Three Days and Nights That Will Last You a Lifetime



Jamestown Settlement



Historic Jamestowne



Anniversary Park

America's Anniversary Weekend is a three-day spectacular that will delight all ages and commemorate America's 400th Anniversary in grand fashion. Weekend programming includes commemorative moments, cultural events, interpretive demonstrations, interactive exhibits, museum galleries, original productions and family-friendly programs that bring the history of Jamestown, Va. — the first permanent English settlement in the Americas — to life. The weekend features appearances by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor; actor and Verizon brand ambassador James Earl Jones; Grammy-winning artists Bruce Hornsby & The Noise Makers; Chaka Khan; and Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder. Get your tickets now for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in America's history.

Visit <http://www.americas400thanniversary.com/se-anniversaryweekend.cfm> for daily program details. Purchase your tickets online or call (866) 400-1607. ☞



Mark Your Calendar...

2007 CPEAV Planning and Zoning Law Seminar

May 7, Charlottesville Omni Hotel

Agenda and registration form is available on VACo's Mark Your Calendar page on the Web at <http://www.vaco.org/CALENDAR/Mark%20Your%20Calendar.php>.

Military Encroachment: Collaborative Land Use Strategies

May 10-11, Virginia Tech Northern Virginia Center
Through a combination of discussion, exercises and simulations, participants will explore the underlying policy dynamics of encroachment and design and test their own practical solutions. For more information, please call (703) 706-8129 or contact PlanningAcademy@vt.edu. www.cpe.vt.edu/planningacademy.

Virginia Food Security Summit

May 11, UVA Alumni Hall, Charlottesville

8:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Speakers will address why and how Virginia can become more food secure. Hear practical ideas, proven lessons from other states, policies and incentives to consider, and more. You will have a chance to discuss possible "next steps" to achieve greater food security. A summary report will be produced for broad distribution.

<http://www.virginia.edu/ien/foodsummit>.

America's Anniversary Weekend

May 11-13, Historic Jamestowne, Jamestown Settlement and Anniversary Park
Tickets are available by calling (866) 400-1607 or visiting www.americas400thanniversary.com.

Overview of Virginia Traffic Impact Analysis Regulations

May 21 or 22

John Tyler Community College, Chester Campus

This is the second planned session regarding the implementation of the Traffic Impact Analysis regulation as a result of Chapter 527 of the 2006 Acts of Assembly. This legislation was intended to improve the coordination between transportation and land-use planning in the Commonwealth. VDOT will hold two separate training sessions. Contact Susan Edwards for a registration form, susan.edwards@vdot.virginia.gov. The registration deadline is May 9.

The LeadershipPlenty® Certified Trainer Program

May 21-23, The Hotel Roanoke
LeadershipPlenty® delivers nine highly interactive sessions or "modules" that equip participants with key skills needed for community problem solving. For more information, visit <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/lpinstitute> or contact Tracey Allen at tballen@vt.edu or (540) 231-9617.

Continuing and Professional Education for Water Utility Owners, Managers and Operators

These workshops will be broadcast simultaneously to 14 locations throughout the Commonwealth. The workshops will begin promptly at noon and conclude at approximately 3 p.m. There is no fee to attend but registration is required.

May 16- Overview of the Design and Function of Conventional Water Treatment Operations

June 20 - Basic Principles and Calculations Associated with Chemical Dosing and Sedimentation

www.cpe.vt.edu/cpewater/

VACo Resolutions Committee Meeting

May 24, Albemarle County Complex, 11 a.m.

Lunch will be provided. A conference call will be established for members unable to attend.

Virginia Regional Public Safety and Interoperability Workshop

May 31, James Madison University

For more information contact Chris Essid at Chris.Essid@governor.virginia.gov. ☞

Congratulations!

The Hershey Company, North America's leading chocolate and confectionery manufacturer, will invest \$25 million to expand manufacturing capacity at its facility in **Augusta County**, creating 150 new jobs. With revenues of nearly \$5 billion and more than 13,000 employees worldwide, The Hershey Company (NYSE: HSY) markets world famous brands such as Hershey's, Reese's, Hershey's Kisses and Ice Breakers.

Loudoun County has received national recognition for its 2006 Annual Report with an Award of Excellence from the National Association of County Information Officers (NACIO).

NACo Accepting Applications for County Courthouse Award

Information on the 2007 NACo County Courthouse Award is now available on the NACo website at www.naco.org under the "Awards" section. Established four years ago, the County Courthouse Award is sponsored by Siemens and recognizes innovative governance by county elected officials. Award winners receive an engraved plaque that they can display in their county, recognition at the 2007 NACo Annual Conference in Richmond and a \$5,000 college scholarship to present to a graduating high school senior. Awards will be given out in three categories: rural, suburban and urban. All NACo members are encouraged to apply. Applications must be postmarked by May 7 to be considered. If you have questions, please contact NACo Associate Legislative Director Dalen A. Harris at (202) 942-4236 or email dharris@naco.org. ☞

Indage Group, India's largest wine manufacturer and restaurant and hotel chain in Mumbai, India, plans to open five Indian restaurants and a headquarters operation in **Virginia**. Indage Group is a diversified group of companies involved in commercial construction, structural engineering, wines and spirits, restaurants and hotels.

Edward W. Stakem III, EIT, has joined **Draper Aden Associates'** Charlottesville office as a staff engineer in Utilities Engineering. ☞

Employment Opportunities

Employment ads have been edited due to space considerations. To view the full versions, visit www.vaco.org.

Assistant County Administrator / Alleghany County

Salary competitive DOQ plus benefits. Send letter with salary requirements, resume and references to Alleghany County Administrator, 9212 Winterberry Avenue, Covington, VA 24426. Position open until filled.

County Administrator / Chesterfield County

Submit letter of application, detailed resume with salary history and work related references to: John A. Anzivino, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 1564 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228; Fax (804) 726-9752 or e-mail Richmond@springsted.com by May 25. For a complete community/position profile visit www.springsted.com.

County Engineer / Washington County

Salary range \$60,000 - \$63,500 with benefits. A complete Position Description along with an Application for Employment may be obtained through the County Department of Accounting, County of Washington, 205 Academy Drive, Abingdon, Virginia 24210 or via the county Web

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Employment

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 site www.washcova.com.
 Applications will be accepted
 until the position is filled.

**Deputy General Manager/
 Fauquier County Water and
 Sanitation Authority**

Salary: \$87,998 to \$128,196
 Resumes should be mailed to
 the following address:
 Attn: Thomas P. Dineen,
 Assistant to the General
 Manager and Personnel
 Administrator, 7172 Kennedy
 Road, Vint Hill Farms,
 Warrenton, VA, 20187-3907

**Director of Parks and
 Recreation/Louisa County**

Code: 2700
 Job will remain open until filled.
 Job descriptions and applica-
 tions are available at www.louisacounty.com, or by calling
 (540) 967-0401. A Louisa
 County application must be sub-
 mitted to be considered for this
 position. Faxed or e-mailed
 applications will be accepted
 only if followed up with an orig-
 inal signature on hard copy.

**Director of Public Works/City
 of Bristol**

Effective July 1
 Send Resumes To: Office of the
 City Manager, City of Bristol,
 Virginia, 300 Lee Street, Bristol,
 Virginia 24201-4327. Resumes
 must include education, experi-
 ence and a minimum of five
 work related references. Position
 will remain open until filled.

Economic Development

Director/City of Lynchburg
 Salary DOQ. Send a confiden-
 tial resume with salary history
 and professional references via
 mail, email or fax by May 15 to:
 Margaret M. Schmitt, SPHR,
 Director of Human Resources,
 900 Church Street, Lynchburg,
 VA, 24504, Fax: (434) 845-4304,
[margaret.schmitt@lynchburgva.g](mailto:margaret.schmitt@lynchburgva.gov)
 ov. For questions or to request
 an accommodation, please call
 (434) 455-4208.
www.lynchburgva.gov.

**Information Systems
 Infrastructure and Security
 Specialist/ Prince George
 County**

Salary range: \$40,763-\$62,027
 For a complete job description
 and County Application, visit
www.princegeorgeva.org or pick
 up at the main desk in the
 County Administra-tion
 Building. For information, call
 (804) 722-8669. Resumes are
 encouraged with completed
 application. Faxed applications
 are not accepted. Open until
 filled.

**Land Use Planner/Accomack
 County**

Salary range: \$33,661 to \$48,808
 For an application packet, con-
 tact the Accomack County
 Administration Office, P.O. Box
 388, Accomac, VA, 23301, (757)
 787-5700. This position is open
 until filled.

Planner/Bath County

The position is open until filled.
 Please call for an application for
 employment and submit your
 resume and a short example of

your written professional work,
 along with three work refer-
 ences, to the County
 Administrator at Post Office
 Box 309, Warm Springs, VA,
 24484. Questions may be
 directed to the county adminis-
 trator at (540) 839-7221 or toll
 free for local residents outside
 the local calling area (888) 823-
 1710.

Planner II/Roanoke County

This position may be under
 filled by a Planner I. Starting
 Salary Range: \$38,684 - \$42,552
 Deadline: May 11, 2007
 Roanoke County application
 required. Contact Department
 of Human Resources, 5204
 Bernard Drive SW, Roanoke,
 VA, 24018, (540) 772-2018,
[www.roanokecountyva.gov/](http://www.roanokecountyva.gov/jobs)
 jobs

**Records Management Officer/
 Albemarle County**

Salary: \$37,669 – \$48,969
 Open until filled. Complete job
 description and on-line applica-
 tion at [www.albemarle.org/jobs.](http://www.albemarle.org/jobs.asp)
 asp. County of Albemarle,
 Department of Human
 Resources, Charlottesville, VA,
 22902; (434) 296-5827. ☞

1001 E. Broad St., Suite LL 20
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