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CTB releases new six-year plan; counties face dramatic cuts

By Mike Edwards and Larry Land
VACo STAFF



COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Virginia's growing road maintenance deficit and lack of available transportation revenues require the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to propose severe cuts to the new six-year transportation improvement plan.

As previously reported by VACo, counties will experience a 45 percent reduction in Secondary Road funding in FY 2009 and beyond.

The preliminary plan, scheduled to take effect on July 1, eliminates 174 secondary road projects currently on the drawing board. Another 224 projects are proposed for delay. The CTB released the preliminary plan on April 16 in Lynchburg.

Pierce R. Homer, Secretary of Transportation, indicated in Lynchburg that the list of eliminated and delayed improvements includes "critical bridge projects."

The CTB invites your comments about essential rail, public transportation, commuter services, bicycle, pedestrian and highway projects to be approved in June.

Wednesday, May 14

7:30 p.m.

Northern Virginia CC

Ernst Cultural Center

8333 Little River Turnpike

Annandale, VA 22003

(free parking student B lots 1-17)

Before mid-May the board will complete its statewide public hearings on the new spending plan. The board intends to adopt the new blueprint on June 19.

Secretary Homer advised the CTB in Lynchburg that Virginia also is facing estimated reductions in federal transportation funding. Federal dollars account for an ever-increasing share of Virginia's transportation con-

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Supervisors rave about certification program

Phillip Bradshaw can now add certified county supervisor to his resume after completing a five-course program that is a joint effort of Virginia Tech and VACo. However, Bradshaw warns that the Virginia Certified County Supervisor Program is not easy. He likens it to a master's degree curriculum.

"It's very demanding," said Bradshaw, who represents the Carrsville District on the Isle of Wight Board of Supervisors. He also serves on VACo's Executive Committee as 1st Vice President.

"You have to do papers, homework and group work. It's very intense and there is a time commitment."

But Bradshaw added: "The reward is great. You will expand your knowledge, expertise and establish networks that will be invaluable. The insight and knowledge you learn, you can't get anywhere else. Supervisors will definitely benefit. But it is the citizens who will benefit the most."

Gerald Cubbage, who represents District 4 in Page County, agreed and stressed that his greatest profit was the camaraderie he shared with folks like Bradshaw.

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"It was a huge asset for me to meet other supervisors like Phil Bradshaw," said Cubbage, who hangs his program certificate on the wall at home next to his son's 4-H achievements. "There was a deep fellowship that developed among us."

A dozen supervisors have graduated from the program since its inception in 2006. The series was founded on strict education fundamentals and is designed to accommodate rural and urban counties.

There are three courses available per year and any member of a Board of Supervisors can join at any time. The courses are divided into five areas of government--finance, planning, communications, leadership and governing. Each one spans two days with a follow-up seminar about two months later.

The next course, *Managing*

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VACo Notes

Mike Edwards, deputy director for Legislative Affairs, teaches public management and organization behavior at the Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy at the College of William and Mary. He is completing his second consecutive spring semester. The two-year graduate program attracts students from throughout the county and around the world.

VACo's Achievement Awards Program

Applications for the 2008 Achievement Awards Program are available now at www.vaco.org. County administrators and public information officers should have received copies of the application form by mail. Any county department is eligible to apply!

Award plaques will be presented at VACo's Annual Business Meeting on Nov. 11 in Bath County. The winning entries will be recognized on the VACo Web site and in a news release sent to statewide media outlets.

The competition is divided into five population categories so that projects compete with other localities of comparable size. Entries must be postmarked by June 1.

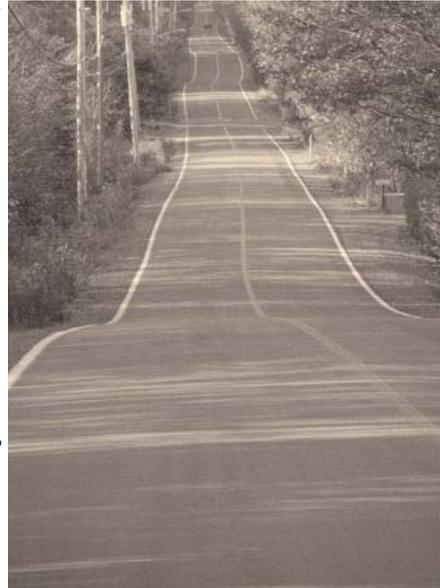
Honoring our seniors

May designated Older Virginians Month

By Dean Lynch
VACo STAFF

For those reaching the age of wisdom, grey hair and weekends with grandchildren, the month of May will be a celebration of you. Virginia will recognize and honor its seniors during Older Virginians Month, which is consistent with the national designation given by President George Bush.

Many Virginians will become “senior citizens” during the next decade. Now is the time to start planning for the impact this change is likely to have on our society. In fact, preparing for the future at all levels (individual, community and state) will be a major theme promoted by the Virginia Department for the Aging (VDA) in the coming months. VDA commissioner Linda Nablo stated in *Age in Action* that while we continue to serve today’s older Virginians and look for cost-effective ways to provide essential services to this increasingly diverse group of citizens, VDA is also engaged in several initiatives that look to the future.



THE LONG ROAD

Virginians and the state government must prepare for the future of senior care. The landscape will change drastically over the next decade as many Virginians will become senior citizens.

These initiatives are:

* VDA has been designated by the General Assembly as the lead agency for planning for the impact of a rapidly aging population. House Bill 2624 (2007 session of the General Assembly) required all state agencies to report on the impact of the aging population on their ability to provide services. The legislation tasked VDA with collecting, summarizing and sharing data from over 80 agencies with the governor and the General Assembly by June 30, 2008.

* The Older Dominion Project is a research and planning project comprised of Virginia’s business leaders, government, universities, organizations serving older adults and philanthropic organizations. The project is a research-based initiative bringing together all sectors to examine Virginians’ “state of aging preparedness” and to discuss and recommend long-term strategies to prepare Virginia for this inevitable demographic change.

* This year’s theme for Older Virginians Month, *Working Together for Strong, Healthy, and Supportive Communities* speaks to the need for local level planning. This theme challenges us to rethink our communities. The vision is to energize communities to create a place that is

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McElwaine retires after 27 years with Botetourt County

Edward “Ned” C. McElwaine, deputy county administrator, has announced his retirement from service with Botetourt County.

“I would like to express my sincere appreciation for having the opportunity to work with the county’s

Boards of Supervisors over the years and to provide assistance and service to the residents of Botetourt,” McElwaine said.

McElwaine was Botetourt’s first planner, responsible for short and long range planning, land use control ordinances,



Ned McElwaine

development review and the county’s Comprehensive Plan.

McElwaine’s work included the areas of transportation, juvenile justice, work-force development services and involvement in the planning, development and recruitment of new

businesses and industries to Botetourt’s four industrial parks.

He also was involved in the oversight of the county’s Planning and Zoning Office, Building Inspections Department, Parks and Recreation Department and

the Library System.

During his tenure, McElwaine represented Botetourt on several regional boards. He served with three county administrators and was interim county administrator twice. He was the administrator during the historic regional flood and county-wide recovery efforts in 1985.

Ned and Joyce McElwaine, his wife of 29 years and a teacher at James River High School, have one son, Patrick, who will graduate from Roanoke College this year.

They will continue to reside in the Blue Ridge section of the county.



The Virginia General Assembly
Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission

JLARC to contact localities about waste reduction programs

The Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) is an oversight agency that conducts studies and reviews programs for the Virginia General Assembly.

In 2007, the General Assembly passed Senate Joint Resolution 361 directing JLARC to study waste minimization, reuse, and recycling efforts in Virginia and other states.

To address this mandate, our staff is currently reviewing the success of State and local waste reduction programs, the success of programs in similarly situated states, and long-term goals for waste minimization in Virginia.

Results of the study will be presented to the JLARC Commission on Sept. 8, and a written report will be available to the public at www.jlarc.state.va.us later that day.

As part of our review, we plan on surveying Virginia localities and municipal solid waste authorities regarding their waste reduction programs.

In addition, the survey will also seek local and regional input about the State’s waste reduction efforts and assistance from the Department of Environmental Quality.

The survey will be available online in mid-May, and over the next few weeks you may receive a letter asking you to complete a survey. Your feedback will be a valuable source of information for JLARC as it completes its review, and your cooperation is appreciated.

For more information about the study or the survey, contact Jamie Bitz at 804-371-4560 or Eric Messick at 804-371-4582.



day



or

night



Top two photos by Neil S. Kaye, courtesy of Eastern Shore of Virginia Tourism Commission.

Like most folks on Tangier Island, Mark Crockett can trace his ancestry more than 300 years. In fact, his distant relative, John Crockett settled the island back in 1686.

“We’re just an old village of mostly watermen and tugboats,” said Crockett, who speaks with a distinct accent, brought over from Cornwall County in England, and preserved in this remote place in Accomack County for three centuries. Crockett sounds like he’s slurring, when in actuality, he’s just elongating his vowels.

Most citizens live in a house that was passed down to them from previous generations. Some even have their ancestors buried in the backyard. Crockett, Pruitt and Parks are the most common surnames on this island of around 650 residents.

There is no bridge connecting it to the Virginia or Maryland mainland. The only way to set foot on Tangier is to catch the ferry from Crisfield, Md., early in the morning or late in the afternoon.

There are about 20 gas-powered vehicles on the island so traffic, gas price anxiety and road rage exist as much as a local prattling on a cell phone in a restaurant. The days and nights are quiet, only disturbed by the occasional beeping of a golf cart shifted in reverse.

“It’s pretty laid back here,” Crockett said. “There’s not a whole lot to do, but that’s the way we like it.”

Crockett is a waterman, and please don’t make the mistake of calling him a fisherman. There’s a difference. On Tangier, the cash cow is not fish but rather beautiful Chesapeake Bay blue crabs.

Crockett also is the island’s fire chief, a post he accepted three years ago after serving 18 as the assistant. He’s been part of Tangier Volunteer Fire Company 21 since he was 16 years old.

they answer the siren



Tangier Firehouse photo courtesy of the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Department.

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Mark Your Calendar...

Regional VACo Meetings Schedule

**VACo Region 2
Middlesex County**
May 14
9 a.m.-noon
Dozier's Regatta Point Marina
Deltaville, VA
John Miller Jr., region director
Contact Info:
Marcia Jones
Middlesex County Administrator's
Office
(804) 758-4330

VACo Summer Meeting

**Aug. 22
OMNI Hotel
235 West Main Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902**

Schedule:

10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.—Four steering committee meetings

- *Administration of Government
- *Education
- *Finance
- *Transportation

11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.—Lunch available

12:30 p.m.- 2 p.m.—Four additional steering committee meetings

- *Community Development
- *Environment and Agriculture
- *Health and Human Services
- *Telecommunications and Utilities

2 p.m.- 5 p.m.—VACo Board of Directors meeting

A small block of rooms will be reserved for those who may need them Thursday or Friday night. Please contact Jim Campbell at (804)343-2500 or jcampbell@vaco.org.

Virginia Certified County Supervisor Program

**May 4-5 with concluding session on June 30
Charlottesville**

Sign up for one of the five core courses in the Virginia Certified County Supervisor Program, a joint effort of Virginia Tech and the Virginia Association of Counties. A registration form for "Managing While Leading: Understanding Your Powers, Duties, and Responsibilities" can be found on www.vaco.org.

Call Carol Huff at 804-343-2507 with questions.

Henrico County conducts open houses on draft comprehensive plan

Henrico County is seeking input from residents as it unveils the Draft 2026 Comprehensive Plan, a critical document that will guide the county's growth over the next two decades.

The Planning Department will hold a series of open houses for residents, developers and others to review and comment on the draft comprehensive plan and its land-use maps, a key component of the plan.



Each meeting will take place from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.:

- * **Tuesday, May 6, Short Pump Middle School, 4701 Pouncey Tract Road**
- * **Thursday, May 8, Godwin High School, 2101 Pump Road**
- * **Monday, May 19, Wilder Middle School, 6900 Wilkinson Road**
- * **Thursday, May 22, Ward Elementary School, 3400 Darbytown Road**
- * **Thursday, May 29, Henrico Government Center, 4301 E. Parham Road**

In addition, residents can review the comprehensive plan and land-use maps from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Planning Department, located in the Henrico Government Center.

A blueprint for Henrico's future growth, the plan contains goals and implementation strategies to guide development in a variety of areas, including residential, commercial, industrial, transportation and recreation. The maps recommend future land uses for all properties and assist the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in making land-use decisions.

"Public input is critical to the successful completion of the Draft 2026 Comprehensive Plan," said Planning Director Joe Emerson. "We encourage residents to attend an open house and share their thoughts with us."

For more information, log on to the Planning Department Web site at www.co.henrico.va.us/planning or call 501-4602.

introducing new associate members



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Johnson Controls evaluates and can guarantee the benefits the improvements generate, which may allow improvements to essentially pay for themselves. We have more than 2 billion square feet of facilities under management worldwide and have saved customers \$16.76 billion in the last decade. Founded in 1885, Johnson Controls has 300 worldwide locations and 118,000 employees. The company's sales for 2003 totaled \$22.6 billion.

Trane's Virginia District office engages in the process cooling and indoor environmental service and solutions business. Our customer base spans the Commonwealth of Virginia, four counties in West Virginia and eight counties in NE Tennessee, and includes members of industry, business, health care, education and government. With access to Trane's resources (a \$7.5 billion company with 29,600 employees globally), we have the ability to serve two distinctly different markets. In the construction market, we serve architectural and engineering firms, as well as general and mechanical contractors. In the existing building market, our focus is on the building owner and their tenants.



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That's OUR core business!

VRA Innovative Financing to Build Virginia Communities

Community Investment Workshop Series
May 6

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

James Madison University Festival Conference Center
Harrisonburg, Va.

Kickoff breakfast
7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Topics include:

Energy Efficiency
Municipal Bond 101
Project Case Studies
Getting Projects Funded
2008 General Assembly Discussion

Register online at
www.VirginiaResources.org
or fax registration to
804-644-3109

*Government staff and officials—free registration
*Non-government—\$185. Please mail your check to 1111 East Main Street, Suite 1920, Richmond, VA 23219.

For more information, call 804-644-3100.

Hurford joins DAA

Draper Aden Associates is pleased to announce John W. Hurford, PE, has been selected for the position of Solid Waste Team Leader for the Richmond office.

He has over 10 years of national engineering experience as a technical expert, experienced manager, and seasoned design engineer within the field of municipal solid waste management consulting.

Hurford earned a B.S. in Environmental Engineering from the University of Florida. He is a recipient of the 2005 Project of the Year, Florida Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

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struction program although annual federal allocations to Virginia continue to decline. This inconsistency results from the lack of available state dollars to support Virginia’s maintenance needs.

In accordance with state law, VDOT must fund its road maintenance needs before allocating dollars to construction projects. VDOT is transferring approximately \$400 million this year in federal and state

construction funding to support maintenance.

The transfer is necessary because the Commonwealth’s dedicated transportation revenue sources, including the gas tax, are insufficient to support adequate road and transit programs.

Going forward federal funds are proposed to account for 58 percent of the new “systems construction” program.

Federal funds account for 52 percent of the current plan. Secretary Homer characterized the growing percentage of federal funding (compared to state

funding) as a symptom of “strategic weakness.”

The preliminary plan reduces total construction spending by \$1.1 billion or approximately five percent. By 2014 the maintenance deficit will essentially consume available construction dollars.

VACo expects the governor to call a special legislative session later in the spring regarding transportation funding.

VACo will communicate key information and dates when they become available.

Supervisors

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While Leading, takes place in Charlottesville on May 4-5 with the final session on June 30. The following one, *Governance in the 21st Century*, will run Sept. 7-8 in Charlottesville and conclude Nov. 8 at the Homestead in Bath County just before the VACo Annual Conference.

Mike Chandler, professor emeritus at Virginia Tech, and **Scott Tate**, community viability specialist at Virginia Cooperative Extension/Virginia Tech, teach the program.

Chandler understands the hesitancy of supervisors to participate.

“Supervisors are busy people,” Chandler said. “There’s no question going to these sessions is a big sacrifice because it can cost them a day or two of work. But people are amazed on how much they learn and how much better they

become as supervisors.”

Besides the five core classes, supervisors also must complete selected electives like participating in the VACo annual conference and other events across the state. They are required to finish assigned readings and write essays.

Participants are graded on pass/fail. Typically the closing session is colloquial where Chandler and supervisors discuss what they’ve learned.

And again, the program is specifically designed to benefit all Virginia counties-big and small.

“We’ve had supervisors from Arlington County to Surry County,” Chandler said. “Our challenge is to provide an educational experience that benefits each individual and the county they represent.”

Page County currently has two supervisors-Cubbage and **Carol Lee Fischer-Strickler** (District 5)-who are certified

through the program. At one time, Page County boasted four supervisors who earned certification.

“This is a much-needed program,” Fischer-Strickler said. “These are superior quality classes and every supervisor should be required to go through it. In fact, I want to challenge every supervisor to become certified.”

The courses might be the meat and potatoes of the program, however, the apple pie, according to Fischer-Strickler was the time the supervisors spent outside the classroom.

“We would sit there after these classes, and we would talk and laugh and really get to know each other,” she said. “And by getting to know one another, we got to know ourselves. By that I mean, we learned that we all have the same problems and we can help each other solve them.”

Employment Opportunities

Employment ads are edited due to space considerations.

To view the full versions, visit www.vaco.org.

Comprehensive Planner/ Montgomery County

\$39,449 - \$47,995, DOQ, with excellent benefits (paid health, dental and vision, flex spending, life, disability, retirement, wellness program). County application required and available at Human Resources, 755 Roanoke Street, Suite 2D, Christiansburg, VA 24073.

Open Until Filled; review of applications will begin May 27. For more information about this position or to request an application or accommodation for disabilities, contact Human Resources at (540) 394-2007; TTY/Voice (1-800-828-1120 or 1-800-828-1140); County Job Line: (540) 394-2010 or visit www.montva.com/jobs.php

Town Manager/Windsor

\$60,000 - \$80,000 DOQ/DOE, plus benefits. Send cover letter, resume, salary history and 3 professional references to: Mayor Marvin A Crocker, Jr., P.O. Box 307, Windsor, VA 23487. Should apply by May 30. Open until filled. EOE.

Superintendent/Piedmont Regional Jail

Located in Farmville, VA. Starting salary negotiable depending upon experience and

qualifications. Submit resume, three references and completed Commonwealth of Virginia Employment Application by 4 p.m. on June 3 to:

Judy Ownby
Cumberland County
Administrator
P.O. Box 110
(1 Courthouse Circle)
Cumberland, VA 23040

Director of Regional & Environmental Programs/ Northern Virginia Regional Commission

High \$90s+ DOQ. Cover letter and resume to NVRC, 3060 Williams Dr., Suite 510, Fairfax, VA 22031; fax 703-642-5077; or e-mail info@novaregion.org. Open until filled. To learn more about NVRC, visit www.novaregion.org.

Nursing Home Administrator/ Bedford County

Application, job description, and recruitment package are available on our Web site: www.co.bedford.va.us and are also available from the Bedford County Human Resources Department, Bedford County Administration Building, 122 East Main Street, 2nd Floor, Bedford, VA 24523, (540) 586-7601. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Only interviewed applicants will be notified when position is filled. Competitive annual salary.

Attorney/Dinwiddie County

Salary: DOQ. Applications at www.dinwiddieva.us or at the Dinwiddie County HR Dept., 14016 Boydton Plank Road, P.O.

Drawer 70, Dinwiddie, VA. 23841 or by calling 804-469-4500 ext. 145. Open until filled.

Environmental Inspector and Plan Reviewer/Dinwiddie County

\$34,308-\$47,480. Must possess a valid driver's license and able to pass a criminal history check. Applications available at www.dinwiddieva.us or HR Dept., 14016 Boydton Plank Road, P.O. Drawer 70, Dinwiddie, VA 23841 or by calling 804-469-4500 ext. 145. Open until filled.

Deputy Director of Planning and Zoning/Leesburg

\$67,567-\$113,406 plus excellent benefits package. Closing date: June 30 at 5 p.m. See www.leesburgva.gov or request an application from the HR Dept. at 703-737-7177. Mail application and resume in confidence to: Nancy Fixx, HR Director, Town of Leesburg, 25 W. Market St., P. O. Box 88, Leesburg, VA 20178. Applications may be faxed to the HR Dept. at 703-737-7190. Resumes may be submitted as supplemental only.

Finance Director/Pulaski County

\$67,000-\$105,000, DOQ. Interested applicants may apply directly to Robert Hiss, Asst. County Administrator, 143 3rd St, NW, Pulaski, VA 24301 or through the Virginia

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Employment Commission Office, 206 3rd Ave., Radford, VA, 24141, Mon. through Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please submit a cover letter, resume, and completed county application which is available at www.pulaskicounty.org Deadline: Application review to begin May 12, position open until filled.

Planner/Chesterfield County

\$38,944 - \$45,833

Deadline: 5 p.m. May 15.

Pre-employment drug testing and FBI criminal background check required. A Chesterfield County application is required and must be submitted online. Visit careers.chesterfield.gov to view instructions and to complete and submit an application. 804-748-1551.

**Accounting Manager/
Gloucester County**

Competitive Salary; DOQ. CPA certification preferred. Open until filled. Submit Gloucester County application with cover letter & resume to Human Resource Department. County application may be obtained as follows: Visit the Gloucester County Human Resource Department located at 6467 Main Street, Gloucester, VA 23061; call 804-693-5690 and request that an application be mailed to you; or download from our Web site at www.gloucesterva.info.

Planning Director/Middlesex County

Salary commensurate with experience; include requirements with resume and county application. Applications and information may be obtained from the County Administrator's Office, Middlesex County, P. O. Box 428, Saluda, VA 23149; 804-758-4330, or from www.co.middlesex.va.us. Applications due by May 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Deputy Director/Arlington County

Salary negotiable up to mid-\$120,000. Open until filled. Arlington seeks a strong executive leader to serve as Deputy of an integrated Department of Human Services. Submit our easy Internet employment application at www.arlingtonva.us/pers (click on COUNTY JOBS, scroll down and click on the job title). Questions? Call 703-228-3500 and press 4. We have staff who will be happy to assist you.

Utilities Director/Gloucester County

\$70K - \$85K DOQ with excellent benefits. Visit us online at www.gloucesterva.info to review complete job description, residency requirement, and download employment application. Submit Gloucester County application with cover letter and resume to Gloucester County Human Resources, 6467 Main St., Gloucester, VA 23061.

Senior Transportation Planner/Town of Leesburg

\$52,752-\$88,542 plus extensive benefits package. Open Until Filled. TO APPLY: See www.leesburgva.gov to obtain a Town of Leesburg application form OR request an application form from the HR Dept. at 703-737-7177. Mail or fax your application to: Town of Leesburg, HR Dept., 25 W. Market Street, P.O. Box 88, Leesburg, VA 20178. Resumes may be submitted as supplemental only.

Building Official/Sussex County

Submit salary requirements and Virginia State application to: Mary E. Jones, Sussex County Administrator, P. O. Box 1397, Sussex, VA 23884. Physical Address: 20233 Thornton Square, Sussex. VA. E-mail mjones@sussexcountyva.com. Position open until filled.

Director of Planning, Zoning and Development/Leesburg

\$79,689-\$133,752 plus excellent benefits package; closing date is May 16 at 5 p.m. TO APPLY: See www.leesburgva.gov or request an application from the HR Dept. at 703-737-7177. Mail application and resume in confidence to: Nancy Fixx, HR Director, Town of Leesburg, 25 W. Market St., P. O. Box 88, Leesburg, VA 20178. Applications may be faxed to the HR Dept. at 703-737-7190. Resumes may be submitted as supplemental only.

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livable for people of all ages and all abilities. This “livability” factor involves infrastructure, such as housing, transportation, roadways and sidewalks. Other factors are the convenience of medical offices, pharmacies, grocery stores and other services. It also involves a coordinated network of programs, services and supports that allow people of all ages to

maintain their independence and remain active and contributing members of their community.

Finally, and most importantly, there is the need for the individual to plan. We know that healthy lifestyle choices can make an enormous difference in how long we live and how well. Many state and local governments are partnering to help promote and support healthy lifestyles for older Virginians. VDA is also working to promote awareness of the

responsibility we all have to plan for a financially secure future.

Virginia is collaborating with the federal department of Health and Human Services to encourage the Commonwealth’s baby boomers, and adults of all ages, to begin planning now for their future long-term care needs.

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Tangier

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“It has been a big part of my life for a long time,” he said.

The volunteer fire department was founded in 1964 and moved to its current location in the 1980s.

All of Accomack County’s fire departments are volunteer, which according to Jason Loftus is an asset to the community.

“From a service standpoint, all the volunteer fire departments in Accomack County provide tremendous service,” said Loftus, county director of public safety. “But the volunteer fire departments also serve the citizens another way. They help save the county money, and that directly helps citizens save money.”

If you call Station 21, Darren Landon might answer the phone. Sometimes he’s there to do paperwork as part of

his firehouse manager duties.

“Nope, we don’t have a hook and ladder,” he said. “We do have a 250-gallon pumper truck, a pickup and a Jeep.”

However, Crockett added that Station 21 will soon receive another addition. He said the firehouse has purchased a brand new 600-gallon pumper truck that’s the top of the line.

The last house fire was five or six years ago. Typically when someone dials 911 to report an incident on Tangier, the call connects to the Eastern Shore 9-1-1 Communications Center in Accomac. The dispatcher then alerts members of Station 21 via pages and citizens of Tangier by sounding the sirens.

“The sirens are loud,” Landon said. “They will wake you up.”

There are two such sirens on the island -- one near the firehouse and the other near the island’s power plant.

Station 21 and its 30 volunteers spring into action. Many

can run to the fire first. On occasion, citizens lend a helping hand in this tight-knit community.

The pumper truck can connect to any of the island’s 18 fire hydrants if it needs extra water. If there’s a medical emergency, Crockett and his crew call Trooper 4 of the Maryland State Police Aviation Command based in Salisbury, Md.

“But if the injury isn’t that serious, we’ll just use a boat to take the person to the mainland,” Crockett said. “We also have a couple of registered nurses who help out.”

With fires so infrequent, the 30 volunteers stay sharp by drilling and keeping the equipment pristine. But what if someone calls about a stray cat, which are plentiful on Tangier, that’s stuck in a tree?

“We haven’t received one of those calls yet,” Crockett said. “But I’m sure if we did, we would take care of it.”



Executive Committee

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