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VACo releases 2019 Preliminary Legislative Program



VACo has released its [2019 Preliminary Legislative Program](#), which was drafted through VACo's steering committee process. The document includes a host of important and timely proposed policy statements including language pertaining to K-12 education funding, local taxing authority, stormwater regulations, land use planning, transportation, broadband, health and human resources and other local budget and legislative issues.

Please click on the link to read the [2019 Preliminary Legislative Program](#).

The 2019 Legislative Program will be adopted during the [VACo Annual Conference](#) on November 11-13 in Bath County.

VACo's seven steering committees will finalize and adopt their policy sections on Sunday, November 11. The Resolutions Committee will ratify the Legislative Program on Monday, November 12. VACo's membership will vote to adopt the Final Legislative Program on Tuesday, November 13.

VACo members are encouraged to continue to add their input to this document by working through their county's legislative process and the VACo steering committee process to put forward suggested changes to VACo's 2019 Legislative Program.

For questions regarding VACo's legislative process, contact Dean Lynch at dlynch@vaco.org or 804.343.2511.

VACo Contact: [Dean Lynch, CAE](#)

84th Annual Conference Update



If you are attending VACo's Annual Conference, here are some helpful suggestions to make your time at The Omni Homestead run smoothly. Please call 804.788.6652 with questions.

UPON ARRIVAL

Check-in time for your room is 4 p.m.

Valet parking is included in the 15 percent daily charge that is automatically added to your room rate.

When you arrive, please remember that bellmen and doormen work for tips and are not compensated through any service fees collected by the hotel. These individuals should be rewarded at the guest's discretion for their superior service.

- The doormen will give each guest a Valet Parking ticket for the car, or you may park in the complimentary parking lots at the top of the hill.
- The doormen will give each guest a luggage ticket that you should take to the front desk where you will check-in.
- You will need a credit card, a photo ID and your luggage claim ticket.
- If your room **is** ready, you will receive your room keys and hotel ID cards and the bellman will deliver your luggage to your room.
- If your room **is not** ready, you will receive a temporary ID card for charging purposes. Luggage will be stored until your room is ready.
- Please provide a cell phone number if you would like to be called when your room is available.
- Luggage delivery will take approximately 20 minutes, but can vary depending on the flow of guests arriving around the same time.

UPON DEPARTURE

Checkout time is noon.

To order your car for departure:

- Call the Transportation Department directly at Ext. 57711.
- Allow 15 minutes for your car to be delivered at the front drive. Please keep in mind that peak departure is between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and you may experience a wait.
- As a reminder, the hotel is unable to leave cars unattended in front of the resort, due to the flow of arrivals and departures. Please call for your car when you are ready to depart.

Luggage pick up:


- Please call the bellman directly by pressing the "Bellman Button" on your guest room phone, or dialing Ext. #57571.
- Place luggage inside your guest room by the door for the bellman.
- Your luggage may be retrieved on the front porch.
- Please speak to a doormen for assistance with departure, and notify them if you have golf clubs to load.

Checkout:

- You will receive a copy of your charges under your door the last night of your stay.
- You may leave your Express Checkout card (located in your key packet) at the Front Desk in the Express Checkout Box (keys may be dropped in the box).
- You may check out directly with the front desk. Please keep in mind that peak departure is between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and you may experience an extended wait time.

BILL SPLITTING

Separate billing for room, the Daily Resort Charge, the Modified American Plan (MAP) and related taxes will be provided for each conference attendee staying at The Omni Homestead. Expenses for spouse, guests and children, as well as incidentals will be provided on a separate bill. For more information about bill splitting, please request assistance from the front desk during check-in.



2018 Presidential Initiative: Healthy Virginia Counties in Action

By Sherrin Alsop | VACo President

Spotlight on Economic Health Part 2

In my last column, we looked at the connection of economic stability with health outcomes, and I shared some data on poverty in Virginia, as measured by the federal definition of poverty, and by the United Way's "ALICE" standard, which seeks to determine what amount of money would cover the true expenses of life, including housing and child care. As local leaders, we know that some members of our communities struggle to meet daily needs, even in counties that are economically vibrant. Counties are tackling the problem of poverty in many creative ways; a common thread I found running through many of the efforts I am highlighting in this article is the way in which counties connected community partners to pool resources to serve community members in need.

Bedford County's "[Bridges Out of Poverty](#)" program is a classic example of the way strong community partnerships can reap unexpected benefits. Bedford County's Department of Social Services works closely with the Bedford Community Health Foundation, Bedford County Schools, Centra Health, and a variety of community nonprofits to administer the program, a key component of which is educating the broader community on the particular challenges faced by people in poverty. Another important element is facilitating relationships between community members in poverty and volunteer mentors through a series of classes called "Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting-By World." These classes are designed to help empower residents living in poverty to achieve economic stability, in part through connecting them with available community resources and also through the support offered by the volunteer mentors.

Although participants work toward a variety of individual goals, some of which may include better physical health, the Bedford Community Health Foundation speaks specifically to the program's connection to better health outcomes when describing the Bridges program on its website: "Poverty is a key social indicator of health. Poverty impacts every aspect of an individual's life and drives the individual's perception of health, self-esteem, employability and chance for self-sufficiency.

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There is a need to provide those living in poverty the access to health care and other resources to assist families in their journey to overcome poverty and to become self-sufficient. Once a community can provide and sustain that kind of access, people become self-sufficient and healthier, children become more successful in schools, employers can draw from a greater pool of workers and ultimately the economy and the community's standard of living improve." The Foundation has contributed more than \$30,000 for "Bridges out of Poverty" and "Getting Ahead" trainings, and recently worked with Bedford County to develop public transportation options for low-income residents to make essential trips to grocery stores and pharmacies.

Another example of how the community's holistic approach to poverty has improved health outcomes is the [Bedford County High Frequency EMS User Group Pilot Program](#), which was able to reduce overuse of the 911 system by providing frequent callers with the resources they needed to maintain their health in a more cost-effective way. The connections among County agencies fostered by the Bridges program helped shape this approach to the problem of how best to reduce 911 calls for issues that were not true emergencies. A team of staff assembled a list of County residents who had requested EMS services more than seven times in one year and worked to identify and address the root causes of the frequent 911 calls – for example, by arranging for a monthly delivery of food from a local nonprofit or for transportation to medical appointments. The pilot has been able to reduce unnecessary 911 use by 60 percent.

Gloucester County is another community that has worked to take stock of its existing resources and connect residents with help that was already available, but perhaps not known to the residents. Gloucester's Community Needs Network represents more than 85 partners, including nonprofits and businesses, and allows a rapid response to an identified need via email. Gloucester County's Department of Community Education is the designated manager of the network, with one staff member reviewing requests and posting requests to a master distribution list via email. In 2015, more than 40 specific requests were able to be addressed in this way, including car donations or repairs, emergency housing, a wheelchair ramp, diapers, and a bicycle for primary transportation. Costs are relatively minimal and the centralized list avoids duplication of efforts.

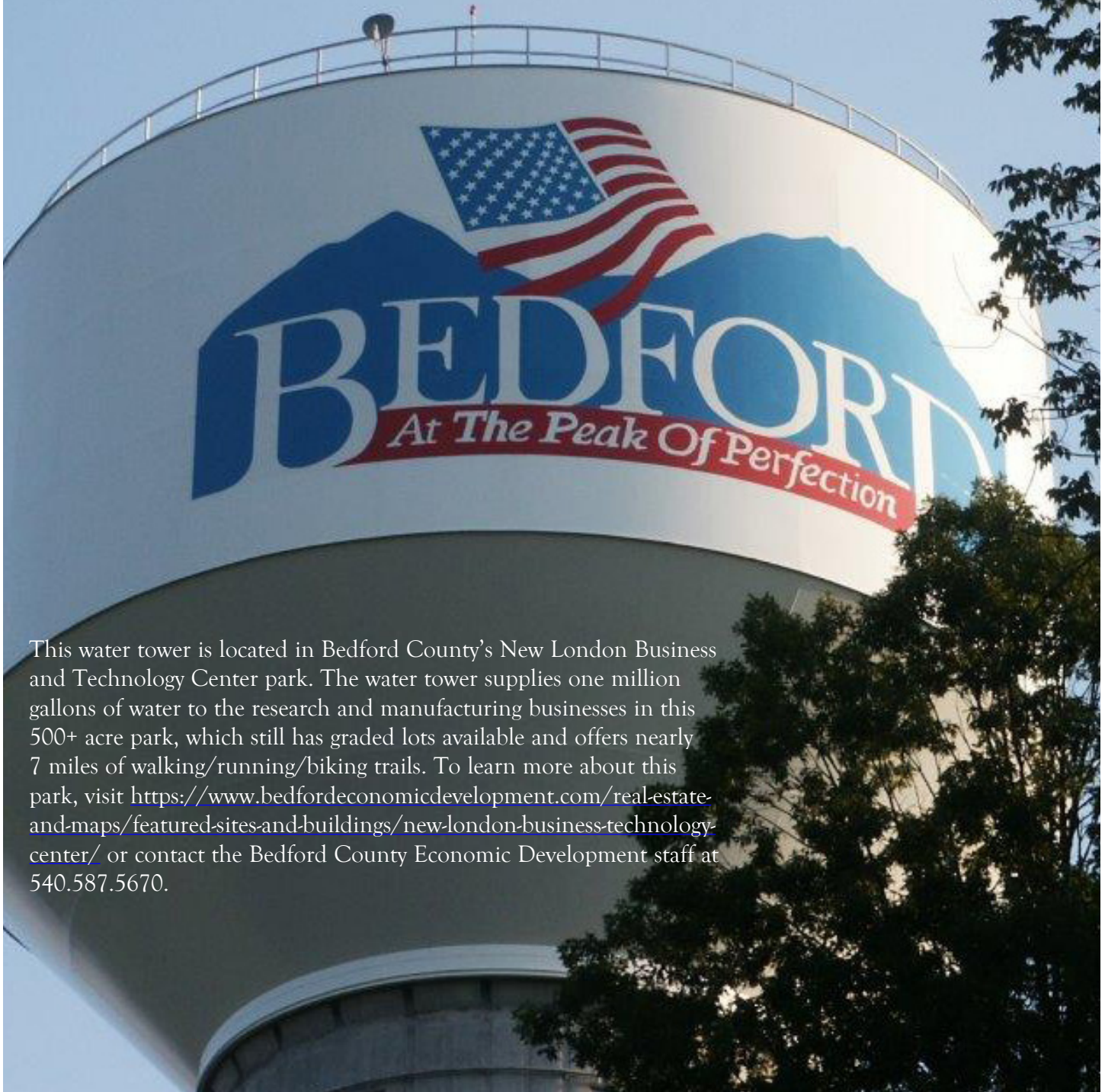
Louisa County's partnership between its Department of Social Services and its Parks and Recreation Department is a great example of using existing resources to meet a dual need: Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW) recipients' need for work experience and the community's need for maintenance at park sites and playgrounds. VIEW participants are able to obtain job skills and take pride in their work to maintain important community assets, and the program has been successful in placing participants in employment with local businesses.

In addition to helping community members find employment, counties are helping them build long-term economic stability. **Fairfax County** is working with two local nonprofits, the United Way of the National Capital Area and Britepaths, to help clients meet long-term goals such as building assets, managing debt, and improving credit ratings. Through the [Financial Empowerment Center](#), which is hosted at one of the County's facilities, volunteers from a host of community organizations, including local banks, work with clients for as long as three years on a step-by-step plan to achieve their financial goals. As [the County points out](#) in a description of the Center's goals, an estimated 260,000 residents in the region are "unbanked," meaning that they do not have access to mainstream banking services and may rely on expensive financial instruments like payday loans or check cashing services; among other services, the Center can help steer clients toward less-costly ways of managing their finances as they work toward economic health.

Another way counties help residents build wealth is through supporting entrepreneurship. **York County's** Home-Based Business Assistance Program, which won VACo's top Achievement Award last year, supports home-based business owners through networking events, "lunch and learn" educational opportunities, a modest grant program that can be used for supplies, property, or marketing; and a promotional campaign encouraging residents to patronize local businesses. Partnerships with the York County Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Williamsburg Business Incubator, among other organizations, are critical to the program's success. York County had found that two-thirds of their business licenses were issued to home-based businesses, in keeping with a national trend, and the County pursued a forward-thinking approach toward assisting residents to make a living in a new way.

Poverty is a complex issue and it is hard to disentangle causes from effects when examining poverty's connection to health, but it is clear that financially stable people tend to lead longer, healthier lives. County efforts to bolster residents' self-sufficiency can only improve the overall health of our communities, and I know that is a goal we all share. I hope these case studies are helpful in thinking about economic well-being in your communities.

Visit Bedford County and the New London Water Tower



This water tower is located in Bedford County's New London Business and Technology Center park. The water tower supplies one million gallons of water to the research and manufacturing businesses in this 500+ acre park, which still has graded lots available and offers nearly 7 miles of walking/running/biking trails. To learn more about this park, visit <https://www.bedfordeconomicdevelopment.com/real-estate-and-maps/featured-sites-and-buildings/new-london-business-technology-center/> or contact the Bedford County Economic Development staff at 540.587.5670.



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VACo's 84TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

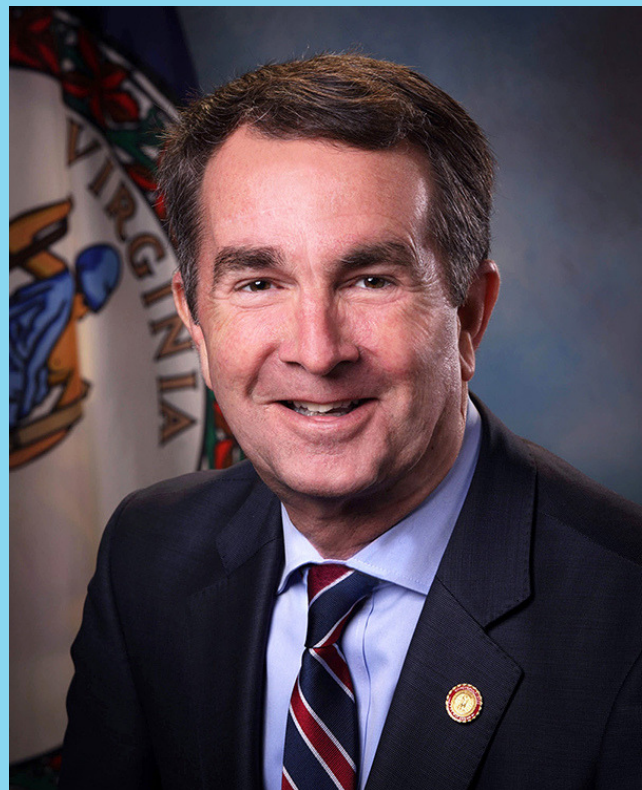
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November 11-13 | The Omni Homestead | Bath County

Governor Ralph Northam confirmed as speaker

VACo has also confirmed numerous high-profile government officials to speak at the Annual Conference. Political Analyst Bob Holsworth joins the all-star cast to give his take on the federal elections.

Senator Creigh Deeds
Senator Barbara Favola
Senator Emmett Hanger
Senator Frank Ruff
Delegate David Bulova
Delegate Terry Kilgore
Delegate Steven Landes
Delegate Bob Thomas
Delegate Lee Ware
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- Solutions are readily available via the [U.S. Communities contract with Fairfax County](#)

Contact Chris Meehan with questions or to register at chris.meehan@experian.com / 267-898-2219 or just follow the link below.

Webinar Wednesday 10/31/18 at noon with our collections SMEs

[Join WebEx meeting](#)

State General Fund Revenues Continue to Perform Well; Budget Preparations Underway



Governor Northam announced last week that September General Fund (GF) revenues grew 4 percent in September, and on a fiscal year-to-date basis, revenues have increased by 2.7 percent through September, surpassing the annual estimate of 1.5 percent growth.

September's healthy revenue collections were partially attributable to growth in individual income tax revenue, both withholding and nonwithholding. Income tax withholding collections increased by 3.6 percent in September. On a fiscal year-to-date basis, collections are up by 1.1 percent, behind the annual estimate of 2.6 percent growth; however, approximately \$120 million in withholding payments that should have been made in July were made in June due to the timing of the Independence Day holiday. When adjusting for this quirk of the calendar, withholding has increased by more than 5 percent through September. Income tax nonwithholding collections are up by 14.4 percent on a fiscal year-to-date basis; Secretary of Finance Aubrey Layne suggested in his presentation to the House Appropriations Committee on October 15 that the continued strength in this revenue source is an indication that last fiscal year's robust collections may reflect ongoing wealth creation rather than short-term tax planning strategies.

Another bright spot in the September revenue report was the continued strong performance of sales tax collections, which grew by 7.5 percent in September and have also grown by 7.5 percent on a fiscal year-to-date basis. Secretary Layne noted that sales tax collections have rebounded from a disappointing Christmas shopping season and speculated that some of the additional collections may be due to online sellers voluntarily remitting sales taxes in light of the Supreme Court's decision in the *Wayfair* case. Although Secretary Layne expressed confidence that revenues will meet their annual forecast, he cited corporate income taxes and recordation taxes as two lagging revenue sources that bear watching for signs of future economic trouble.

The budget development process is moving forward, with agency decision packages due last week. Secretary Layne provided a list of expected claims on the budget to the Committee, including the economic development incentive package for Micron Technology, Inc., potential clawbacks of federal Medicaid funding associated with two state hospitals, and the state share of costs associated with Hurricane Florence. The Joint Advisory Board of Economists met on October 11 to discuss revenue projections, and the Governor's Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates will meet November 19. Governor Northam will present his budget to the "money committees" on December 18.

Secretary Layne also reported to House Appropriations on recent meetings with rating agencies, who were interested in Virginia's plans to address future risks to its budget stability, such as the effect on state finances of an aging population and the associated future demand for additional services. Attendees also discussed cybersecurity risks, both for state assets and for private entities in the state, and the potential effect on the state budget of changes to insurance models expected in the future to account for threats associated with climate change. House Appropriations Chairman Chris Jones expressed his interest in continuing to deposit funds in the Revenue Cash Reserve to guard against future economic shocks; rating agencies have pointed to fellow AAA-rated states, which generally have higher levels of reserves than Virginia, as possible models.

In response to a question from the Committee regarding how the Administration plans to proceed on collection of sales and use taxes from online sellers, Secretary Layne suggested that the Governor would propose legislation to address the *Wayfair* ruling in the 2019 session. He noted that projections for additional revenues to be generated by enhanced collections from remote sellers remain uncertain, in part due to the voluntary compliance already demonstrated by some online sellers. He suggested that the state is looking toward the provisions in the South Dakota law that the Supreme Court cited as a model in the *Wayfair* ruling as potential guidelines for legislation in Virginia – for example, provisions barring retroactive collection of sales taxes from online sellers.

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)

VACo Presents Achievement Awards at Board of Supervisors Meetings



Congratulations to Stafford County (top left), Gloucester County (top right), Montgomery County (center), Henrico County (bottom left), and Isle of Wight County.





State and local government issuers would use a single method to report conduit debt and related obligations under a proposed new rule issue for Interpretation No. 2, *Disclosure of Conduit Debt Obligations*. Conduit debt obligations are debt instruments issued by a state or local government to provide funding for a specific third party that is primarily responsible for repaying the debt instrument.

The exposure draft, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, proposes to address variations that diminish the comparability of financial statements. The proposal includes:

- Clarifying the characteristics that define conduit debt.
- Requiring issuers to recognize liabilities with commitments they have extended and requiring recognition assets and deferred flows of resources related to certain arrangements associated with conduit debt.
- Clarifying accounting and reporting guidance for additional commitments extended for government issuers.
- Revising disclosure requirements to provide financial statement users with better information.

VACo Contact: [Vicky Steinruck, CPA](#)



Voting credentials for the November 2018 VACo Annual Business Meeting, scheduled for 9 a.m. on November 13, have been sent to each county.

Please return these at your earliest convenience. You may email the credentials form back to VACo or fax it to 804.788.0083.

If you have questions or need a copy, please contact Vicky Steinruck (vsteinruck@vaco.org) or Valerie Russell (vrussell@vaco.org).



The 30th Annual Virginia Water and Wastewater Rate Report 2018

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The 2018 Water and Wastewater Rate Report is here!

Since 1989, Draper Aden Associates has prepared and distributed an annual Virginia Water and Wastewater Rate Report. This report asks municipalities to provide information concerning monthly residential water bills as well as all wastewater-related charges included on their customers' bills. Experts at DAA analyze the data and compare it to former years in order to track fluctuations in water and wastewater use and rates in Virginia.

Thank you,

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VACo and Enterprise Fleet Management enter new sponsorship

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October 5, 2018

Dear County Administrator,

We are excited to announce a new VACo sponsorship with Enterprise Fleet Management. In working with Enterprise, we are seeking to provide counties with solutions as you strive to deliver first-rate community services with increasingly scarce resources. County leaders are challenged to find creative ways to do more with less, while maintaining high standards of quality. This is where Enterprise Fleet Management can step in and assist.

Enterprise Fleet Management partners with hundreds of local government agencies across the country to improve fleet performance while reducing costs. As a result, those cost savings can be used to better serve the citizens you represent locally. Additionally, Enterprise Fleet Management helps government agencies improve fuel efficiency, increase productivity and reduce overall fleet size by identifying and minimizing fleet surpluses.

Enterprise Fleet Management is a privately-held, full-service fleet management business for companies, government agencies and organizations operating medium-sized fleets of 20 or more vehicles, as well as those seeking an alternative to employee reimbursement programs. With more than 50 fully staffed offices in the United States and Canada (including a local office in Virginia), the Enterprise Fleet Management team's expertise covers the full spectrum of a vehicle's lifecycle, including acquisition, registration, maintenance, use reporting, fuel card programs and remarketing, as well as fleet analysis and optimization.

We welcome the opportunity to work with Enterprise Fleet Management on behalf of Virginia's counties as each county budget and county fleet needs are different. For more information, contact Eddy Simon, Enterprise Fleet Management Account Executive, at Eddy.R.Simon@efleets.com.

Respectfully,

Dean A. Lynch, CAE
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Award Categories

- Youth Volunteer
- Adult Volunteer
- Senior Volunteer
- Family Volunteer
- Corporation
- Small Business
- Faith-Based Organization
- Educational Institution
- Community Organization



Winners will be honored by the governor at a special ceremony in the spring.

<http://virginiashelp.virginia.gov/volunteering/governors-volunteerism-awards/>



The deadline for nominations is December 25, 2018

*Do you know someone who is always putting others first? How about an organization or business that never hesitates to help out whenever there's a problem in the community? The **Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Awards** are presented in each of the categories listed on the left. The nine outstanding award winners represent the millions of generous Virginians who offer their time and talents to others each year. The Governor's Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism, the Virginia Service Foundation, and the Virginia Office on Volunteerism and Community Services are honored to assist the Governor in selecting and recognizing these volunteers.*

Aetna's Guardian Angel opioids program reaching members at critical time



Health care should be personal, and it should help us during our most vulnerable, difficult times. There are few instances when this type of support is more necessary than when people end up in the emergency room because of a problem they can't control any more.

Unfortunately, we are seeing this scene play out more and more frequently across the country. Emergency department visits for opioid overdoses rose 30 percent in all parts of the United States from July 2016 to September 2017, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In order to address one of the biggest public health issues of this generation, we don't just need to do more – we need to think differently about how to solve this problem. We have to connect with people during the times that they are most receptive to help, such as after an overdose.

Aetna recently launched the **Guardian Angel** program, which is intended to reach our members during this critical time. As soon as we learn that a member has had an opioid-related overdose, a specially-trained case manager – a registered nurse that used to work in an addiction unit and is a certified Mental Health First Aid instructor – reaches out to educate that person on treatment options in their area. While our nurse case manager can refer the member to a local health care provider, they can also provide access to nearby social support services. More than anything else, they can serve as a lifeline for members and their families.

We are hearing stories of people starting on a road to recovery. Some examples:

- A 22-year-old woman from Colorado who had two overdoses on fentanyl-laced heroin, now attending group therapy five times a week.
- A 63-year-old woman from Ohio who has battled a painkiller addiction for more than a decade, agreeing to start treatment and connect with local health care specialists.
- A 38-year-old man from Missouri – a single father with a nine-year-old daughter – who asked our nurse case manager about starting on Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) immediately.

While these stories are encouraging, we understand that they are just a small step, and that we need to work with all parts of the health care system to address this epidemic.

Article Written by Mark T. Bertolini | Chairman and CEO | Aetna

The Homestead 2018 Annual Conference Message



Valued Homestead Guest,

We look forward to welcoming you back to The Homestead for the annual VACo conference!

To ensure a smooth and efficient arrival and departure for you, we would like to confirm a few details of your reservation.

- A. Cancellations and changes need to be made prior to November 1 to avoid cancellation fees or loss of your deposit. Please check the details of your confirmation to ensure your stay is set, based on your needs. Changes to your reservation after November 1 (shortening your stay, not arriving on your scheduled arrival day, departing early, or full cancel) will result in loss of your deposit.
- B. Split billing requests should be requested prior to arrival. (IE. If you have more than one guest in the room and require the bill to be split between personal/county charges. Split billing is not required if all guests in the room can have the full VACo package rate charged to the same credit card)
- C. Pre-authorization of payment (Utilizing your county card for payment, without having it on property)

If you need to make any changes to your existing reservation or have special billing requirements, please contact Cheryl Walton as soon as possible at 1.540.839.3735. Having this information in advance will expedite both your arrival and departure experience, not only for yourself, but also for all VACo attendees.

If you will not have the card with you to provide at check in, you will need to complete a pre-authorizing form, by following this link - <https://ssl.omnihotels.com/Omni?pagedst=CCAuth1>. **Please have this form submitted no later than October 22.**

Please note that effective September 1, we had an increase to our occupancy tax. The full tax rate on your reservation is now 14.3 percent.

Again, we look forward to welcoming you to The Homestead.

Upcoming broadband conference focuses on increasing internet access



On October 30, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's [BroadbandUSA Program](#), in partnership with Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology, will host the [Virginia Broadband Summit in Roanoke](#) at the [South County Library](#). The purpose of the Summit is to engage the public and stakeholders with information to accelerate broadband connectivity, improve digital inclusion, and support local priorities. The Summit will provide information on topics including local broadband planning, funding and engagement with service providers. Speakers and attendees from Virginia, federal agencies and across the country will come together to explore ways to facilitate the expansion of broadband capacity, access and utilization. The Virginia Broadband Summit is open to the public. [Pre-registration](#) is required and space is limited. Registration information, meeting updates, including changes in the agenda, and relevant documents will be available on NTIA's website at [Virginia Broadband Summit – Partnerships for Connecting the Commonwealth](#). For more information, contact: BroadbandUSAevents@ntia.doc.gov.

VACo Members will have a prominent role at the Virginia Broadband Summit. The following are scheduled to speak -

Jeff Stoke | Prince George County Deputy County Administrator

Eric Workman | Bland County Administrator

Bryan David | Orange County Administrator

Carl Boggess | Bedford County Administrator

VACo General Counsel Phyllis Errico will moderate a breakout discussion.

[Click here to see the Virginia Broadband Summit Agenda.](#)

VACo Contact: [Joe Lerch, AICP](#)



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2018 GOVERNOR'S SUMMIT ON RURAL PROSPERITY

The Summit room block at the Stonewall Jackson has **SOLD OUT**. Additional accommodations are available at the Blackburn Inn | 301 Greenville Avenue, Staunton, VA, 24401 | 540.712.0601 | <https://www.blackburn-inn.com/>

Please join Governor Ralph Northam, Administration Officials and members of the Virginia General Assembly for the Governor's Summit on Rural Prosperity, hosted by the Virginia Rural Center. The summit will occur in Staunton, Virginia at the Stonewall Jackson Inn. This event will bring together local, state and private sector representatives from across Virginia to discuss innovative initiatives occurring in rural communities.

Sunday, October 21, 2018: Evening "Welcome Reception"

Monday, October 22, 2018: Rural Summit: All Day Event! Kicking off the event with "Breakfast with the Governor".

Registration fees are per individual attendee. Guests attending sessions should register at the regular fee which includes meals.

Fees: Online registration closes October 12. Full Conference Registration - \$200. Spouse Full Conference Registration - \$150.

Exhibit Booth - \$1,500 (includes (1) Summit attendee admittance)

Please make checks payable to: Center for Rural Virginia
Mail to VCOM/Blacksburg, Attn: Dave Showalter | 2265 Kraft Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24060

If you have questions about lodging or Summit logistics, email the Summit Coordinator, [Nannette Thompson](mailto:Nannette.Thompson@cfry.org).

Visit www.cfrv.org for more information.





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OCTOBER 23, 2018 • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
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THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Learn about the benefits of resiliency plans for rural communities
- Share information on what your farm, business, or local government is currently doing to help make your community more resilient
- Take away valuable resources, new ideas, and beneficial contacts.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE.
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Save the Date for the Rural Resiliency Forum!

October 23, 2018, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Frontier Culture Museum
Staunton, Virginia

The Resilient Virginia Rural Resiliency Forum’s goal is to bring together public, private, and university stakeholders who are interested in improving the resiliency and prosperity of rural areas of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Anticipated outcomes of the forum include:

- Improved collaboration and program coordination by community leaders, state and federal administrators, businesses, private landowners and the public,
- Immediate actions to implement resiliency activities in rural communities, supported by existing resources, state or federal programs and funding, and
- Policy recommendations at the state level.

This forum will focus on the interconnection of four broad resiliency areas:

1. Resilient Agriculture and Forestry
2. The Role of Green and Blue Infrastructure
3. Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Preparedness
4. Incorporating a Resiliency Approach to Planning

As an attendee this is your opportunity to:

- Learn about the benefits of resiliency plans for rural communities,
- Find out about existing state and federal resiliency-related programs and funding that your community can utilize immediately,
- Share information on what your farm, business, or local government is currently doing to help make your community more resilient,
- Provide your suggestions for how the state, university, and private programs could be more helpful,
- Take away valuable resources, new ideas, and beneficial contacts.
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Who should attend:

State and local elected officials, Planning district commission staff, Local government planning and economic development staff, Public and private groups working in environmental and sustainability areas, Regional and local emergency management representatives, Farm and forest owners and related business organizations, University students and professors working in resiliency-related areas.

Register today at www.resilientvirginia.org.

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Governor's
Infrastructure Financing Conference
December 10-12, 2018 ■ Roanoke, Virginia



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The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center

You are invited to join Governor Ralph Northam at the statewide Governor's Infrastructure Financing Conference at The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, Roanoke, Virginia. The conference is designed to bring together government and private sector professionals in discussions that will help facilitate the planning and delivery of much-needed capital improvement projects across Virginia. The conference is being hosted by Governor Ralph Northam and the Virginia Resources Authority.

The conference will highlight state funding resources available for capital improvement projects focusing on the health and safety of communities. Particular emphasis will be given to funding resources aimed at promoting economic development and job-creation opportunities for Virginians, including tourism. Informative sessions highlighting various sources of funding, including private financing of public infrastructure, public-private partnerships, state and federal loans and grants, bank loans, etc. will be provided as well as the very basics of planning capital projects and developing financial policies that support capital improvement needs. Participants will have the opportunity to earn Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits as well.

In addition to attracting local and state elected and appointed officials, the Governor's Infrastructure Financing Conference may also attract public finance professionals such as bankers, financial advisors, accountants, and attorneys, as well as engineers, builders, consultants, and other professionals who assist local communities in planning and implementing capital improvement projects. This will allow attendees an opportunity to network with professionals who may be able to help with their infrastructure financing needs.

We hope that you will be a part of this exciting event.

For more information, please contact

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Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council

2018 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOIA) “RECORDS” TRAINING

November 7 | November 14

The Commonwealth of Virginia’s Freedom of Information Advisory Council will conduct its 2018 FOIA “Records” training in Richmond starting July 25. The training sessions will be held at the Pocahontas Building located at 900 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219, near the Virginia State Capitol.

Citizens, media representatives, public officials, and public employees with an interest in learning more about access to public records under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) are invited to register for this free training presentation. The presentation will provide an overview of the legal requirements regarding access to public records under FOIA, including what is a public record, how to make a public records request, how to respond to records requests, information on exemptions from mandatory disclosure, and the remedies available should a violation occur.

The training sessions are scheduled for November 7 and November 14. Each session will provide 1.5 hours of continuing legal education credit for attorneys, and will also count as the required annual training for FOIA officers.

For registration information, check the FOIA Council’s website at <http://foiacouncil.dls.virginia.gov/foiacouncil.htm> OR contact the FOIA Council directly at 866.448.4100.

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