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Craig's Corner

I hope your summer is going well, and that you've had an opportunity to escape from the office for a few days for some much-needed rest and rejuvenation. My wife and I spent a few days in Asheville, NC in mid-July, and it felt (almost) like pre-COVID times again. We saw a number of people in masks, but many, many more who were without masks, as well as those who were no longer practicing any form of social distancing. Regardless of the mask choice, it was very obvious that folks felt "free" from restrictions and were ready to return to what feels like normal.

Congratulations to Valmarie Turner, Loudoun Assistant County Administrator on her appointment to the ICMA Executive Board. She will take office in October at the ICMA Annual Conference in Portland, OR.

Certificate News

The Local Government Certificate Program is preparing for the Fall semester with prospective student information sessions, seeking guest speakers for the VT ICMA Student Chapter meetings, and sharing the opportunity to donate to the Bob Stripling Scholarship Fund.

VRSA Risk Management Grants - Applications Open Aug. 2nd

VRSA grant applications will be accepted beginning Monday, Aug. 2. Grants are designed to assist members in expanding their risk management programs by funding safety equipment, training and educational scholarships to cover professional management, leadership and governance training.

An Appetite for Words

There are millions of words that can decorate
the mind's menu to contemplate.

I choose which ones to relay
and articulate the thoughts of the day.

There are so many descriptive words to savor
and titillate conversation with their unique flavor.
Combining familiar expressions with those most rare,
adds spice to daily fare.

Words are food that fuel the mind
and suggest new cuisine to try.

No matter which ones I choose to describe,
seasoned with gratitude and love, they satisfy.



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