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Craig's Corner

Ring in the New Year – Are You Ready?

I hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year's holiday season, and that 2022 is off to a good start for you. In Montgomery County, we went from a beautiful New Year's Day with a high of 72 to 3-5 inches of snow and 20-degree wind chills on January 3rd. We certainly experience all four seasons in Virginia – sometimes within a few days of each other!

A DAO in the Life

The only way VLGMA stays relevant and impactful is through the work of its member volunteers. We are in need of 6-8 deputies, assistants or others (anyone that is not the city, town or county manager) to volunteer to write "DAO in the Life" articles for 2022. These articles help us to stay connected, reveal the myriad of interesting and important work that DAO's do and to learn from each other. Email Molly Harlow at mjh3a@virginia.edu to volunteer.

Reminder to register for the VLGMA Winter Conference "The Big Reveal"

February 16-18, 2022, Hotel 24 South in Staunton

In-person and on-line participation opportunities.

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VIG Update

Molly Harlow named Virginia Institute of Government (VIG) assistant director for leadership development.

Creativity

The challenge and joy of creativity
is finding a way to bring ideas into conscious reality
so that they can be shared and connect
in an unpredictable ripple effect.

Insurmountable, intimidating problems can be freed
by just one tiny creative mustard seed.

An innovative idea can transform
what was always the accepted, unquestioned norm.

A leader plays a pivotal role
by fostering a culture where ideas are encouraged to flow.
By allowing our imprisoned splendor to escape,

a new Universe we can co-create.



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