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Tim's Thoughts

All Things New

Happy New Year. It is hard to believe that it is 2023 already. I have always loved the new year however I tend to stay away from new year's resolutions simply because I am never good in keeping them.

Registration Open for the 2023 VLGMA Winter Conference

The conference is scheduled for February 15-17 at the Hotel Madison & Shenandoah Valley Conference Center in Harrisonburg.

[Online hotel reservations](#)

Civic Engagement

By Michael Stallings, Town Manager, Town of Smithfield

In Need of a Few Good People

The Civic Engagement Committee (CEC) needs a few good people. We here at the CEC focus on topics that involve civic engagement. As per the VLGMA strategic plan, our mission is to “develop a civic engagement program and/or resources that facilitate citizen participation to enhance involvement in the civic process.” If this is a mission is something that interests you, and you have a desire to serve your profession, we need you! We need fresh ideas on how to encourage civic engagement, how to spread the word on best practices, and how to engage our citizens in this ever-changing world. If you have any interest in serving on the CEC, please reach out and let us know. You can reach me at mstallings@smithfieldva.gov, or you can reach out to Molly Harlow at mjh3a@virginia.edu to express interest in serving.

Snowflake Life

A snowflake begins her journey from
somewhere high above.
She is not alone for
all around her float millions more.
Each is on their unique adventure
to discover now and forever.
You might think a snowflake's life is too small
to measure at all.
Yet a snowflake lives on and on
perhaps the inspiration for a poem or song.
She may re-appear as a drop of dew,
a mirror reflecting to
the infinite possibility within you.



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