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By Bret Schardein, Assistant County Administrator, County of Powhatan
Local Leadership Programs – An Effective Tool for Civic Engagement

One of our most effective tools for civic engagement we've found in Powhatan has been the Powhatan Leadership Institute ("PLI").

[Calling All DAO's](#)

Calling all DAOs... yes that is you or you know one! Check out this new ICMA career guidebook for deputy and assistants. Whether you want to sit in the "big chair" or being a DAO is right where you want to stay this resource contains helpful information regarding the many hats we wear and the needed soft skills.

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By Noam Rabinovich, Research Insights Lead at Zencity, one of VLGMA's Silver conference sponsors

In November 2021, a grim milestone was reached, as more than 100,000 people died over a 12-month period from fatal drug overdoses for the first time in U.S. history. A major culprit was fentanyl, which has been laced into illegal drugs and whose involvement can be detected in most of these deaths.

Summer Soul-stice

The deepest yearning of my soul
is this hungering to come home
and to allow the light to reveal
what the darkness has concealed –
all those unquestioned assumptions and beliefs
that sabotage inner peace.

Not a journey of the body or mind
but a resting in stillness outside space and time.

A compelling invitation to renew

my commitment to truth, love and gratitude.

Summer light and warmth to ripen and mature
to be rendered gently fruitful for
an awakening to what I am and so be
love's presence unconditionally.

When ripened and ready you too cannot miss
your summer soul-stice.



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