

September 2021 VLGMA eNews

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Craig's Corner

Member Support – We Need You!

As I write this month's column, many of us are watching the weather, waiting to see what impacts we may receive from Hurricane Ida in a few days. We are also thinking about our colleagues in Louisiana, Mississippi, and other states in the southeast, and looking for opportunities to assist them if needed.

Community Conversations

Town of Crewe Restoring A Valuable Former Railroad Asset

The Town of Crewe has been working to redevelop the old Norfolk & Western Railroad Headquarters building over the last couple of years. As readers may be aware, the Norfolk & Western Railroad pre-planned and built the town of Crewe in 1888. Named for the large railroad town of Crewe, England, it was designed first and foremost to support the N&W Railroad as a Divisional halfway point between Norfolk and Roanoke.

A DAO in the Life

by Donald T. Robertson, Assistant County Administrator, Isle of Wight County

"May you live in interesting times" is generally thought to be an English expression or translation of a traditional Chinese curse. To suggest that we are currently living in interesting times is a huge understatement, but quite honestly, it's interesting times that create the need for professional local government managers and administrators.

Retired VLGMA Managers' Luncheon

2021 VLGMA Retirees' Luncheon scheduled for October 20th at Hanover Tavern. Also need some help on contact information for several retirees!

Virginia Government and Politics Course September 2021

This fall, former Virginia Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling will be teaching a course on Virginia Government and Politics through the University of Richmond's School of Professional and Continuing Studies. The course is designed for local government employees who want to learn more about Virginia's unique political history, and some of the people and events that impacted our history; as well as the structure and operation of our state and local governments.

Ballad to My Dog

To my dear companion,

This loving missile to you I send
for you are perhaps my closest friend.
I think you know and understand me
better than anyone in the human species.

From nose to tail and back to nose,
joy simply, uninhibitedly flows.
How rare in people society
to greet so wholeheartedly.

Amazing, I'm beginning to see,
you're looking an awful lot like me.
But what I most sincerely hope and pray
is that your qualities within me stay.

And what I appreciate above all else,
so meaningful and endearing to my self
is your remarkable capacity
to love unconditionally.

And so, to my favorite dog-eared pal,
I bark an undogdignified Bow Wow!



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