Governor Northam Unveils $14 Million Investment in Electric Transit

In November, Governor Ralph Northam announced that the Commonwealth of Virginia will invest $14 million, or 15 percent, of the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust to fund the deployment of all-electric transit buses across Virginia. Governor Northam made the announcement during remarks at the Governor’s Transportation Conference and Innovation Summit in Norfolk. The four-day conference is the annual gathering of transportation professionals in the Commonwealth. {more}

2018 Alternative Fuel Tax Incentives Introduced in Congress
In November 2018, Rep. Kevin Brady (TX) introduced the Retirement, Savings, and Other Tax Relief Act of 2018. The following is a summary of the provisions pertaining to alternative fuels. All credits are made retroactive to 2017.

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EPA Unveils New Rule-making called Cleaner Trucks Initiative

In November, the Environmental Protection Agency announced plans to place more stringent restrictions on pollution from heavy-duty trucks, in a move that won the Trump administration rare praise from environmental groups. {more}
Nissan Launches Pilot with Fermata to use Leafs to Power its Buildings

Nissan is launching a pilot program aimed at using the battery-electric Leaf to serve as a power source for buildings during peak power demands to help it cut electricity costs at its Franklin, Tenn., headquarters and San Diego design center. {more}

Virginia Achieves a Milestone: 800 Alternative Fuel Stations

In September 2018, Virginia achieved a milestone of 800 alternative fuel vehicle refueling stations. Of these 814 stations:

- EV Chargers: 603
- LPG: 104
- Ethanol: 40
- Biodiesel: 35
- CNG: 30
- LNG: 2
Case Study: The Total Cost of Ownership for Propane Autogas School Buses

School transportation departments across the nation must work within tight budgets and evaluate bus choices based on total ownership costs. Testimonials from school district transportation managers demonstrate the fuel and maintenance savings from propane autogas-fueled buses. {more}

VCC is Hosting 3 Electric Vehicle and Charging Stations Workshops

Virginia Clean Cities invites you to an informative workshop on electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations.

These workshops will provide an overview of the benefits of EVs for fleets, and infrastructure considerations for selecting and installing EV charging equipment for your home and workplace.
Join other Virginia fleet managers, business leaders, government officials, for test drives of the newly redesigned, longer range 2018 Nissan LEAF,

This event is FREE to attend and refreshments will be provided. {more}

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**Save the Date for the 2019 Rally at Main Street Station!**

The Rally at Main Street Station is Virginia's premier alternative fuel and advanced vehicle technology event, supporting Virginia Clean Cities' mission to improve Virginia's air quality and economic security.

This event is Virginia Clean Cities' annual fundraiser to raise program funds to advance clean alternative fuel programs in Virginia. Your participation in this event will further our accomplishments. Join vendors, industry leaders, and fellow enthusiasts. Event includes vendor booths, an awards ceremony. Bring your alternative fuel vehicle and show it off! {more}

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**Trump Administration Seeks Year-Round E15 Fuel Use**
President Donald Trump has announced that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will initiate a rulemaking process to allow for the year-round sale of E15 - 15% ethanol and 85% gasoline - fuel in the U.S. {more}

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**Donate Your Vehicle to VCC and Earn a Tax Deduction!**

Virginia Clean Cities is a certified motor vehicle charity consigner! If you have a vehicle rusting away in your parking lot that you need to be rid of, and want a tax-deduction for it, we'd love to take it off your hands! {more}

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**Support VCC with a Monthly Contribution of $10, $25 or $50**

You can now support Virginia Clean Cities with a recurring monthly donation of as little as $10. Your generous support helps VCC deploy EV charging stations, propane schools buses, and CNG transit vehicles. {more}

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**New and Returning Stakeholders**
Upcoming Events

January 16, 2019: Charlottesville EV And EV Charger Workshop - Charlottesville, VA

January 29, 2019: Clean Fuels Policy Day - Richmond, VA

February 12, 2019: Fredericksburg EV and EV Charger Workshop - Fredericksburg, VA


March 5-8, 2019: Work Truck Show and Green Truck Summit - Indianapolis, IN

March 13, 2019: Norfolk EV and EV Charger Workshop - Norfolk, VA

April 4, 2019: Rally at Main Street Station - Richmond, VA

April 23-26, 2019: ACT Expo - Long Beach, CA

For a full list of upcoming events, please visit http://www.vacleancities.org/events
Thank you for your support of our organization, and we hope you enjoy this newsletter!

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