



November 2021 Newsletter

Upcoming November Events

- [2021 Inaugural Drive Electric Virginia Forum, 11/17 @ 6 p.m. EST](#)
- [National E-Mobility Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Conference 2021, 11/17-11/18](#)
- [Technology Happy Hour: ABM, 11/18 @ 4 p.m. EST](#)
- [Renewable Propane Technologies Webinar, 11/19 @ 11a.m. EST](#)

Click the events for more info!

McEachin Reintroduces Clean Cities Act to Promote Sustainable Transportation & Energy Efforts



U.S. Congressman A. Donald

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Congressman A. Donald McEachin (VA-04) introduced the Clean Cities Act to authorize the Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program.

The Clean Cities Program aims to cultivate partnerships with local Clean Cities coalitions to leverage federal resources to help reduce petroleum usage and dependence. The program will help protect environmental justice communities that have historically borne the brunt of pollution and other harmful impacts caused by transportation corridors. The Clean Cities Program includes advancing alternative fuel vehicles, implementing eco-friendly infrastructure education programs, and providing a database to ensure cities are lowering their greenhouse gas emissions.

"Pollution and emissions from the transportation sector threaten the health and safety of our communities every day," **said Rep. McEachin (VA-04)**. "As we have seen through the increase in global temperatures and severe weather events such as droughts or wildfires, urgent action is necessary to address our climate crisis. From helping localities transition to cleaner vehicles to installing electric vehicle charging stations, Clean Cities coalitions play a critical role in green infrastructure development. The Clean Cities Act will help communities in Virginia and throughout the United States reduce their carbon footprint and create a healthier, greener

future for our country.”

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Sign Up for the 2021 Inaugural Drive Electric Virginia Forum



Join us for our Inaugural Drive Electric Virginia Forum on November 17th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. EST. This event will feature updates from Drive Electric Virginia and bring together key community members who are excited to electrify the Commonwealth.

Drive Electric Virginia is a collaborative initiative led by Virginia Clean Cities and partnering organizations. This shared effort engages individuals, utilities, legislators, dealerships and other stakeholders toward removing EV adoption barriers and accelerating plug-in EV use in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Our forum will feature successful EV clubs, auto dealers and their successes with EVs, how we can ease the barriers to EV adoption in underserved communities, and electric utilities and their work with EVs.

Register now and receive event updates as we get closer!

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If you are looking to learn more, catch our upcoming Technology Happy Hour with VCC stakeholder ABM. It is on Nov. 18th from 4-5 p.m. EST. Click the button below to register!

Interested in becoming a featured stakeholder at our next Technology Happy Hour? Technology Happy Hour is a VCC special event where we provide a platform for stakeholders to share their newest technologies with the public.

Email VCC Program Coordinator, Sarah Stalcup, sstalcup@vacleancities.org, for more information about being a featured stakeholder.

If you want to check out our past sessions visit our [YouTube channel](#).

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Virginia Fleets Focus on Zero Emissions with Volvo VNR Electric Truck Purchases



Image from Volvo Group

Volvo Trucks North America's customers and carrier partners Watsontown Trucking Company and Camrett Logistics have placed orders for their first Volvo VNR Electric trucks.

By the end of 2021, the Virginia-based fleets will utilize the zero-tailpipe-emission trucks to transport inbound parts and components daily to the Volvo Trucks New River Valley Assembly Operations (NRV) in Dublin, Va., where every Volvo truck in North America is assembled.

The Volvo VNR Electric model entered serial production at NRV earlier this year.

"An important part of Volvo Trucks' sustainability strategy is to reduce CO2 from our own operations globally and putting the Volvo VNR Electric to work, servicing our NRV operations," says Peter Voorhoeve, president of Volvo Trucks North America. "This initiative with Watsontown Trucking Company and Camrett Logistics presents an exciting opportunity to continue partnering with fleets that were already servicing our local NRV logistics routes, and to utilize Volvo VNR Electrics to reduce the carbon footprint of our own supply chain."

Article from NGTNews Next-Gen Transportation

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**Clean School Bus
Program Applications
now Available**

**Electric School Buses
will be Hitting the Roads
in Albemarle County**



The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is now accepting applications to replace old diesel school buses through the Clean School Bus Program. This is a second round of funding for battery electric and propane school buses, and previous applicants, including previous award recipients, are eligible to apply for additional funds. More than \$10 million is available and applications are due Feb. 1.

The Request for Applications provides an overview of the application timeline and process, information on applicant and project eligibility, available funding, reimbursement requirements, scoring and selection criteria, and award process. More information is available and can be found on DEQ's [Volkswagen Settlement Agreement webpage](#).

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Albemarle County Public Schools is gaining some new buses in its fleet. These additions will be more environmentally friendly than the traditional diesel ones.

Two electric school buses are heading towards Albemarle County, and while they look like a traditional yellow bus, they aren't exactly the same.

"What I find amazing is when I look at that bus, it looks like the same bus that I rode on decades and decades ago when I was young, which is really kind of cool," Diantha McKeel on the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors said.

These vehicles are charged instead of fueled up, but they're just as strong as your typical school bus.

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Interested in participating in an upcoming auto show?

VCC is partnering with the Virginia Auto Dealers Association supporting electric vehicle exhibits at two upcoming auto shows in Virginia Beach in January and in Richmond February. If your company is interested in participating in these high profile events, please [contact us](#) today.



New and Returning Members!



Returning Coalition Level Member!

Interested in becoming a Virginia Clean Cities Member? Check out our membership page [here](#) or [contact us](#) with any questions!

Already a VCC member? Send us an [email](#) with any late breaking news or announcements that you want featured in next months newsletter!

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