



December 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- [Learn More about EV Charging with MAEP](#), Virtual, December 8
- [Ethanol Safety Seminar](#), Virtual, December 10
- [National EV Charging Western Summit](#), December 14
- [Beneficial Electrification Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Webinar](#), Virtual, December 15

Click the events for more info!

U.S. Department of Energy Honors Virginia Leader for Advancing Alternative Fuels and Transportation Technologies



Harrisonburg, Virginia: **With over a decade of experience heading a statewide coalition and working on transportation and energy-related issues**

throughout Virginia, Virginia Clean Cities Executive Director Alleyn Harned is known to his peers as an alternative fuel and clean transportation visionary.

On Thursday, November 17, Harned was honored for his leadership by being inducted into the **Clean Cities Hall of Fame**, which places him among a group of esteemed Clean Cities coalition directors who are steadfast ambassadors for alternative fuels and champions for fuel economy.

“Alleyn not only sees the path forward for clean, domestically fueled transportation in Virginia but knows how to navigate the political economy of the Commonwealth to get there,” said Margaret Smith, Technology Manager at the U.S. Department of Energy’s Vehicle Technologies Office which houses Clean Cities. She made the announcement on the third day of the Clean Cities Training Workshop, where representatives from across the nation come together to learn about the latest transportation research, share experiences, and recognize each other’s successes.

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Statement on the Passing of U.S. Representative McEachin



Virginia Clean Cities (VCC) staff and board members would like to express our sincere sympathy to the family, staff, and constituents of U.S. Representative A. Donald McEachin on his recent passing.

As a longtime public servant for the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation, Representative McEachin served as a role model to us all. He demonstrated unwavering advocacy for families and underserved communities.

He always pursued an unflinching and actionable view toward resolving our climate and energy challenges using reason and social benefit as his guideposts. He cared and worked with purpose and consistency in his service

2022 Drive Electric Virginia Forum Recording



On November 17th, 2022, Virginia Clean Cities in collaboration with Drive Electric Virginia hosted the second annual Drive Electric Virginia Forum, providing experts a platform to speak and answer questions about their respective industries.

During the event, there was a wonderful array of perspectives on the future of electrification within the Commonwealth, ranging from the power and presence of Electric Vehicle (EV) clubs to discussions of how to ensure underserved communities are not left behind.

The Drive Electric USA program is now a 24-state-spanning organization committed to the acceleration of vehicle electrification and has a hand in every project area, from utility and regulator engagement to educating the public and government officials on EVs.

for a better world for this and future generations. His loss is felt by the 4th Congressional District, the Commonwealth, the nation, and the planet.

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Virginia schools win big through EPA Clean School Bus rebates!



The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 authorizes EPA to offer rebates to replace existing school buses with clean and zero-emission (ZE) models to reduce harmful emissions from older, dirtier buses. EPA announced on September 29, 2022, it would nearly double the funding awarded for clean school buses this year following high demand from school districts across the United States that applied for the 2022 Clean School Bus (CSB) Rebates.

EPA received around 2,000 applications requesting nearly \$4 billion for over 12,000 buses. This round Virginia schools were awarded 81 buses across 12 priority districts! Check out which districts using the link below!

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**Rail, Public
Transportation, and
Commuter Assistance**

Open



The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) will begin accepting applications for rail, transit, and commuter assistance grants for the 2024 Fiscal Year at 12:01 A.M. Thursday, December 1, 2022. The annual grant application period runs through February 1, 2023.

Rail, transit, and commuter assistance funds are available through multiple state and federal sources to support public transit service, human service transportation, planning, transportation demand management, and rail programs in Virginia. Current Application Guidance for all DRPT administered grants, including eligible project categories, is available online at olga.drpt.virginia.gov. Please note that all applications must ALSO be submitted online.

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Learn More about EV Charging with MAEP

Greater Washington Clean Cities Coalition is hosting an informational webinar on the Mid-Atlantic Electrification Partnership project and its opportunities for EV charging station deployment.

Join GWRCCC and leaders from the Mid-Atlantic Electrification Partnership (MAEP), an organization that supports and fosters regional electric vehicle (EV) ecosystems in Virginia, the District of Columbia, Maryland, and West Virginia allowing all sizes of electric vehicle (EV) use for fleets, Transportation Network Companies, and consumers.

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Rural County Vehicle Demonstrations under Rural Reimagined

Virginia Clean Cities is interested in extending demonstration opportunities for additional vehicles now through the Rural Reimagined Project. Previously we had done electric school bus demonstrations and had rural demonstration's for a range of trucks and equipment. We are now reaching out with interest in operating rural electric SUVs and rural electric work trucks. Please let us know, especially if you are a rural fleet interested in experiencing an electric Chevrolet bolt.



VCC helps Newport News Elementary School Team Win Innovation Award



VCC staff worked with the student robotics team at General Stanford Elementary in Newport News this fall, teaching them about clean transportation technology. With this guidance, they submitted a transportation-themed project using Legos in the Division 1 Innovation Awards. Their project won and even beat out middle school student projects.

Way to go, General Stanford Elementary team! Their interest and knowledge of clean transportation bode well for future generations. DRIVE Electric Tidewater also provided assistance and displayed

VCC is hiring an Administrative and Financial Coordinator



VCC and CASE seek a qualified professional to serve as Administrative and Financial Coordinator to oversee the program's administrative needs, accounting policies and procedures, and to provide support to a portfolio of sponsored projects and contracts. This position will include significant interaction with the university partner, James Madison University.

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EVs during a special exhibit.

New and Returning Members!



Returning Gold Level Member!



New Gold Level Member!



New 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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