



November 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- [Annual DRIVE Electric Forum](#), Virtual, November 17
- [No Driveway, No Problem from Gen180](#), Virtual, November 2

Click the events for more info!

2022 DRIVE ELECTRIC VIRGINIA FORUM



NOVEMBER 17TH 2022 FROM 3:00 - 4:30PM

Brief Overview of Electrification in Virginia

- **Matt Wade** - Deputy Director, Virginia Clean Cities

The Power and Presence of EV Clubs

- **Charles Gerena** - Chief Organizer, Drive Electric Richmond
- **Arianna Jones** - Vice President, Drive Electric Tidewater

A Manufacturers Perspective

- **Jared Jensen** - Manager for Dealer Community Charging, EV Ecosystem, General Motors

Utilities in the EV Landscape

- **Erin Puryear** - Manager, Member Services & Energy Innovation Planning, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative

Dialogue for Underserved Communities

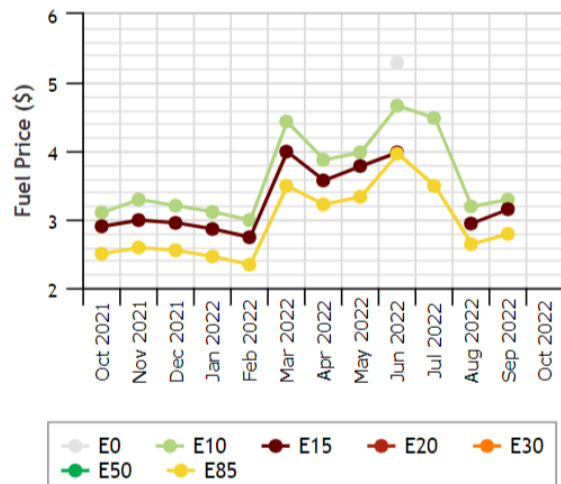
- **Mariah Stanley** - Program Manager Mid-Atlantic/NE Region, EV Noire & EVHybridNoire

Visit VirginiaCleanCities.org/events to register!

On November 17th, starting at 3:00 p.m.! Join us again at our Annual Drive Electric Virginia Forum for a conversation with key stakeholders working to advance electric vehicles in Virginia. This event is entirely virtual and will have two Q&A sessions for plenty of discussions. We are pleased to announce our speakers above and hope to see everyone there.

Ethanol price trends and analysis

State Average Fuel Price Chart



Fuel prices in 2022 jumped by nearly a dollar on average in February due to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, with E85 holding the lowest average price throughout the entire year.

E15 followed by E10 were the next two most expensive average prices. In August 2022, prices began dropping again as other sources of fuel were attained.

Ethanol and other bio-fuels continue to stand as important and prevalent alternative fuels in Virginia.

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Apply for the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award



Has your company been hard at work to reduce its environmental footprint and a drive to preserve our green and blue planet? Did you develop an effective technique to combat or reverse environmental damage? Do you want recognition for these achievements?

Consider applying for the 2023 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award by December 8th, 2022! The awards acknowledge successful and innovative programs and projects throughout the Commonwealth in the categories of:

- [Environmental Projects](#)
- [Land Conservation](#)
- [Implementation of the Virginia Outdoors Plan](#)
- [Sustainability Program](#)
- [Commonwealth Greening of Government](#)

Applications are due December 8th.

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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!

[MORE INFORMATION & EPA INTERACTIVE MAP](#)

\$750,000 awarded to Upper Mattaponi Tribe through transit program



On October 11th, 2022, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) designated \$757,152 towards initiating transit services for the Upper Mattaponi Tribe to acquire electric, wheelchair-accessible



USDA accepting applications for \$100m in biofuel grants

passenger vans along with the necessary equipment for upkeep, communications and charging! The money stems from the FTA's competitive 2022 Tribal Transit Program grant, which spreads roughly \$8.6 million to 25 Native American communities for public transit projects that meet the growing needs of villages and towns.

The grants will provide much-needed transportation infrastructure in rural communities in addition to reducing maintenance, fuel costs, and pollution output using electric vehicles. For more information, visit the FTA's announcement [here](#) or visit the Tribal Transit Program website [here](#). To learn more about the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe click [here](#).

The USDA is accepting applications for \$100 million in grants to increase the sale and use of biofuels derived from U.S. agricultural products.

USDA is making the funding available through the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP). This program seeks to market higher blends of ethanol and biodiesel by sharing the costs to build and retrofit biofuel-related infrastructure such as pumps, dispensers and storage tanks.

Program application period to close on November 21, 2022.

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Hitachi Energy to expand in Halifax County



The Governor's Office recently announced that global technology leader Hitachi Energy will invest \$37 million to increase production of larger power transformers in Halifax County.

The company will add 26,000 square feet to its facility for a new production line for the manufacture of larger transformers specifically to support the utility and renewable energy markets, which will create 165 new jobs in the area.

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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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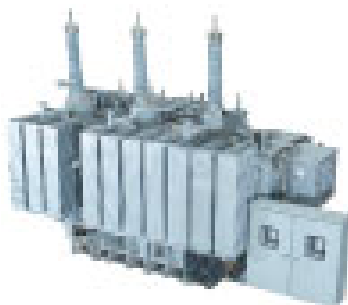
New and Returning Members!



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Returning Non-profit Member!

Returning Coalition Member!



Virginia-Georgia Transformer as a new Gold level Member!

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