January 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- **Electric Vehicle Charging Assistance Program (EVCAP) Webinar**, Virtual, Jan. 10
- **Gathering Momentum: Planning Accessible Mobility for Lynchburg**, Lynchburg, VA, Jan. 11
- **Transit + Rail Advocacy Day & BBQ Bash**, Richmond, VA, Jan. 22
- **Ethanol Safety and Steel Drum 101 Webinar 2**, Virtual, Jan. 24
- **Work Truck Week**, Indianapolis, IN, March 5-8
- **VCC Rally in Richmond**, Richmond, VA, Apr. 4

Click the events for more info.

EVCAP Information Session

Virginia Clean Cities is excited to partner with Virginia Energy to announce and support the new Electric Vehicle Charging Assistance Program (EVCAP). This subaward program will work at the community level to understand and address issues surrounding the deployment of EV charging stations and will inform current and future EV charging deployment. Join us on **January 10th, 2024, at 3:00 PM** for an insightful webinar hosted by the two organizations, shedding light on the new initiative.

Learn More

VCC is Hiring for an Upper Level Position

EPOWER Workplace Charging Pledge
Virginia Clean Cities is hiring an upper-level position: Clean Communities Economic Development Director. This position will oversee the expansion of efforts to advance air quality improvement, economic opportunity, and energy security through deployment of alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure, educational programs, and other petroleum reduction efforts. Initial focus areas include Hampton Roads, Eastern Shore, Southwest Virginia, and working closely with the Port of Virginia.

The posting is open until January 8, 2024.

Workplace charging provides great convenience for electric vehicle (EV) owners and in some cases, is essential for commuters that do not have access to charging at home. As an employer, you have a unique opportunity to capitalize on Federal, State, and local utility support for workplace charging while demonstrating your workplace’s corporate leadership and sustainability commitment while providing enhanced employee benefits.

Learn more and sign the pledge today!

Edtunity Institute, SkillFusion, and Electrify America have partnered to create an opportunity for all Veterans, National Guard Members, and Reservists to obtain an introductory Electric Vehicle Operation and Maintenance MicroTrax Certification. This 20-hour credentialing is specifically designed to provide new opportunities for veterans and service members to obtain a valuable skill set, while also elevating their professional credibility and marketability within the EV Community.

To register, fill out the form below or email lmartinez@edtunity.org.
On December 12th, 2023, VCC and partners discussed the details of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and the funding opportunities provided by the initiative. You can view the recording of the video through the link below.

VCC stakeholder City of Charlottesville recently announced the establishment of the Office of Sustainability. This is a part of the City's overarching plan to combat climate change and reach sustainability goals.

EPA Clean School Bus Funding
The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of
2021 authorizes EPA to offer rebates to replace **existing school buses** with clean and zero-emission (ZE) models. The 2023 Clean School Bus (CSB) Rebates process includes SAM.gov account registration, application submission, review and selection by EPA, purchase order submission and request for payment, payment receipt, new bus delivery and old bus replacement, and close out. Visit the [EPA’s website](https://www.epa.gov) for program guidance and more information about how to apply.

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**Join us at the Energy Independence Summit**

The annual Energy Independence Summit is coming up in February. VCC invites its stakeholders to the conference and to our visits on Capitol Hill. If you would like to join us for either opportunity, please contact [Alleyn Harned](mailto:aharned@hrccc.org) today!

**Fredericksburg City School District Adds Electric Buses to Fleet**

Last fall, Fredericksburg City Public Schools announced the addition of 10 electric school buses to their fleet. The buses, received from VCC partner Sonny Merryman, were acquired with the help of a grant from the VA Clean School Bus Program.

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Interested in becoming a VCC Member? Check out our [membership page](https://www.virginiafreightfleets.org/membership) or [contact us](mailto:aharned@hrccc.org) with any questions.

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