



October 2023 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- [Electric Vehicle Festival](#), Thornburg, VA, Oct. 7
- [Rocktown Energy Festival](#), Harrisonburg, VA, Oct. 14
- [Virginia Clean Energy Summit](#), Richmond, VA, Oct. 16-17
- [Valley Region VEEP Workshop](#), Staunton, VA, Oct. 24
- [National E-Mobility DEI Conference](#), Washington, D.C, Oct. 25-26
- [VA Beneficial Electrification Leadership Summit](#), Richmond, VA, Nov. 9

Click the events for more info.

Virginia Clean Energy Summit and Vehicle Expo



Join us October 16 to 17, 2023, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center for the annual Virginia Clean Energy Summit! This year's conference aims to showcase advancements in clean energy technologies, policies and business strategies currently reshaping Virginia's energy sector. VCC is a special partner in organizing the clean vehicle showcase. The last day to register is **October 9, 2023**.

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Apply for the 2024 Environmental Excellence Awards



Has your community, fleet or facility been working to reduce its environmental footprint? Do you have a stellar sustainability initiative? Consider applying for the 2024 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards.

Applications are due **Dec. 7, 2023**.

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EV Chargers Installed in New Market, VA



On September 27th, Virginia Clean Cities collaborated with Blink Charging to host a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Jon Henry General Store in New Market, VA. This event celebrated the installation of six new level 2 chargers as part of National Drive Electric Week.

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EPA Clean School Bus Rebates Open

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 authorizes EPA to offer rebates to replace existing school buses with clean and zero-emission (ZE) models.

EPA is accepting applications to the 2023 CSB Rebate Program! **\$500 million** in funding is available. Apply by January 31, 2024 at 4 p.m. ET.

VT Awarded \$1.5 Million for Hydrogen Research

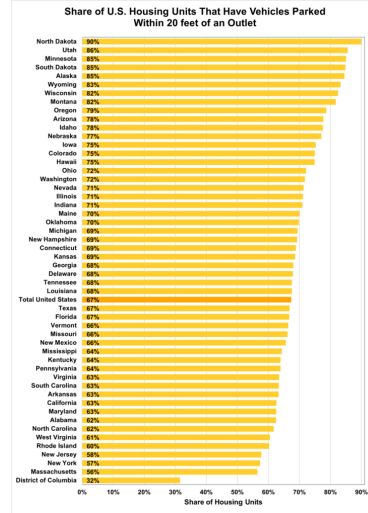
Residential Charging Accessibility in the US



The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has recently granted close to \$34 million to 19 research projects aiming to advance innovative technologies that will enhance the accessibility and affordability of clean hydrogen as a fuel source for electricity generation and transportation.

One of these projects is led by Virginia Tech, located in Blacksburg.

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According to the 2020 Residential Energy Consumption Survey, an encouraging 67% of all housing units in the United States have vehicle parking within 20 feet of an electrical outlet. This statistic holds substantial implications for the widespread adoption of EVs, as it addresses a key concern for potential EV owners.

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2022 Clean Cities Annual Report Released

Every year, each Clean Cities coalition submits to the Department of Energy an annual Transportation Technology Deployment report that documents its activities and accomplishments for the previous calendar year.

NREL and DOE analyze the data and translate them into petroleum-use and greenhouse gas reduction impacts for individual coalitions and the program as a whole. This report summarizes those impacts for Virginia Clean Cities.

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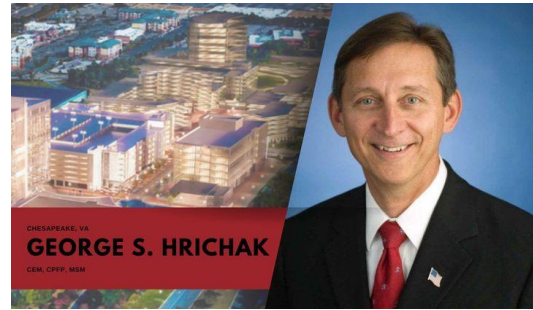
Program Launched at Tidewater



Earlier this year, Tidewater Community College has launched the Rivian Technical Trades program, a partnership program with electric vehicle maker Rivian designed to train the next generation of electric vehicle (EV) technicians. The program's first cohort of students joined in March of this year and completed their training as part of this program this summer.

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George Hrichak Retires



Longtime VCC board member and fleet leader George Hrichak was featured in Government Fleet Magazine for his decades of service with the city of Chesapeake.

He has officially retired on August 31, 2023.

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New and returning members



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Kingmor Supply, Inc.



Transportation Products

Returning Gold Level Member!



New Gold Level Member!



New Coalition Level Member!

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