Naples, Florida To Host 2019 VTCA Winter Meeting: “Charting Your Course”

“Charting Your Course for 2019” is the theme for your 2019 Winter Meeting, February 7 – 10 in Naples, Florida. An outstanding array of speakers will give you information and insights you need to successfully navigate the economy and the markets in 2019. While we finalize the details, please mark your calendar.

The Four-Diamond beachfront Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club is a 125 acre tropical paradise on a 7-mile stretch of white sand. The hotel boasts a newly renovated 18-hole championship golf course, a world class spa, Tennis Center, beachside pools, water sports, Kids Club, and fine dining with spectacular Gulf views. VTCA members loved this venue in 2011, so we heeded your call for a return visit! Look for details and registration information in just a few weeks.

The Distracted Driving Epidemic Grows

The 6th Annual Distracted Driving Summit was held September 19-20 in Richmond. Hosted by DRIVE SMART Virginia, the Summit brought together subject matter experts including researchers, psychologists, educators, government officials and law enforcement leaders. In addition to facts and figures, personal stories punctuated the Summit with grim reminders that this epidemic can hit close to home when least expected.

We at VTCA encourage every reader of this article to take a stand and realize that the personal influence to change behavior starts with YOU.

- 77% of adults believe they can manage texting and driving.
- Texting while driving increases your likelihood of being involved in a crash by 23 times.
- The average text takes 5 seconds to view – like driving the length of a football field blindfolded.
- No one ever died from not looking at their phone while driving.

A web search for distracted driving resources will yield plenty of great sites filled with ideas you can use at work, at home, in your community. Here are only a few.

www.Drivesmartva.org
www.endd.org
www.itcanwait.com
www.WatchFor.Us

District Dialogues Announced For Hampton Roads And Northern Virginia

District Dialogues give you a unique opportunity to meet with VDOT leaders and transportation industry professionals to discuss initiatives, projects and opportunities specific to that District.

The fall dates and locations are below. Details and registration information will be coming soon. Mark your calendar now!

Hampton Roads
Tuesday, November 27
Hampton Roads Convention Center
1610 Coliseum Drive
Hampton, VA 23666

Northern Virginia
Wednesday, December 12
Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks
11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway
Fairfax, VA 22033

VTCA Office Closed

The VTCA office will be closed October 8 in observance of Columbus Day.

All Virginia state government offices will also be closed.
Luck Stone Engages With Community At Open House Event

Luck Stone's Leesburg Plant in Loudoun County held an Open House on September 22 to welcome neighbors, county residents, elected officials and local community leaders. The event, which drew approximately 1000 people, offered a unique opportunity for community members to see a large quarry operation up close and to learn more about the company’s mission to make a positive impact on the communities it serves.

A number of local vendors participated in the event with exhibits and services, which helped make the Open House especially memorable for attendees. Luck Stone takes pride in its longstanding commitment to open its doors to community members, setting an industry-wide precedent to engage the public in the work of a crushed stone and aggregates business leader.

“The Leesburg Open House event provided a great opportunity for people to see and learn about our operation, meet our team members, and enjoy time with their families, friends, and fellow community members,” said Sam Rinehart, Plant Manager. “At Luck Stone, we’re purposeful about fostering the relationships we have with our communities and strive to do all that we can to be caring, supportive neighbors and partners.”

Materials Division IIMs

VDOT’s Materials Division has issued two new memoranda. The memoranda outline changes to VDOT’s Pavement Design Guide for Subdivision and Secondary Roads, and Section 604.02 of the Manual of Instructions.


MD419-18 - AC Material Layer Thickness

Letting Dates For 2019

VDOT has published the Advertisement Schedule for 2019.

Access the schedule at www.virginia.gov/business/const/calendar-advertisement.asp.
A tip of the hard hat to James W. Patteson, PE, Director of the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, for being recognized as one of the 2018 Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year by the American Public Works Association.

One of the most coveted and prestigious awards presented by the Association, winners are recognized for their accomplishments in engineering or administration including career advancement, contribution to technology or job knowledge, commitment to the profession as evidenced by education, training, certification or registration and continuing education, as well as professional excellence and service to the community.

Patteson leads more than 900 staff members in a large, complex department with an annual operating budget over $300 million and a capital improvement program in excess of $3 billion. Just a part of Patteson’s key responsibilities includes planning, designing, building, and maintaining all county-owned infrastructure (roads, trails, wastewater and stormwater utilities, bus shelters, and solid waste and transportation facilities).

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**Volkert, Inc.** is pleased to announce that Steven Froncillo, PE, has joined the mid-Atlantic Region as a Senior Traffic Engineer in its Hampton Roads office. “Having Steve join the Volkert team bringing his traffic engineering expertise and knowledge of the Hampton Roads transportation network allows Volkert to expand upon the comprehensive services we provide in the region,” said Dennis Morrison, PE, Senior Vice President of Volkert’s Mid-Atlantic Region.

Steve previously served as the City of Chesapeake’s City Traffic Engineer where he led the City’s Traffic Engineering Section, Smart Traffic Center, and Traffic Operations Section. He was responsible for the daily operation and management of the City’s transportation network and brings in-depth analytical and operational experience to the Volkert team. As part of this experience he brings a first-hand knowledge of the challenges of multimodal mobility in urban settings and the innovative traffic engineering solutions required to solve them. Steve can be reached at [steve.froncillo@volkert.com](mailto:steve.froncillo@volkert.com).

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**Dewberry** is pleased to announce that Steve Kuntz, PE, DBIA, has been promoted to transportation business unit manager in the firm’s Fairfax, Virginia office. He will be responsible for managing the mid-Atlantic region transportation service line. With 20 years of experience in civil engineering, Kuntz has served as a Project Manager or Roadway Design Manager on numerous projects, ranging from large design-build projects to design-bid-build transportation projects throughout the Northern Virginia area. His portfolio includes serving as the Project Manager for the I-64 Capacity Improvements - Segment 1 and Segment 3 projects, the I-95/Route 630 (Courthouse Road) Interchange and Widening, the I-66/Route 29/Linton Hall Road Interchange, the Route 28 Public Private Transportation Act Improvements, and numerous other major transportation infrastructure projects in Virginia and Maryland.

Kuntz earned his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He is a licensed professional engineer in Virginia, Maryland, and Georgia, a designated design-build professional, and a member of the Design-Build Institute of America.

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**A Tip Of The Hard Hat To WSP USA For 25 Years Of Membership!**

In October of 1993, Parsons Brinckerhoff Construction Services signed on to support the work of the Virginia Road and Transportation Builders Association. While names have changed - theirs and ours - twenty-five years later **WSP USA** continues to support the growth and excellence of Virginia’s transportation construction program.

Thank you, WSP USA, for your dedication to advancing Virginia’s transportation program.
I-81 Quarry Tours Begin

The first of five scheduled I-81 Quarry Tours was held at The Frazier Quarry’s North Plant on September 26. The objective of the tours is to convey the economic importance of the I-81 corridor and the need for a dedicated funding source for improvements.

The Frazier team put together an excellent program and tour of their facility. Among the 30 attendees were local business leaders, EMS officials, VDOT representatives, local government officials and state legislators. Legislators included Senator Mark Obenshain, Delegates Steve Landes and Tony Wilt, and Tracy Eppard, legislative aide to Senator Creigh Deeds.

Presentations focused on the need to improve I-81 were given by VTCA, Harrisonburg and Rockingham County EMS professionals, an I-81 Federation spokesperson, and Senator Obenshain. Mike Frazier gave a great tour of the North Plant, highlighting the aggregate production process and equipment involved. Attendees witnessed a quarry blast and enjoyed lunch together.

Four additional tours are scheduled in October, with an anticipated total attendance of over 200 influential community leaders up and down the I-81 corridor.

October 3 – Roanoke, Rockydale Quarries
October 4 – Dublin, Salem Stone/Holston River Quarry
October 29 – Abingdon, Blue Water Industries
November 1 – Winchester, Carmeuse Lime

Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) General Permit Regulations For Nonmetallic Mineral Mines – Periodic Review

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is required to periodically review VPDES General Permits (GP). The GP for the Nonmetallic Mineral Mine site is currently in this review process. Several Environmental Committee members have been appointed to the Technical Advisory Committee to work with DEQ in drafting revised language for this GP. There was only one Technical Advisory Committee meeting held in early August. DEQ presented the final draft to industry one week prior to the deadline date for submission to the State Water Control Board. Environmental Committee members expressed concern there was not ample time for the Committee and Industry to review the proposed changes prior to submission.

While VTCA worked with DEQ to delay submission of the proposed changes to the State Water Control Board, DEQ needed to keep the GP Review on track to protect the GP from possible expiration. DEQ did assure VTCA that any concerns remaining following a thorough review of the proposed changes will be addressed in the official public comment period of the review process. VTCA’s Environmental Committee will be forming a working group to review and address concerns.

Please contact Rob Lanham, rob@vtca.org, if you would like to receive a copy of the DEQ proposed revisions.

Upcoming Events For Producers

• **DMME Electrical Training Class**: October 17, 2018 at DMME, Charlottesville.

• **DMME MSHA Law Seminar**: October 30 – November 1 at DMME, Charlottesville.

• **Virginia Association of Science Teachers Conference**: November 15 – 17 in Williamsburg.
Update On DMME Reclamation Regulations For Mineral Mining Permit Review

The periodic review for the Reclamation Regulations for Mineral Mining Permit (Reclamation Permit) is underway. DMME and aggregate producers have worked together and agreed on the proposed changes to the Reclamation Permit. Most of the proposed changes will be relatively minor with minimal impact on operators.

DMM also proposed fee increases for licensing fees, new permit fees, permit renewal fees for disturbed acreage, and all certifications applications. VTCA’s Environmental Committee negotiated a significant reduction in the initial proposed fee increase by DMM. According to DMME, this would be the first Reclamation Permit fee increase since 2003. The Environmental Committee recommended the Aggregate Producer Leadership Committee (APLC) support the proposed changes to the Reclamation Permit.

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* Electronic Filing Fee - DMME is proposing eliminating Electronic Filing Fee Discount

The proposed changes in the Reclamation Permit, including the fee increase, must now go through the regulatory approval process through the General Assembly. The APLC approved to support these proposed changes.

Please contact Rob Lanham, rob@vtca.org, if you would like to receive a copy of the proposed changes to the Reclamation Permit language and the proposed fees chart.

VTCA Expands Member Services With Video Library

Adding to the benefits exclusively available to VTCA members, you now have the ability to stream VTCA webinars and other information-packed videos on demand at no charge. Access is easy - all you need to do is log in to your member account on the VTCA website and navigate to the Resources > Video Library menu. The videos and their descriptions are available for playing on your computer and/or mobile device.

There is no limit to how many times you can view a video as long as you are an active VTCA member. The library currently includes VTCA’s previously produced webinars and will be the home for all VTCA-produced webinar videos in the future. If you are an employee of a VTCA member company and you do not yet have an account, click here and Register for an Account.

VDOT Stone Bids (H-Orders) Going Electronic

VDOT’s Procurement Office is moving to produce the Stone Bids in an electronic format, moving from the long-used paper bid format. Electronic bidding is expected to start on or around October 4, 2018.

Paper copies will still be accepted but electronic bids are encouraged and preferred. Paper Invitation for Bids will no longer be sent to the bidders. If a vendor chooses to return a paper bid, the Invitation for Bid will have to be downloaded and printed from eVA.

To bid the Stone Bids electronically, each vendor must register and sign in with the eVA site - https://eva.virginia.gov/index.html. Once logged in you can set the parameters to search for stone or sand bidding opportunities for your organization. This search should list the stone (and sand) bids that are open. Open the bid and follow the instructions.

The VDOT Procurement Office and eVA held a training session in early September; those that attended the training found the system easy to navigate and enter bids.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Ryan Thompson at VDOT at 804-371-6732 or email at ryan.thompson@vdot.virginia.gov.
In Sympathy

Our thoughts are with these families as they travel through the loss of their loved one.

Herbert H. Price, President of H. & L. Price, Inc., started a small bridge building company when quite young, against the counsel of many, and turned it into a successful endeavor, once managing a project with six bridges at one time. A veteran of the Korean war, Herb was pleased to have an opportunity to build a number of bridges near the Pentagon. His commonsense and abilities kept the business strong until he said “it’s telling me it’s time to close it down” in 2018. Friends and family in the transportation community will fondly remember Herb’s commitment to the community of bridge builders, appreciation for the intersection of public and private, and love of LinkBelt cranes.

Billy Hugh Branch, founder of The Branch Group passed away on September 16. A native of Tennessee, Mr. Branch settled in Roanoke, married Betty, and raised eight children. His son Mike served as President of the Virginia Road Builders Association in 1999. Another Branch professional, Ralph Shivers, served as President in 1990. A “Celebration of Life, Love and God” was held on September 21.

Hazel Baird Bishop, age 94, passed away on September 3. Hazel was the mother of Steve Bishop (formerly of Bishop & Settle Construction Co.) who served as President of the Virginia Road and Transportation Builders Association in 1998. Our thoughts are with Steve and his wife Toni, Pete and his wife Cydnie, and their families.