

## Schott, Heather

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**From:** Kopczynski, Stephen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2022 9:51 AM  
**To:** Morgan, Neil; Schott, Heather; Hersh, Paula  
**Subject:** Thank You E-mail

FYI—received from a citizen of the County whose father is also a County citizen.

Thanks,  
SPK

“I wanted to reach out and thank your department, specifically your station 2 personnel, who responded to my father’s stroke Monday morning. Their professionalism, knowledge, and coordination was beyond exemplary. It felt like my father was receiving VIP treatment, however I know that this is how your teams respond to each and every citizen in need. Even though it was just another call for them, they have my family’s and my deepest heartfelt appreciation for their service.”

**STEPHEN P. KOPCZYNSKI**  
**FIRE CHIEF/DIRECTOR**  
**COORDINATOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
**YORK COUNTY (VA) DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY**

**From:** [Ingram, Diane](#)  
**To:** [Ingram, Diane](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] June 3 County Connections  
**Date:** Friday, June 3, 2022 3:55:54 PM

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**From:** Virginia Association of Counties <[gharter@vaco.org](mailto:gharter@vaco.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 3, 2022 12:48 PM  
**To:** Hersh, Paula <[phersh@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:phersh@yorkcounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] June 3 County Connections



**Virginia Association of Counties**  
Friday, June 3, 2022



## **General Assembly Approves Budget Compromise; Bills Await Governor's Action**

The state budget process advanced toward completion on June 1 as the General Assembly approved compromise conference reports on both the FY 2022 “caboose” budget and the 2022-2024 biennium budget. General Assembly leadership indicated that the bills will be signed and submitted to the Governor within the next several days; the Governor will then have seven days to suggest amendments or veto specific items. The legislature will return later in the month if needed to consider any gubernatorial actions on the

budget.

The large infusion of revenues into state coffers allowed the legislature to make significant deposits to the state's reserves and the Virginia Retirement System, as well as providing across-the-board and targeted compensation increases. Budget negotiators also fashioned a compromise that provides approximately \$4 billion in tax relief, including a significant increase in the standard income tax deduction, one-time income tax rebates, a phased-in income tax subtraction for a portion of military benefits, partial refundability of a state earned income tax credit, and elimination of the accelerated sales tax requirement for businesses. Of particular importance to local governments, the budget conference report eliminates the state portion of the sales and use tax on food for home consumption and essential personal hygiene products, effective January 1, 2023, and replaces the revenue distribution that would have otherwise been made to localities based on school-age population. The 1 percent local option portion remains in place.

The budget agreement makes significant investments in county priorities such as school capital needs, K-12 staffing, and behavioral health. An overview of key items of interest to local governments follows below:

[Read VACo's Budget Report](#)

VACo Contact: [Legislative Team](#)

**COUNTY/STATE NEWS**

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## **VACo Kicks Off 2022 Regional Meetings with Visit to Henrico County for Regions 2 and 3**

VACo returned to in-person regional meetings for the first time since 2019 with a well-attended meeting of Regions 2 and 3 on May 23. Henrico County Supervisor Patricia S. O'Bannon welcomed attendees on behalf of Henrico County and shared some information about the host venue, Libbie Mill Library, which features solar panels that reduce the facility's energy costs.

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## Visit Bath County and the Bath County Courthouse

**Location:** 65 Courthouse Hill Road / Old Mill Road

**Built:** 1913 – 1914

**Style:** Classical Revival

**Architect:** TJ Collins & Son

**Contractor:** Falls City Construction Company of Louisville, Kentucky

**Description:** The building faces south and is a two story red colored brick structure. The building sits on the landscaped grounds of Courthouse Hill in the center of Warm Springs. The south front has a large porch with six large white columns rising to a wide pediment at the roof line. The central entrance is framed. On the center of the roof is a high square white colored cupola with green colored dome. The main section of the building has a central arched window on the second story and gabled roof. The building houses the County Circuit Court, County General District Court and County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of the 25th Judicial Circuit. An addition was added on the north side in 1980.

**SOURCE:** [American Courthouses | Courthouses.co](http://AmericanCourthouses.com)

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**Premier Partner Spotlight – NACo High  
Performance Leadership Academy**

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### **NACO HIGH PERFORMANCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY | INTRODUCTIONS**

Dr. Tim Rahschulte joins Dean Lynch to talk about the NACo High Performance Leadership Academy, a 12-week program designed to make existing leaders better and emerging leaders ready to address the challenges of leading change in the business of counties. Please contact Luke Afeman, MBA | Senior Director of Enrollment at [lukea@pdaleadership.com](mailto:lukea@pdaleadership.com) or 503.908.5381 for more information.

Or visit <https://www.naco.org/resources/education-and-training/naco-high-performance-leadership-academy>.

[Watch the Premier Partner Video](#)

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## VACo releases 2022 Legislative Summary

The [Legislative Summary](#) details the actions of the 2022 General Assembly. It also includes information on legislation of interest to counties.

This edition contains links to bills through the General Assembly's Legislative Information System and includes studies and statistics of importance to counties.

[Read VACo's 2022 Legislative Summary](#)

VACo Contact: [Legislative Team](#)

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## Get ready for NACo Annual Business Meeting, election

NACo's 2022 annual business meeting and election will be held in-person in Adams County, Colo. Sunday, July 24. During the meeting, credentialed NACo members elect NACo officers, set our

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national policy agenda and conduct other association business.

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## Meet the Candidates: Phyllis Randall

Loudoun County, Va. Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall is running to be NACo's second vice president

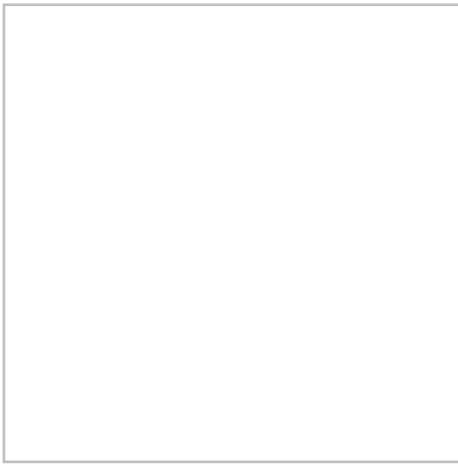
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## Enter the VACo 2022 Achievement Awards

Dear VACo Members –

It's time for the [2022 Achievement Awards Program](#).  
[Any county department is eligible to compete so ENTER NOW!](#)

[Achievement Awards Submission Form](#)



All entries are required to be submitted in electronic form. [No paper copy submissions are necessary.](#) The electronic copy should be a PDF or WORD file. Email entries to Gage Harter at [gcharter@vaco.org](mailto:gcharter@vaco.org).

**Submissions must be received by July 1, 2022.**

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# CALENDAR

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**AUGUST 18 | [REGISTRATION FORM](#) | [DRAFT AGENDA](#)**

We will take the 2022 VACo County Officials' Summit on the road this summer as we travel to Roanoke County.

**[Save the date and register today](#)** to join your peers in Roanoke County on Thursday, August 18, 2022, for the VACo County Officials' Summit. Breakfast and lunch are provided with event registration.

Two time blocks of VACo Steering Committee Meetings will follow the lunch on August 18.

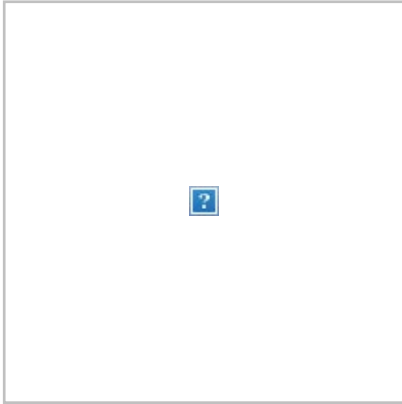
VACo's Board of Directors Meeting will take place at 9am on Friday, August 19.

Contact Valerie Russell at [vrussell@vaco.org](mailto:vrussell@vaco.org) to book a hotel room.

**[Registration Form](#) | [Register Online](#) | [Draft Agenda](#)**

**NEWS OF INTEREST**

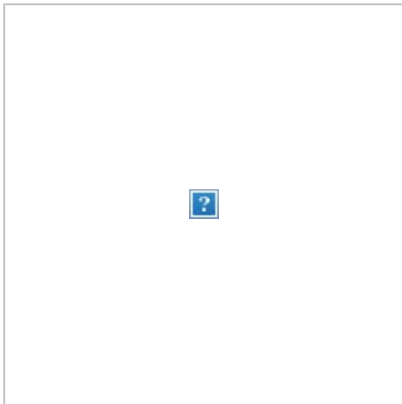
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## Order your copy of the Virginia County Supervisors' Manual

The Eighth Edition of VACo's Virginia County Supervisors' Manual, is in stock. The Supervisors' Manual is the number one resource on the framework of county government and the responsibilities of the county board.

[Order Form](#)



## Looking for new job opportunities? Or do you have an ad to post? Check out VACo's County Employment Page

The Virginia Association of Counties accepts employment ads in a PDF file or a link to a job site. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [Valerie Russell](#).

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## County Connections PDF Version

VACo publishes its newsletter, [County Connections](#), twice a month. County Connections is distributed electronically and via mail.

This email provides the highlights of each County Connections issue.

[Click here to read the June 3 edition.](#)

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June 3, 2022

## Juneteenth Celebration Event Scheduled for June 18



The County is holding a Juneteenth celebration from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, at the McReynolds Athletic Complex, 412 Sports Way. This free event is open to the public and features speakers, performers, food truck vendors, and more! The celebration concludes with a special *Movies in the Parks* at 8:45 featuring the hit Disney Pixar movie “Soul.” Additional information about this exciting event is available in this week’s [press release](#).

## Senior Center June Calendar Full of Fun and Educational Activities

With a click of the mouse, senior citizens age 55 and up (and their spouses regardless of age) are able to view the [Senior Center’s monthly calendar of events](#) featuring games, classes, health programs, and opportunities to socialize with friends! Published each month, the calendar includes regular activities like Birthday Bash and Culture Day, along with special programs such as Tech Tuesday and Diabetes Self-Management Seminars. Registration is open until four days prior to most events and can be made [online](#) or by calling the Senior Center at 757-890-3444.

## Check the RainoutLine Before You Head Out

With summer activities now in full swing, York County Parks & Recreation will let everyone know if there are changes to activities—you just have to call or click before you go! Find out the status of your favorite parks, boat launches, sports leagues, instructional activities, events, and Senior Center activities by calling our free RainoutLine at 757-890-3501. You will be instructed to enter the extension you need, or log onto the web or download the [RainoutLine App](#). Bookmark all the [location extensions](#) currently available.



## Still Time to Register Your Pre-Kindergartner for Safety Town!

At last check, spaces were still available each week of this year’s Safety Town program—this year back in person! The award-winning program teaches children valuable lessons in traffic, fire, home and personal safety. Children attend morning sessions Monday through Thursday and then have a fun, completion ceremony on Friday. Dates and details are available [online](#). Or click right over to the [registration portal](#)!



## Applications Being Accepted for Master Naturalist Volunteer Training

Are you interested in helping your neighbors and community learn how to conserve and manage natural resources and public lands? If you answered a resounding “yes!” then considering applying for the Peninsula Chapter’s 2022 Master Naturalist Volunteer Training. York/Poquoson Extension provides support and a chapter advisor to the Peninsula group. For more information and the link to registration, visit the [York/Poquoson Cooperative Extension website](#). Classes begin in September.



## Active Hurricane Season Predicted

Hurricane season officially began Wednesday (6/1) with forecasters predicting that 2022 could see 20 named storms with 10 of those becoming hurricanes. In fact, Tropical Storm Alex is likely to form off the coast of Florida this weekend. Now is the right time to get your plans in place and be ready in case a storm is predicted to impact our region! Many preparedness tips are available on the [Virginia Department of Emergency Management website](#).


**Additional Notes for the Week...Free Fishing Weekend** starts today through Sunday (June 3-5). Time to get hooked on fishing at one of our York County Parks, but don’t forget the Riverwalk Landing pier is free fishing EVERYDAY. **Yorktown Markets Days** is tomorrow (6/4) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Come shop your favorite vendors! **Sounds of Summer Concert Series** returns next Thursday (6/9) with *The Main Event Band* performing from 7 to 9:30 p.m.



### Regular Meeting at York Hall Tuesday, June 7

Work Session Format      No Citizen Comment Period

Watch it LIVE @ 6 pm   Cox 46 / Verizon 38  
Or live streaming at [yorkcounty.gov](http://yorkcounty.gov)



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Class of 2022**

York County School Division

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YORK RIVER ACADEMY