Virginia Clean Cities Announces Governor's Green Fleet Award Recipients

Kate Staples of Dominion receives the Governor's Green Fleet Hall of Fame Award

On April 6, 2017 at the 4th Annual Rally at the Raceway, Virginia Clean Cities announced the recipients of the 2017 Governor's Green Fleet Awards.

City of Chesapeake Named #1 fleet in the 2017 Edition of 100 Best Fleets.

Please join VCC and TAFMA in congratulating George
Hrichek and the City of Chesapeake being named the #1 fleet in the 2017 edition of 100 Best Fleets. The judges review criteria such as accountability, collaboration, use of technology and information, creativity, and performance recognition. George and his team beat many well-funded fleets that also have top notch leadership, as an example, others on that list include State Fleets, large counties, and even massive organizations like the NYPD. Congratulations George, you and your team are taking care of business, keep up the great work.

Newport New Public Schools Adds 24 Clean, Propane Fueled Blue Bird School Buses through the CMAQ Program

"Propane autogas is the best choice for Newport News Public Schools because it's economical, safe, environmentally friendly and offers many bus maintenance advantages," said Shay Coates, director of transportation for Newport News Public Schools. "After two years of attending trade shows, meeting with bus manufacturers, and talking with colleagues in school districts that operate alternative fuel buses, we knew this was the direction we wanted to pursue. The benefits of propane, in comparison to diesel, made it an easy choice for the school district."
The Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition, in collaboration with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the National Association of Regional Councils, is participating in a regional procurement initiative designed to consolidate bulk orders of alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure to make their purchase more affordable. Known as "F4F" for Fleets for the Future, the goal of the program is to reduce the incremental costs of propane, electric, and natural gas powered vehicles and refueling and charging infrastructure. Local fleets, governmental organizations and universities in the DMV area may participate and benefit from this unique program.

**Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference and Expo**

**October 11-13, 2017**

Join us to learn more about fleets and fuels, network with professionals, and see the latest vehicles and technologies. You will discover opportunities for increasing efficiency and reducing transportation related emissions. Conference sessions and speakers will focus on alternative fuels, advanced vehicle technologies, policy topics, and data solutions. Speakers, exhibitors, vehicle displays, and a ride & drive event will highlight the latest tools and topics for fleets and vehicles. The Expo is Oct 11, 2017 in Raleigh North Carolina.

**BMW to Partner with the National Parks to Install 100 Charging Stations**
BMW of North America has partnered with the National Park Foundation, National Park Service and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to bring up to 100 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to national parks and nearby communities across the country.

Quick Connect Propane Nozzle Incentive Program
Refueling with propane autogas vehicles is now easier than ever. Filling up a vehicle with new, quick connect nozzle technology is a very similar experience to refueling with gasoline and diesel - reducing the learning curve for fleets when transitioning to propane autogas.

Question of the Month: What factors do employers need to consider when establishing a workplace charging program?

Answer:
While there is not a one-size-fits-all solution for workplace charging, there are a number of resources available to help employers design, implement, and manage the right program for their organization.

Donate Your Vehicle to VCC and Earn a Tax Deduction!
Virginia Clean Cities is a certified motor vehicle charity consigner! If you have a vehicle rusting away in your parking lot that you need to be rid of, and want a tax-deduction for it, we’d love to take it off your hands! {more}

Support VCC with a Monthly Contribution of $10, $25 or $50
You can now support Virginia Clean Cities with a recurring monthly donation of as little as $10. Your generous support helps VCC deploy EV charging stations, propane schools buses, and CNG transit vehicles. {more}

Upcoming Events

May 18, 2017: FREE CNG Training for Altech-Eco CNG Technology. Charlottesville, VA. Register here

May 24, 2017: 2017 Energy & Sustainability Conference. Richmond, VA. Register here

June 5, 2017: CNG Training & Certification Course - Chesapeake, VA. Register here

June 15, 2017: CNG Road Rally - Norfolk, VA.

September 11, 2017: CNG Training & Certification Course - Chesapeake, VA. Register here

October 11-13, 2017: Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference - Raleigh, NC. Register here

December 4, 2017: CNG Training & Certification Course - Chesapeake, VA. Register here

For a full list of upcoming events, please visit http://www.vacleancities.org/events

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