HCCA Newsletter

Happy June, HCCA Members!
It's that time of year to enjoy longer days, warmer temperatures and the opportunity to get lots of work done on your projects!
As we near the end of the second quarter of 2022, we can definitely say that the first half of this year has been fantastic. Our training classes have been filled nearly every day with lots of crew members getting up-to-date training. We are here to help you with your training needs, especially now that the construction season is in full swing. Whatever class your crews need - OSHA 10, VDOT Work Zone, basic First Aid, or something completely custom – HCCA has got you covered.
This year's Virginia General Assembly session generated some interesting legislative issues that affect our industry. Especially impactful have been the ongoing discussions about sub-contractor payment regulations and transportation funding. We continue to work with the new administration to ensure that the issues that are important to YOU are being addressed.
We have welcomed 16 new members into the HCCA community so far this year! On March 29, we hosted the first HCCA New Member Welcome Breakfast, introducing our new members to all the wonderful aspects of being a part of this organization. It was a great way for our newest members to learn about HCCA, meet our Board of Directors and staff, and sign up for participation on the committees of their choice. If you know anyone whose company could benefit from being a part of the HCCA community, let them know that NOW is a great time to join!
HCCA has delivered a full slate of networking and social events in 2022. After a seven-year hiatus, we brought back our Poker Run Motorcycle Rally, held on April 30, which raised more than $4,000 for the Family Relief Fund. Our SOLD OUT Ditch Diggers Open golf tournament on May 13 introduced a popular new feature – the Golf Cannon. And we recognized some of the best employees, most amazing projects, up and coming leaders and most impressive students in our organization at the April and May Dinner Meetings.
The second half of 2022 is shaping up to be just as wonderful and busy for HCCA and our members, starting off with our HLI Community Service project later this month. There is still opportunity for you to help on this project!
I am grateful to be a part of the amazing HCCA community and look forward to the rest of the year with all of you!

Debora Harvey
Executive Director

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Legislative Affairs

I-95 Fred Ex Site Tour

On March 23, the Branch Civil and Flat Iron JV hosted a tour of the I-95 Fredericksburg Hot Lane Extension or “FredEx” project aimed at providing insight into the challenges faced by contractors in the Northern Virginia market. Supply chain issues, workforce shortages, aggressive scheduling, and weather impacts were among the topics discussed. Virginia Senator Barbara Favola and Supervisor Victor Angry of Prince William County seized the opportunity to become familiar with the project plans and site. HCCA and Branch Civil will hold a second site visit for more legislators on June 29.

Lobby Day

On March 1, representatives from the HCCA BOD and DIG Committee visited Capital Hill in Richmond to meet with legislators around Virginia. Topics of conversation included sustainable transportation funding and workforce development initiatives such as the Heavy Equipment Operator program and Infrastructure Academy. From the Senate Transportation Committee, we were able to meet with Senators Favola, Boysko, and McPike. As well as Senators Bell, Saslaw, and Petersen. From the House of Delegates we met Delegates Wyatt, Krizek, Morefield, LaRock, and Austin. We also sat down with the Secretary of Transportation, Shep Miller who assured us there will be no shortage of transportation funding in the near future.

Budget Session Wrap-Up

Gas Tax
First and foremost, the Governor’s plan to impose a gas tax holiday was soundly rebuked and did not make it into the budget.

Transportation Initiatives (HB29 “Caboose Budget,” i.e., amendments to the current budget expiring June 30, 2022, Budget Item 477.10 #1c)
This amendment provides an additional $171.7 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2022 and modifies the proposed allocation of $115.8 million from the general fund that was included in the introduced budget related to fiscal year 2021 surplus revenue that is statutorily dedicated for transportation purposes. Specifically of interest to HCCA, it provides “up to $210,000,000… to improve Interstate 64 between exit 205 and exit 234 with priority given to enhancements that provide long-term traffic flow improvements for the full 29-mile corridor,” and “up to $10,000,000… to support the extension of the Nimmo Parkway.”

Reflect Elimination of Sales Tax on Food (Budget Item 452 #1c)
This amendment reduces Commonwealth Transportation Fund revenues by $156.1 million from the nongeneral fund over the biennium to reflect the elimination of the state portion of sales tax levied on food for human consumption and personal hygiene products. While the general fund forecast was adjusted for this proposed policy change, the introduced budget did not make an explicit downward adjustment to Commonwealth Transportation Fund revenues. The conference report includes companion amendments to adjust funding across the Secretariat to reflect the tax reduction.

Transportation Initiatives (Budget Item 452 #2c)
This amendment provides $51.5 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2023 for transportation earmarks, including $41.5 million to support multi-use trails and $110.0 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2024 to support improvements for I-64 between Richmond and Hampton Roads. Specifically of interest to HCCA, it provides "up to $110,000,000 from the general fund in the second year shall be transferred to Item 452 to improve Interstate 64 between Exit 205 and Exit 234 with priority given to enhancements that provide long-term traffic flow improvements for the full 29-mile corridor."

Local Street Maintenance Transfer (Budget Item 453#2c)
This amendment is one of a series of amendments to transfer $15.0 million from the nongeneral fund annually from the account for statewide primary system maintenance to the account for financial assistance for city road maintenance.

Local Street Maintenance Payments (Budget Item 456 #2c)
This amendment is one of a series of amendments to transfer $15.0 million from the nongeneral fund in each year from the account for statewide primary system maintenance to the account for financial assistance for city road maintenance.

Create Temporary Interagency Office on Infrastructure Funding Coordination (Budget Item 257 #2c)
This amendment provides $500,000 from the general fund in fiscal year 2023 for efforts to secure federal grant funding provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Workforce Development (Budget Item 487.50 #1c)
This amendment provides $16.0 million the first year and $17.0 million the second year from the general fund to support workforce development programming across Virginia.

VCCS - G3 Missing Language (Budget Item 213 #1c)
This amendment restores language related to program eligibility, student award eligibility, and reporting requirements regarding the G3 program that was inadvertently left out of the introduced budget.

Minority Business Commission: Workgroup to Develop Clear SWaM Program Outcomes (Budget Item 123 #5c)
This amendment directs the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity to work in collaboration with the Department of General Services and other stakeholders to reevaluate and suggest a more meaningful performance metric for Virginia's SWaM program. This budget amendment has been evaluated by the Minority Business Commission, and builds on findings from JLARC.

Safety Training

The training schedule is filling up for Summer! Call Ari or Julie at 703-392-7410 to schedule a class and look at our Training Calendar here.

Ari's Weekly Safety Tips are emailed at 6:15AM each Monday morning in English and Spanish so our members can use them during their morning safety huddle. Click here to see the archive.

Workforce Development

Name change of Lord Fairfax Community College, now Laurel Ridge Community College, takes effect

On June 2, our partners at LFCC underwent a name change - now Laurel ridge Community College. Have no fear - Laurel Ridge Workforce Solutions is ready to host Heavy Equipment Operator Courses through the summer! There have been 4 class sessions offered so far, this year. HCCA firms have interviewed and hired the

graduates following each section. Keep an eye out for the Signing Day Ceremony in the next newsletter!

Josh Allen wins 40 Under 40 from Equipment Magazine. Josh was one of the original HEO instructors and continues to inspire his students to join the industry. (Pictured Right)

Career Fairs

The VDOT Career Fair will be held in person this year on October 6. The event will be limited to 750 students (down from the usual 2,000). Please register early and bring equipment! The VDOT career fair is a great opportunity to expose young people to the construction industry. Hope to see you there! Click Here to Register

In order to stay informed with community hiring opportunities, HCCA maintains relationships with the local school systems, municipal workforce resource centers, and more. HCCA advertises career events on our website and by email. Want to get connected? Contact ashley@hcca.net

Dinner Meetings

Vendor Showcase

HCCA vendors and suppliers exhibited at the 9th annual vendor showcase. After COVID numbers finally declined, we were happy to hold an event with more than 100 attendees.

Women in the Trades

We celebrated Women in History month at our dinner meeting in March. We received an insightful and enthusiastic presentation from Marissa Bankert of the Northern PA Associated Electrical Contractors and South Central PA NAWIC. With a focus on inclusion, Marissa shared tips for hiring and retaining women in the construction industry. We also celebrated the contributions to the construction industry made by women who have

served on the HCCA Board of Directors.

HCCA Active

HLI Community Service Project

The HCCA Leadership Institute has started planning for the annual Community Service Project. This year's project focuses on ADA compliance at the North Fauquier Community Park. Would your company like to contribute? email events@hcca.net to get involved!

Clay Pigeon Shoot Tournament

We had a fun time at Shady Grove Sporting Clays on Saturday, April 2. Likely the most competitive event hosted by the HCCA, there are shooters who reach for a perfect score. William A. Hazel's Corey McMann took High Gun with an impressive 97 hits. William A. Hazel won first place, ECS took Second and Ricky Brown placed third.

Ditch Diggers Dialogue

January 25: Bioretention Installation – John Irby and Kateri Simon shared best practices for bioretention installation with Luck EcoSystems

February 22: Supply Chain Discussion – the VP of Supply Chain Policy for the US Chamber of Commerce joined us for a Ditch Diggers Dialogue to discuss the impacts the supply chain disruption has had on the construction industry. Unfortunately, he did not share much good news. He informed the group that many products are stuck in cargo bins at major ports as there are not enough people to unload or haul them away.

Committees

Below is a preview of what each committee is working on in 2022

Safety Committee: Meets regularly to discuss safety issues affecting the industry
Golf Committee: Planning the Presidents' Cup Golf Tournament scheduled for Sept 9.
Women in Construction Committee: Developing educational events and outreach programs for women in the construction industry
Health & Wellness Committee: Logistics for the Ditch Diggers Dash 5K scheduled for September 18 at 2Silos Brewing in Manassas
Membership Committee: Brainstorming ways to bring value to the membership
Education Committee: Creating a Foreman/Superintendent Training Program
Infrastructure Awards: Assessed and selected the Infrastructure and Superintendent Awards
DIG Committee: Followed legislation during the General Assembly session and met weekly. Now, meeting as needed.

Participating in an HCCA committee is a great way to network while supporting the industry. Interested in joining an HCCA Committee? Contact ashley@hcca.net

New Members in 2022

Please give a warm welcome to HCCA's newest members!

MTR Earth
Earth Retention Systems

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M&B

H2O PIPEWORKS

WEIDER CONTRACTING

BLUE RIDGE IRON

First Citizens Bank

construction risk partners

WATT TIEDER
WATT, TIEDER, HOFFAR & FITZGERALD, L.L.P.

MTR Earth
Earth Retention Systems

5 GENERATIONS STRONG
100 years
GILLESPIE & SON, INC
CHESTERTOWN, MD

GILLESPIE PRECAST
GILLESPIE & SON, INC
DCS DELMARVA CASTINGS & SUPPLY

BLUE RIDGE

Clearsite
VACUUM EXCAVATION SERVICES

SEMPER FI FAB SHOP AND MOBILE WELDING LLC

ALDRIDGE

VETERAN OWNED
G.I. JOHNS
PORTABLE SANITATION SOLUTIONS

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Upcoming Events

July 20, 2022 | 4:30-7:00PM **HCCA Summer Social**
Chantilly National Golf & Country Club - 14901 Braddock Road Centreville VA 20120

August 4, 2022 | 4:30-7:00PM **Women in Construction Summer Social**
Start: The Anderson Company | End - 2Silos Brewing Co.

Sept. 9, 2022 | Breakfast 8:00, Start 9:00 **Presidents' Cup Golf Tournament**
Twin Lakes Golf Course - 6201 Union Mill Rd, Clifton, VA 20124

Sept. 18, 2022 | Registration 8:00, Start 9:00 **Ditch Diggers Dash Benefit 5K**
2Silos Brewing - 19925 Discovery Blvd, Manassas VA 20109

Dec. 2, 2022 | 6:00-11:00PM **Holiday Party**
Hyatt Regency Dulles - 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd Herndon, VA 20171