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RAMCA CONTINUES WITH SPLIT PAVING INITIATIVE

RAMCA's year-long effort to amend the Chesterfield County Subdivision Ordinance ended in success late last year, when the County Board of Supervisors adopted revisions calling for a three-tier pavement process designed to produce a better product for the County, its citizens, VDOT and the development community. In summary, the new ordinance requires an additional inch and a half of asphalt at the tail end of the subdivision's build-out, providing a final road surface that has not been subject to substantial damage caused by construction equipment, cement trucks, etc. RAMCA has now begun similar discussions with representatives of Henrico County.

A number of developers who work in Henrico already are moving in this direction on a voluntary basis, but RAMCA believes that a change to the Henrico Subdivision Ordinance is also required in order to create a uniform and consistent specification for secondary road construction in the County.

As of this writing, RAMCA has provided the County with background information on the changes made in Chesterfield, and the reasons for same. In addition, RAMCA has requested a meeting to begin discussions on amending the County's subdivision ordinance. We will keep you posted of our progress on this important new effort.

MISS U PILOT PROGRAM

Virginia has been selected as a pilot state to use new technologies in order to further improve the excavator's notification process, the notification center's ticket processing, and the locator's dispatch process. A group invited by the Federal Office of Pipeline Safety met in May and selected teams (operators, locators, notification center, designers, and excavators) to review existing and potential issues that can be resolved by the use of new technologies. This pilot will look at possible improvements in the accuracy of identifying the location of planned excavations during the one-call process as well as other opportunities to improve the integrity of underground locating. The pilot will focus on technology-related changes such as mapping using GPS, and automated location identification. It will also look at best practices in one-call center operation and facility locates.

RAMCA made it clear, however, that before the pilot program is finalized, Virginia excavators needed to be involved. RAMCA has discussed the pilot program with

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Massoud Tahamtani at the State Corporation Commission, who has agreed to our suggestion to host a meeting of RAMCA members and others from the contractor community to discuss issues of interest so that our ideas and concerns can be considered by a task force charged with implementing the pilot program. A number of RAMCA companies have already agreed to participate, including representatives from Henkels and McCoy, Ward and Stancil, and R.J. Smith. In addition, RAMCA is requesting a seat on the task force in order to monitor the progress and activities of this effort. RAMCA believes that this pilot program represents a tremendous opportunity to overlay the latest technologies onto the current locating processes, and will keep you informed of our progress in this area.

06 MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE SITE AND DATES



The location and dates of the 2006 RAMCA Management Conference have been determined. Rancho Mirage in the southern California desert is the venue, and RAMCA members will enjoy staying at another, small, exclusive, and beautiful resort – The Lodge at Rancho Mirage. Just miles down the road from Palm Springs, the Lodge is a AAA, Four Diamond property that was formerly a Ritz Carlton hotel. It is the only resort in the Palm Springs area that sits atop a mountain, offering breathtaking views of the Santa Rosa Mountains and valleys below. Guests enjoy golf privileges at the world famous Mission Hills Country Club Golf Course, and the surrounding area is a mecca for fine dining and excellent shopping. Of course, the Lodge offers a magnificent spa, pools, tennis, and dining options on site. And hiking, jeep tours, horseback riding and more are all just a short hike from the Lodge. To learn more visit the RAMCA website at www.ramca.info and click on the 2006 RAMCA Management Conference button. The dates are April 9-13th. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Charles Luck III and Charles Luck IV of [Luck Stone Corporation](#) were recently selected as state recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year program. As a result, the Lucks are now in the running for the national Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of Year Award later on this year. Congratulations to both gentlemen and good luck in the next and final round.



TRANSPORTATION FIX – KEEP THE HEAT ON

By now all RAMCA members know that Virginia's transportation system is hurting, and will require a serious influx of cash to begin healing. The RAMCA Board of Directors continues to monitor this growing crisis, and supports solutions through RAMCA's investment in Virginians for Better Transportation. VBT was formed over a year ago as a vehicle to highlight the crisis to Virginians and the elected officials who ultimately must take a leadership role in determining and implementing solutions. Hundreds of businesses, individuals and organizations have joined VBT since then, but more members are needed in order to strengthen our collective voice.

As a direct result of VBT's efforts, all three candidates for governor and nearly every other candidate for state offices have spent considerable time discussing transportation challenges in Virginia. The topic is on everyone's agenda, and while VBT does not agree with many of the "solutions" being offered, there can be no doubt that thanks to the efforts of VBT, transportation is front and center on every candidate's agenda.

On July 11th VBT implemented its first in a series of drive-time radio messages highlighting the state's transportation dilemma and urging grassroots support for adequate funding. VBT members have made dozens of presentations around the state to local civic groups and others in an effort to maintain a growing level of grassroots support. And discussions are scheduled between the VBT leadership and the candidates for governor in the near future.

RAMCA has already made a strong financial commitment to VBT, and RAMCA's Executive Director serves on the VBT Advisory Board. But you can help as well. If you are not already a member of VBT, please visit the VBT website – www.itstimeva.org – to learn more about the many activities of VBT, and how you and your firm can support these efforts. A direct link to this website can be found on the home page of the RAMCA website – www.ramca.info.

Also, in one of his last actions, outgoing VDOT Commissioner Philip Shucet told the Senate Finance Committee on May 19th that the road maintenance backlog in Virginia is about \$3 billion, and a needs assessment underway could add to the list of projects. For example, 39 percent of Virginia's almost 12,000 highway bridges are deficient in some way, which is not surprising since 80 percent are 25 or more years old. Later in the meeting, Senate Finance Chairman John Chichester announced the appointment of a Senate subcommittee to work on transportation proposals for the 2006 General Assembly. He also appointed a 15-member citizen advisory panel that will hold its first meeting in September.

BOARD ENCOURAGES MEMBER PARTICIPATION AND WEB SITE USAGE

RAMCA board meetings have always been open to the membership. But in an effort to highlight the many activities of your association, and to encourage more active participation in the affairs of RAMCA, the RAMCA Board of Directors has adopted a policy of inviting a RAMCA member to attend, and participate, in each meeting of the board. So far this year Chris Shelton (Shelton Corporation) and Steve Burnley (Central Contracting) have joined board meetings. Both agree the experience was extremely worthwhile. RAMCA board member Dave Cosby (Sovereign Paving) not only suggested this idea but also is the RAMCA member to contact if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity. Give Dave a call, and find out the latest about RAMCA events, activities and issues, by visiting the RAMCA website at www.ramca.info.

SPRING GOLF SELL OUT

RAMCA's new site for the annual Jack Bargamin Spring Golf Outing is apparently a big hit, as record numbers of golfers turned out at Royal New Kent Golf Course on May 19th. As usual, the play was competitive, and the camaraderie excellent. The winners were:

1st Place, First Flight - Shoosmith Bros

John Childress
Mike Valerio
Bruce Kennedy
Sanders Wilhem

2nd Place, First Flight – Utiliquest

Craig Martin
Reg Taylor
Jeff Ramey
Carl Brumfeld

1st Place, Second Flight – Interstate Construction

Kenny Horak
Wes Partin
Harold Adams
David Turner

2nd Place, Second Flight – McClung-Logan

Brad Hoffler
Phil Parrish
George Masten

1st Place, Third Flight – Baldwin Contracting

Rick Baldwin
John Burrows
Bill Allen

2nd Place, Third Flight – Hanson Pipe & Products

Gerry Mulhern
Ed Plucinski
Randy Partin
Don Wagner

1st Place, Fourth Flight – Waterworks, Inc.

Todd Soady
Mike Mirron
Bryan Higgins
Ed Overman

2nd Place, Fourth Flight – Tidewater Quarries

Johnny Glazebrook
Kevin Welch
Earl Losier
Robert Spain

Closest to the Pin

Flight 1 – Bruce Kennedy
Flight 2 – Brad Hoffler
Flight 3 – Matt Stohne
Flight 4 – Todd Soady

Longest Drive

Flight 1 – Keith Young
Flight 2 – David Turner
Flight 3 – John Burrows
Flight 4 – Todd Soady



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Congrats to all of our winners and thanks to all of the RAMCA members who made this day a success. Special thanks to all of our sponsors, without whom there would be no event, and to Carter Machinery for managing all of the signage at this event. A list of sponsoring companies is attached with this newsletter.

RAMCA's next golf event is scheduled for September 15th at Hunting Hawk Golf Course. *Mark your calendars, we expect another sell out!*

STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW

On July 1st a new federal law – The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act - became effective. The new law requires employers to “shred, burn, smash, or wipe” all electronic or paper information containing personal information about an employee before such information is discarded. The FACTA is intended to minimize the growing problem of identify theft, which has become one of the fastest growing crimes in the country. While the law states that the information to be destroyed was derived from a consumer report, it would not be hard for an employee to claim employer negligence if identity theft occurred from information discarded by an employer. And while fines for violating the Act can be a couple of thousand dollars, the law specifically includes the potential for civil penalties, and those numbers could be much bigger. Recommended course of action – buy a good shredder and instruct your human resources person to use it!

EMPLOYEE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

As an employer in Virginia, you are required to post 15 (at last count) Virginia or federal employee posters in a prominent location in your place of business, including the newly created USERRA notice dealing with employee polygraph protection. In addition the list includes COBRA, Unemployment Claim Information, Wage and Hour Law Summaries, etc. Failure to post any of these notices can lead to fines of up to \$17,000 per violation. While RAMCA does not endorse any one supplier of this information, two sources for meeting these posting requirements are Personnel Concepts (800.333.3795) and The Virginia Labor Law Poster Service ((877.321.4144).

Attachments

Henrico County's Department of Public Utilities Product Review Committee recently approved three new products that will be incorporated into the county's Utility Standards. The product information is attached for your records.

Spring Golf Sponsors – Recognition Well Deserved!!

RAMCA ADDRESS CHANGE: PLEASE MAKE NOTE!

