

RAMCA NEWSLETTER

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RAMCA GOLFERS ENJOY PLAYING THE FEDERAL CLUB

A large group of RAMCA members came out to one of the area’s most exclusive golf courses, The Federal Club, to take advantage of RAMCA’s first golf event of the year, the George Bickerstaff Memorial Golf outing, which was held on June 16th. Rain showers got in the way during the final hour of play but overall members were thrilled with the course and expressed a strong desire to return next year.

RAMCA would like to recognize all of our hole sponsors, beverage cart sponsors, raffle contributors, and all of players who helped to ensure the success of this event. (Please see page 2 for a list of our sponsors.) A special thanks to Mike Harcum at Carter Machinery for managing all of the signage required at an event of this size. And here is some good news – RAMCA has just concluded negotiations with the Federal Club which will allow us to return in 2012! Check out the photos of the 2011 event on the RAMCA website.



**RAMCA
GEORGE BICKERSTAFF MEMORIAL GOLF SPONSORS**

Richmond Area Municipal Contractors Association
Annual George Bickerstaff Memorial Golf Tournament
June 16th, 2011



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CTB ADOPTS SIX-YEAR IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) recently adopted the Fiscal Years (FY) 2012-2017 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) allocating to projects almost \$3 billion in additional construction funding created by a transportation funding package heavily lobbied by RAMCA and passed by the General Assembly this year. The \$10.6 billion construction program, which increased 36 percent from \$7.8 billion in the FY 2011-2016 program, will enable important rail, transit, transportation management, bicycle, and pedestrian and highway projects to move forward.

The FY 2012-2017 SYIP includes \$8.3 billion for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and \$2.3 billion for the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). The program is comprised of more than 900 projects. The package included \$1.8 billion in Capital Project Revenue (CPR) Bonds, \$1.1 billion of Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) Bonds, and \$283 million for the capitalization of the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank funds (VTIB). The CPR Bonds will be issued over three years, with \$600 million each year in FY 2011, FY 2012 and FY 2013. The GARVEE Bonds will be issued over the next three years, including \$623 million in FY 2012, \$242 million in FY 2013 and \$242 million in FY 2014.



The CTB today also approved budgets for the Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF), DRPT and VDOT for FY 2012. The CTF budget identifies the estimated revenues and the distribution of the revenues related to the transportation agencies. The FY 2012 CTF budget totals \$5.3 billion, a 41 percent increase over the FY 2011 CTF budget of \$3.7 billion. The \$1.6 billion increase is largely attributable to the bond funding provided by the governor's transportation funding package allocated in FY 2012 and improved revenue estimates.

VDOT's budget totals \$4.8 billion for FY 2012, a 43 percent increase from the \$3.3 billion FY 2011 budget. The budget provides \$2.3 billion for highway construction, more than double the FY 2011 amount. It also includes \$1.8 billion for VDOT highway maintenance and operations as well as locality street maintenance payments.

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CHANGES ON RAMCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Due to changes in employment and a resignation, the RAMCA Board of Directors has made a number of appointments, in accordance with the RAMCA Bylaws, to fill open slots until the next election of Board members is held in November of this year.

Johnny Glazebrook (Branscome Richmond) has moved from the Vice President to President's slot. Director Buddy Hummel (Henkels & McCoy, Inc.) has been appointed Vice President. Congrats to both gentlemen on these appointments. For a current listing of board members please visit the RAMCA website.



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

RAMCA wants to recognize longtime member firm J.E. Liesfeld Contractor, Inc., for providing free services to a very important community service effort in Richmond. For some time there has been both interest and contention regarding the discovery, and then the preservation plan for what was believed to be a burial ground for slaves and free blacks in downtown Richmond. Company President Joe Liesfeld indicated that his family had lived and worked in Richmond for generations, and he was very pleased to be a part of this effort. Liesfeld was part of a team of contractors who provided work to restore the site that included removing ten inches of asphalt and gravel, installing an irrigation system, and finishing off the site by applying nine inches of fill material topped off with one inch of sod. This is something that surely needed to be done, and RAMCA is proud that one of our members assisted in this important restoration process.



RAMCA / VUHCC WORK WITH DMV STUDY GROUP ON TRUCK FEES

The 2011 General Assembly passed HB 2022 which directs DMV, in consultation with the Commonwealth's Commissioner of Highways (Transportation) and the Executive Director of the Virginia Port Authority, to develop a comprehensive, tiered schedule of fees for overweight vehicles. The legislation specifically requires that consideration be given to the Virginia Department of Transportation's research on the cost impact of damage to Virginia's highways from overweight vehicles, the administrative feasibility of such fee structure, and the impact of such fee structure on the Commonwealth's economic competitiveness. Findings from this study will be presented to the Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability by December 15, 2011.

DMV has now held a series of meetings on this subject as required by the legislation and RAMCA (representing our statewide industry group, the Virginia Utility and Heavy Contractors Council (VUHCC), along with a large group of other industry stakeholders, has been very involved in these discussions. These negotiations are moving towards their critical stages and a number of proposals have been flatly rejected, while others seem to have promise. Whatever the final recommendations are, they must be presented to a legislative commission and then be presented to the 2012 session of the Virginia General Assembly for passage. So there are many miles to go but these changes will ultimately cost contractors more money and will be probably be on the books for many years to come, so it is important that the VUHCC be involved early and often in this process. We will keep you posted as the matter comes into better focus.

In the meantime please find **attached** a copy of the letter from the Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, Delegate Joe May, creating this study, along with the overall outline of how the study is being conducted, and the different areas being examined.



RAMCA SET TO JOIN COALITION LOOKING AT BURDENSOME REGULATIONS

A number of business organizations are in the process of forming a coalition called “Small Business for Sensible Regulation”. This group is not going to yell about such things as eliminating the EPA. Instead the coalition will try and position itself as a reasonable voice for those that are concerned that much of the new regulations coming out of Washington will have tangible, adverse consequences for Virginia’s business community, employment, and the state’s future prosperity. RAMCA is now in the process of evaluating this new group and will probably be one of its early supporters. If that is the case, RAMCA will keep you informed regarding the direction taken by the group as there may be some issues that RAMCA’s individual member firms may want to weigh-in on as well.

HANOVER COUNTY SEEKS INPUT ON NEW WATER / SEWER STANDARDS

RAMCA was recently contacted by representatives from Hanover County’s Department of Public Utilities regarding proposed changes to their water and sewer standards. These changes, along with a summary of the most important revisions, were recently sent to all RAMCA members for comments. Members are reminded that Hanover must receive your comments no later than August 31st, and that RAMCA is requesting that you provide us with a copy of any of your concerns. Now is the time to comment about any of the proposed revisions to the standards. You can scream later but no one will listen.



In Memoriam

RAMCA members were deeply saddened to recently learn of the passing of two representatives of RAMCA member firms, both of whom were industry leaders and exceptional individuals. Our deepest condolences go out to the families and friends of Gordon F. Penick Jr., and Louis Smith.

Mr. Penick passed on April 12th. He began his career as an inspector for VDOT and ended it as Chairman of Lee Hy Paving. In between, he served as President of Virginia Asphalt Association, President of the Virginia Road Builders Association, and Chairman of the National Asphalt Pavement Association.

Mr. Smith passed away on July 3rd. Louis was the long time President of Louis Smith Construction Company, which has always enjoyed a stellar reputation among industry peers and customers. Much of that had to do with Louis' always happy demeanor and his commitment to please everyone he came in contact with. He was a master landscaper and considered an expert in the construction of timber-framed dwellings. He loved to sail the Chesapeake Bay.