



BREAKING NEWS!

Buckingham Branch Railroad announces the opening of the Buckingham Branch Railroad (BBRR) Transload Facility in Keysville, Virginia

The BBRR Transload Facility is adjacent to the Heartland Business Park. Heartland has over 400 acres available, with the largest site being over 260 acres. It provides easy access to US 360 and US 460, has roads and utilities in place, including dual power from Southside Electric Cooperative and Dominion Energy, is home to a Mid-Atlantic Broadband Cooperative node and Lot 2 has a 10-acre graded pad and a virtual shell building of 150,000 sf. The Heartland Business Park is a Regional Industrial Facility Authority (RIFA) managed park, developed in partnership with Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Lunenburg and Prince Edward counties. [View a video of the Transload Facility.](#)

Executive Director Jeff Reed and Lisa Kipps-Brown talk Shop Local

Jeff Reed, Executive Director of VGA, was the special guest on Lisa Kipps-Brown's most recent Adaptable Entrepreneurs Facebook Live show. They discussed the importance of Shop Local in economic development as well as specific information about Shop Local VGA, the regional online marketplace.



[Watch Now](#)

Summer Issue of The Virginian is coming next week!

The new issue of The Virginian, our lifestyle magazine, will be coming out next week. If you missed the Spring Issue, though, now's a good time to catch up!



It includes news about topics like testing of unmanned aerial systems in Lawrenceville to see how they can be used to assist medical professionals in their fight to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

[Read it now!](#)

VGA COVID-19 Economic Recovery Updates

REBUILD VIRGINIA Grant Program For Small Businesses & Nonprofits

The Commonwealth is launching a new grant program for small businesses and nonprofits called Rebuild VA. The program will provide grants of up to three times the applicant's average monthly eligible expenses up to a maximum award of \$10,000. The application will become available on August 10, 2020.

These grants are aimed at assisting small businesses and nonprofits that have faced economic distress as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible entities include those in the following industry sectors: restaurant and beverage service, non-essential retail, exercise and fitness, personal care and personal grooming, entertainment and public amusement, private campgrounds, and overnight summer camps.

More details about the program, including eligibility criteria, may be found by visiting <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/rebuildva/>. We hope that you will share this information widely with your networks.

Go Virginia Region 3 Aids Regional Coalition For COVID Recovery

Virginia's Growth Alliance is a partner in a Bridge to Recovery program to support the GO Virginia Region 3 service area as it recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bridge to Recovery program recently received a \$925,000 grant from GO Virginia to assist with providing immediate and impactful funding for businesses through the recovery periods of the COVID-19 pandemic and to bridge supply chain needs of companies with service providers.

The program's vision is to ensure the support is immediate, that it deploys the GO Virginia contributions to work inside the region and that it makes a lasting impact on

the businesses it supports. The funds will be leveraged by organizational match with potential for public and private sector contributions and will provide support to businesses located within all localities in GO Virginia Region 3. [Find out more here.](#)

**Virginia Department Of Labor And Industry (DOLI)
NEW Emergency Temporary Standard, Infectious Disease Prevention
Regulations**

Plans must be developed in 30 days.

The new DOLI regulations came into effect upon publication in a Richmond newspaper. [View the classified ad in the Richmond Times-Dispatch.](#)



- [Read the DOLI News Release](#)
- [Emergency Temporary Standard Regulation - Effective July 27, 2020](#)
- [Emergency Temporary Standard Training Presentation](#)
- [Nine Steps to Achieve Compliance](#)
- [VOSH Programs Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resources](#)

July 15th Governor Release: Virginia Adopts First-in-the-Nation Workplace Safety Standards for COVID-19 Pandemic

Governor Ralph Northam announced Wednesday the adoption of statewide emergency workplace safety standards in response to the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. These first-in-the-nation safety rules will protect Virginia workers by mandating appropriate personal protective equipment, sanitation, social distancing, infectious disease preparedness and response plans, record keeping, training, and hazard communications in workplaces across the Commonwealth. The actions come in the absence of federal guidelines. [Read the full release.](#)

Webinar: New DOLI Emergency Regulation & Its Impact on Virginia Businesses

Presented by the Virginia Chamber of Commerce on July 28. [A recording of the webinar may be viewed here.](#)



It's not always about the money... Until it is.

The Pack Fund is a small lending pool of money, intended to help small businesses by providing non-traditional, low-interest financing for start-ups and expansions. It is provided by VGA in partnership with DHCD, the Longwood SBDC and the Lake Country Development Corporation. [Find out more.](#)

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