

Treasurer's Office Recognized for Achieving Accreditation



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The Arlington County Treasurer's Office achieved its annual accreditation from the Treasurers' Association of Virginia (TAV) on June 24, 2024. The Office Accreditation Program is a voluntary professional certificate program overseen by the TAV.

As part of the accreditation process, offices must successfully pass an outside audit with no findings of material weakness. While it is not required for any treasurer's office to be accredited, receiving accreditation acknowledges that the office meets the statewide best practices for performance in treasury management. "These offices exemplify our Association's standards of excellence and integrity," says Treasurers' Association President Jody Acosta. "We are proud of the commitment and dedication shown by the offices which received accreditation this year."

This news comes just a few short weeks before Arlington's primary tax due date of October 5, when Real Estate Taxes (2nd installment) and Personal Property Taxes are due. The Treasurer's Office will accept payments at two satellite locations again this year – Arlington Mill and Lubber Run Community Centers – where taxes can be paid in person September 23 to 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, September 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The rigorous accreditation process also requires proof of continuing education, such as completion of an ethics course by the treasurer (or a principal officer), and educational requirements for all staff. Accredited offices are required to have written policies in place addressing areas such as personnel, customer service, and delinquent collections.

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About the Treasurers' Association of Virginia: The TAV has 180 active members across Virginia's counties, cities, and towns. Its goal is to utilize education and networking to raise professionalism and fiscal leadership in Virginia's Treasurers and their staffs. The Association hosts multiple classes and conferences to support its members and enable offices to stay current in practices and standards. Members adhere to a strict code of ethics and to the highest standards of

performance as they seek to faithfully administer the funds entrusted to them by the citizens of Virginia. For more information on the TAV, visit www.vatreas.org.

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