# **Virginia Recycling Association: Annual Conference Agenda**

**Great Wolf Lodge – October 4-6, 2021**

**Monday, Oct 4**

**9am-3pm: Registration and Exhibitor Set-up**

**10am: Tour of the Recovery Operations Center located at 520 Atkinson Blvd, Newport News VA 23608.** Facility Tour will include processing areas and the receiving areas for trash, brush conversion, composting, recycling, white goods recycling, Household Hazardous Waste and E-cycling, as well as a tour of the retired landfill at Denbigh.

**1pm: Tour of Owens Illinois, Recycled Glass Bottle Manufacturer,** [**150 Industrial Blvd, Toano, VA 23168**](https://www.bing.com/local?lid=YN873x133834864&id=YN873x133834864&q=Owens-Illinois+LLC&name=Owens-Illinois+LLC&cp=37.38605880737305%7e-76.79932403564453&ppois=37.38605880737305_-76.79932403564453_Owens-Illinois+LLC)**.** Plant tour will include an overview of how glass is made from recycled cullet and other raw materials, which participants will also get to see first-hand. All participants MUST wear face masks and steel/carbon-toed boots or shoes. Jeans or slacks and long-sleeved shirts are highly recommended.

**Tuesday, Oct 5**

**8-9am: Registration**

* **8-9am: Breakfast with Exhibitors**
* **9-10am: Recycling Reality Check: Regional Recycling Panel**
	+ Central VA - Kim Hines
	+ Shenandoah Valley - Mike Neese
	+ NOVA - Erik Grabowski
	+ SWVA - Toby Edwards
	+ Tidewater - Kristy Rines
* **10-10:30am: Exhibitor Meet and Greet/Coffee Break**
* **10:30-11:30am: Market Updates**
	+ Glass Packaging Institute - Scott DeFife
	+ Greif - Mike Felker
	+ McGill Compost -Gary Gittere
* **11:30-12pm: Exhibitor Meet and Greet/Coffee Break**
* **12:00-1PM: Keynote SERDC - Will Sager**
* **1-2pm: Collegiate Recycling Panel**
	+ Virginia Tech - Teresa Sweeney
	+ Radford University - Neil Thompson
	+ NOVA Community College - Robert Johnson
* **2-2:30pm: Exhibitor Meet and Greet/Coffee Break**
* **2:30-3:15pm: Recycling Outreach and Education**
	+ James City County Glass Program - Kate Sipes
	+ SCS Engineers - Brent L. Dieleman
* **3:15-4:00pm: MRF Sorting Technologies and Data Collection** - Joe Benedetto
	+ Door prize drawing
* **5-6:30pm: Hide Your Wild Side Exhibitor Reception: Camo attire encouraged**

**Wednesday, Oct 6**

* **8-9am: Registration**
* **8-9am: Breakfast with Exhibitors**
* **9-10am: DEQ**
	+ Single Use Plastics Legislation Overview - Meghann Quinn, DEQ
	+ DEQ UPDATE - Prina
* **10-10:30am: Exhibitor Meet and Greet/Coffee Break**
* **10:30-11:15: What do you want from *your* VRA? Townhall meeting**
	+ Lead by Executive VRA Board Members –-Teresa, Stephanie, and Billy
	+ Door prize drawing