

Unclaimed Property!?

*What exactly are we talking
about here?*



**We are a division of the
Department of the Treasury.**



Treasurer Manju Ganeriwala

It's the law

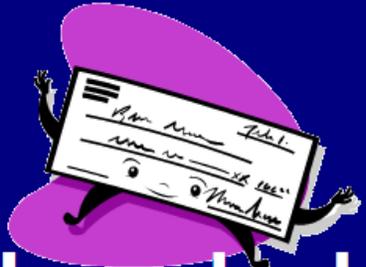
Virginia Unclaimed Property Act of 1961

Treasurer becomes Custodian

Purpose of the Unclaimed Property Law

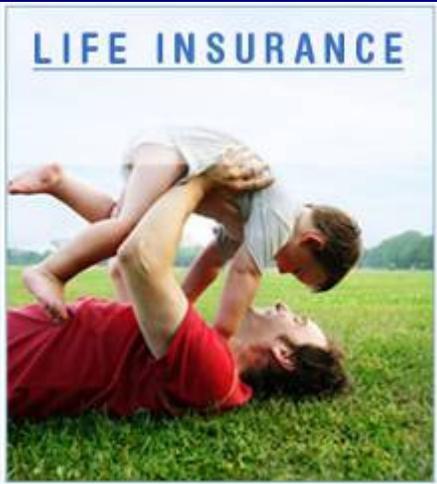
- Threefold purpose:
 1. Protect the interests and property rights of the lost owner
 2. Relieve the holder from the expense and liability associated with the property
 3. Ensure that any economic windfalls benefit the public, not the chance possessor

Some of the items we're holding include



Uncashed Checks

Safe Deposit Boxes



**We've received over one
BILLION dollars since 1961**

**and the amount is always
growing!**



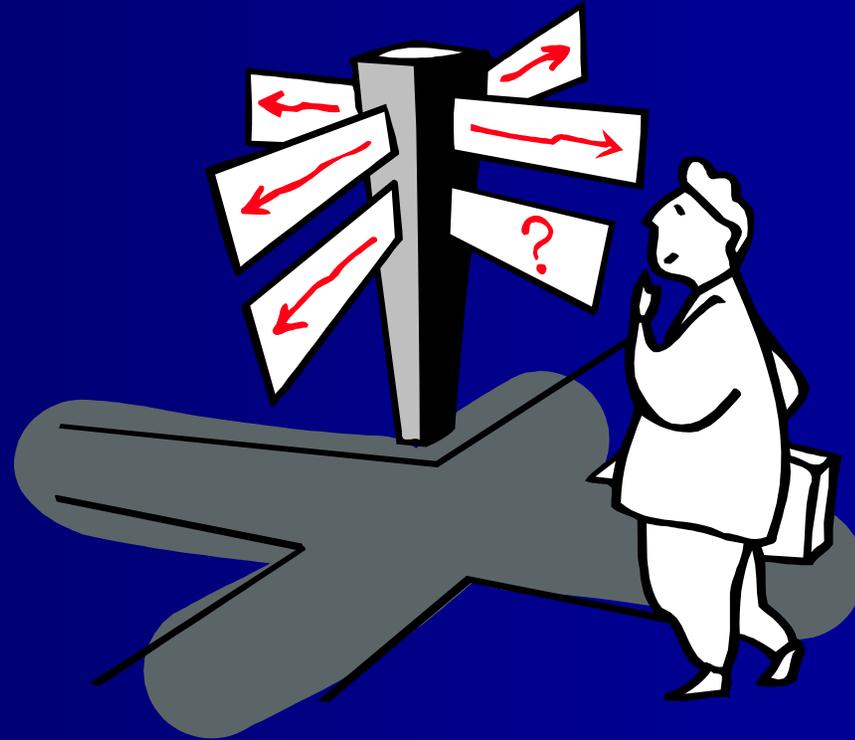
One in seven Virginians
has unclaimed property.



Everyone should know...

- 1. How property becomes unclaimed**
- 2. How to look for missing money**
- 3. How to avoid losing property**

How does property become unclaimed?



Property becomes unclaimed when...

- the holder has not had contact with the owner of the property for a specified period of time.
- there has been no activity generated by the owner.



How can I look for missing money?



- Anyone can look for unclaimed funds in their name online.
- Go to www.VaMoneySearch.org

1. Click on the search icon.

To learn more about a topic, click on a picture.



Frequently Asked Questions & general information



See if the Commonwealth is holding your forgotten funds



Check your [inquiry status](#)



[NVTA claim form](#) & instructions



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[Invite a representative to your event](#) to search for funds



2. Select search by name.

Unclaimed Property Search

The Virginia Department of the Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division may be holding your uncashed paychecks, lost stocks, bonds, dividends, utility deposits, insurance claims and more.



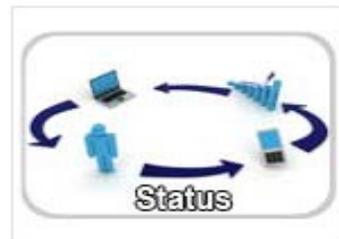
[Search your name](#) for unclaimed property in Virginia



Skip the property search and go directly to the [Unclaimed Property Inquiry Form](#)



Inquire about a name published in the [newspaper](#)



Check your [inquiry status](#)



Submit a claim for a [Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Refund](#)

3. Enter your name.

Step 1 of 5

To search for Unclaimed Property, type your name in the box below and click the "Search" button. You may also search for your family members by entering their name in the boxes below.

Detailed Search Simple Search

Detailed Search

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name (required)

Search

4. Add any properties that match your address.

«« First « Previous Page 1 of 1 Next » Last »»

Search Results



New Search

Select

Name ▼

Last Known Address



Add

Potter , Harry James

Fredericksburg ,VA

Select ADD to add an item to your SAVED ITEMS list.

Select "I'm Finished" to submit an inquiry for these items.



Clear My Items

I'm Finished ►

5. Review and confirm all properties.

Confirmation			
Remove	Name	Last Known Address	Agency
 Remove	Potter , Harry	Fredericksburg ,VA	Virginia Treasury

 **New Search**  **Submit**

6. Provide your former addresses.

Enter previous HOME or BUSINESS addresses for the person or business you are submitting. The more addresses you enter, the more chance we will find your property.

Enter the ADDRESS, CITY and ZIP CODE then click the "Add" button to add each address. Click the "Edit" button to edit an address that you have already entered.

Previous Virginia Addresses				
Address	City	State	Zip Code	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	VA	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add"/>

Select "I'm Finished" when you are finished adding ALL addresses.

◀ Previous

I'm Finished ▶

7. We correspond via email, phone, and mail.

* Current Mailing Address

* City *State * Zip Code (5 Digit)

* Email Address

* Verify Email

Telephone - -



Submit

It's quick and easy!



No computer?



- Request a search in writing:

Virginia Department of the
Treasury

Unclaimed Property Division

P.O. Box 2485

Richmond, VA 23218



**Every state has an
unclaimed property
program!**

Visit:



missingmoney.comsm

How can I avoid losing my property?

- Notify all businesses of new address
- Renew Forwarding Order after 6 months

How can I avoid losing my property?

- Contact banks annually
- Make a list of assets, investments, and policies

Partnership

Let us provide Outreach!



Kaine uses town halls to dole out money



Kaine

Some in audiences received funds for unclaimed property

BY OLYMPIA MEOLA
Times-Dispatch Staff Writer

During Gov. Timothy M. Kaine's town-hall meetings throughout the state, he took feedback and then he gave back.

Staff members from the state's Division of Unclaimed Property accompanied Kaine on 16 of his 20 trips to run attendees' names through a database of unclaimed money turned over to the state, including tax returns, stocks, utility deposits and uncashed paychecks.

By the last meeting, they had found 342 people or organizations owed a total of \$65,000.

Those who attended cashed in. As it turned out, the state even owed Kaine money at one point.

Kaine learned on a visit to the treasury office early in his gubernatorial career, before he knew the office of unclaimed property existed, that he had money coming to him.

"I ended up walking away with a \$700 check. And it was right before Christmas, so it was perfect," he told the town-hall crowd in Fredericksburg.

The money trail continued along his tour. The Loudoun County school system learned when

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Giving back

The state's unclaimed-property division has collected more than \$1 billion since its founding in 1961.

Find out if you have money waiting by clicking on this story at inRich.com.

Property

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Kaine held a town-hall meeting in the county that it was owed about \$7,000, Kaine said. And the mayor of Wytheville cashed in on Kaine's stop there.

"I think it's a hoot," said Mayor Trent Crewe, whose wife also was in the system. "We made a little over \$10 between the two of us."

The division has received more than \$1 billion in unclaimed property since its inception in 1961, said Brooke Bredel, marketing specialist for the division, which was started chiefly to protect the rights of absentee owners and to reunite people with their property.

Businesses must report unclaimed property to the state after a certain period of dormancy. The state then holds the money in perpetuity, meaning

it's never absorbed into the general fund or used to pay for, say, roads.

The office does allow the state's literary fund to borrow money at a low interest rate while the office waits to pay claims.

So how do you find out if you are the one in every seven people in Virginia who has money waiting?

Log on to www.vamoneysearch.org and click to search unclaimed property in Virginia. Type in your name and see what comes up. The division also publishes owners' names in newspapers annually.

Sometimes recipients will receive a check in the mail for only a few dollars or so. But you never know, Crewe said. "The moral of the story is, everybody needs to check."

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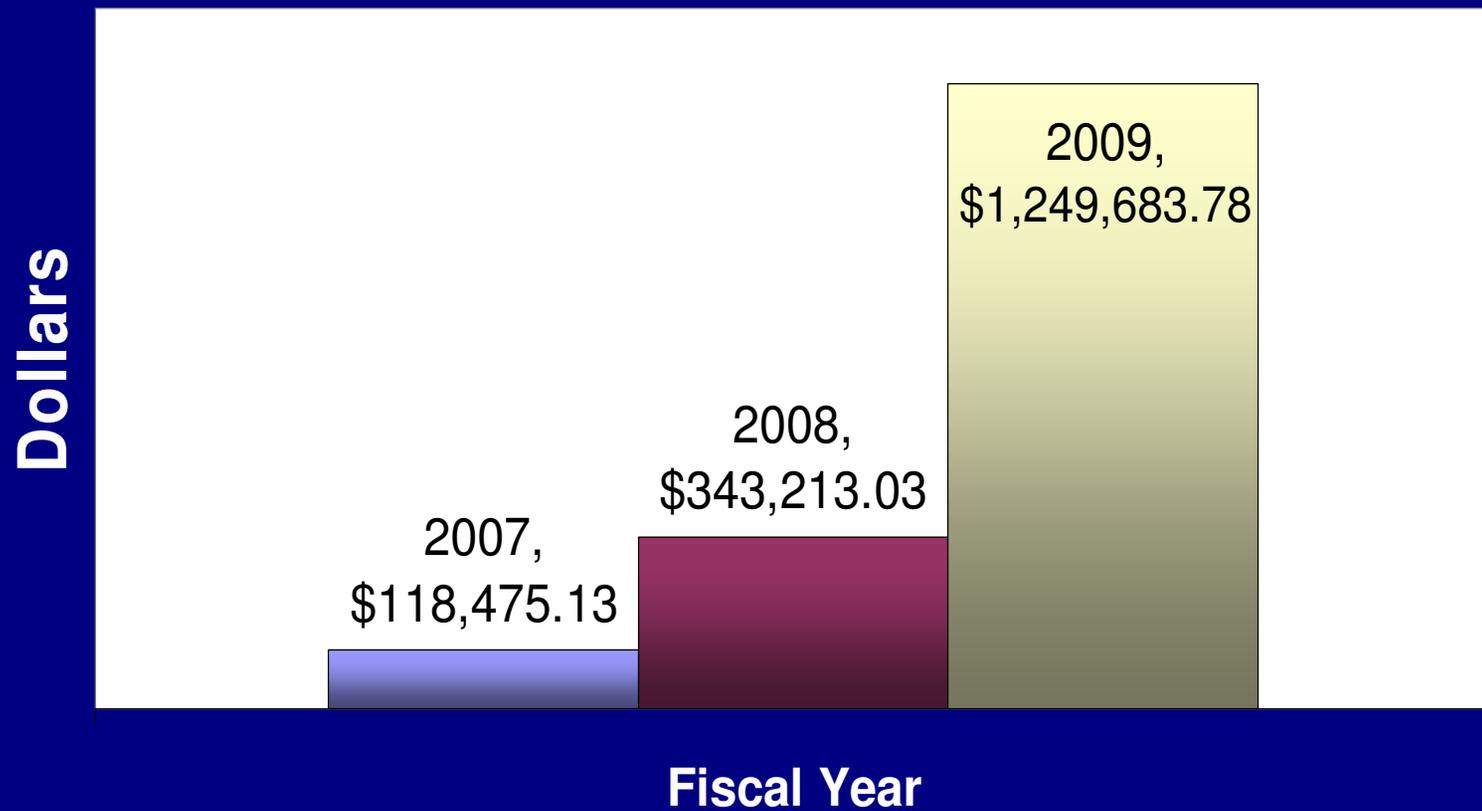
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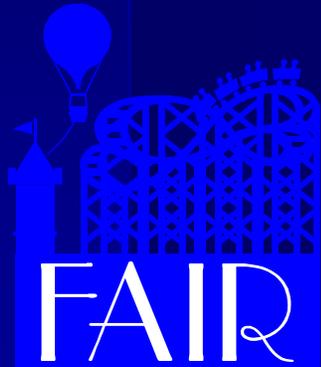
Results

Money Returned Through Outreach



Most Successful Events

Event Name	Location	# of names checked	# hits	# misses	\$ Total	Shares
Better with Age sponsored by AARP VA	Williamsburg	498	79	419	\$ 14,521.22	64
House & Senate Public Hearings (Alexandria, Newport News, Charlottesville, Lynchburg)	multiple loc.	485	138	347	\$ 16,265.03	387.591
City Tax Deadline	Charlottesville	1583	278	1305	\$ 33,352.77	160.2
Newport News Women's Networking	Newport News	140	101	39	\$ 35,560.02	0
TRIAD	Smithfield	522	112	410	\$ 46,176.77	478
State Fair of Virginia	Richmond	847	209	638	\$ 49,913.89	977
Governor's Community Cabinet Day	Penninsula	165	26	139	\$ 83,745.77	0
Washington County Fair	Abingdon	1950	372	1578	\$ 193,783.00	117.237
Virginia Kentucky Fair and Horse Show	Wise	2451	549	1902	\$ 663,291.49	24270.8
					\$ 1,136,609.96	



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Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

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