



# Prince George County Economic Development and Tourism News, Meetings and Events

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## Announcements

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## Increased Tourism Spending In The Region Good For Economy

Visitors to our region, which encompasses Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, and Prince George, spent \$364 million in 2016. This was an increase of \$15.6 million over what visitors spent in 2015, according to U. S. Travel Association (USTA) data reported to the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The expenditures include meals, lodging, public transportation, auto transportation, shopping, admissions and entertainment. Local governments in the region collected \$26.7 million in local tax revenue resulting from these expenditures, while the Commonwealth received over \$15.8 million as a result of tourism activity here. Each of the six PART (Petersburg Area Regional Tourism) localities saw increases in tourism spending. Tourism supports over 3,750 jobs in the region, generating a payroll of \$73+ million.

On September 5th, Governor Terry McAuliffe released the 2016 tourism economic impact data by locality. Tourism expenditures in the Commonwealth reached \$23.7 billion last year. "Virginia's tourism industry is a critical component of the new Virginia economy, providing jobs for our citizens and funneling millions of dollars back into our communities", said Governor McAuliffe.

Rick Young, President of the PART Board of Directors, said "PART is thrilled to welcome large numbers of visitors to the region and gratified that PART numbers reflect continuing growth. PART is contributing to growth in the region's economy through its marketing initiatives. We know that the number of visits to the PART website and Facebook page continue to grow and we are contacted daily by people from throughout the country who request information about this area, but it is especially exciting when the numbers are released and they confirm PART's message - there is much to see, to do, to experience and to enjoy in 'The Best PART of Virginia'".

PART continues to produce a vibrant visitor guide, *LOVE Happens in the Best PART of Virginia*. These guides are distributed through all of Virginia's welcome centers, many local visitor centers, and in retail outlets throughout the Richmond Metro Area.

Contact Martha Burton, Director of Tourism at PART, with questions or to obtain copies of the visitor guide; [mburton@craterpdc.org](mailto:mburton@craterpdc.org) or (804) 861-1666. Visit the PART website at [www.petersburgarea.org](http://www.petersburgarea.org) and "friend" them on Facebook.

## Prince George Business Roundtable

## and News

Access the County's *Announcements and News* page for up-to-date articles as they affect the County and County Government.

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## Alumni Dinner

The County of Prince George will host a Business Roundtable Alumni Dinner on October 4, 2017, 6:00pm, at the Country Club of Petersburg, 1250 Flank Road, South Prince George.

Ms. Elizabeth Creamer, Vice President of Workforce Development and Credential Attainment, will be the keynote speaker to the group, which include members of the Board of Supervisors, as well as local and state elected officials.



If you are a licensed County business owner and would like to attend this event, obtain more information on this group, or would like to be considered for the 2018 class, please contact Jeff Stoke at [jstoke@princegeorgecountyva.gov](mailto:jstoke@princegeorgecountyva.gov) or 804-722-8612. Recruitment for the 2018 class will begin after the first of the year, with the first meeting anticipated for February 2018.

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## FREE Small Business Workshop

The Virginia Department of Small Business Supplier Diversity (SBSD) will hold a workshop for small businesses to learn how to sell themselves to the Commonwealth by bids on various projects (depending on the business). The SBSBD will go through extensive information on navigating Virginia's Procurement Portal (eVA) and the Value of Small, Women-owned, and Minority-owned Business (SWaM) and Micro Business Certifications.

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017

Location: Prince George Library  
6605 Courts Drive, Prince George, VA 23875

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

The event is FREE; however, advance registration is required. Go to [www.sbsd.virginia.gov/business-development-and-](http://www.sbsd.virginia.gov/business-development-and-)

If you have questions concerning this event, you can contact Randy Brown at [randy.brown@sbsd.virginia.gov](mailto:randy.brown@sbsd.virginia.gov) or 804-371-8258.

### Stay Connected



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## Open For Business:



**Big Lots!** held a grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration on August 25 at its new store, located at 5260 Oaklawn Boulevard, North Prince George.

Prince George County and the Hopewell/Prince George Chamber of Commerce congratulate this business and welcome them to



## Mark Your Calendar

Access the *County Calendar* to see a listing of key dates and upcoming events in and around the County.

[Calendar Link](#)

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## Key Dates and Upcoming Events:

### September:

- 15 - Petersburg Area Regional Tourism (PART) Board Meeting, P.G. Regional Heritage Center, 6406 Courthouse Road, 11:00am - 1:00pm.
- 15 - Prince George County Community Police Academy (every Tues. & Fri. until Nov. 17), PG Police Department, Roll Call Room, 6600 Courthouse Rd., 2:00pm - 4:30pm.
- 15 - Prince George Promise Board meeting, Prince George Library, Large Meeting Room, 6605 Courts Drive, 2:00pm.
- 15 - 30th Annual Crab Feast - Home Builders Assoc. of Southside VA (\$35/\$38), HBA Pavilion, 10300 Corporate Road, South Prince George, 5:00pm.
- 15-16 - World War I Reenactment, Ft. Lee, VA.
- 16 - Farmers' Market, Scott Park Pavilion, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 8:00am - 12:00pm.
- 16 - *Harbor Blast: Shrimp Blast* featuring "Flashback" & "The El Caminos" (Tix \$30 in advance + free parking), Appomattox Boat Harbor, 1604 Fine Street, Prince George, 5:00pm.
- 18 - 35 yr. Celebration - Prince George Churches Outreach Food and Clothes Bank, Gregory Memorial, Social Hall, 6300 Courthouse Rd, Prince George, 11:00am.
- 18 - 16th Annual Drug Court Graduation Ceremony, Prince George Circuit Court, 6601 Courts Drive, 3:30pm.
- 19 - Celebrate Recovery Month with Riverside Criminal Justice Agency, Scott Park Pavilion, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 5:30pm - 7:00pm.
- 19 - Burrowsville Library Board Meeting, Burrowsville Community Center/Library, 18701 James River Drive, 12:00pm.
- 20 - Prince George County Remembers Those Who Served - WWI & WWII Mobile Tour, Scott Park, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 1:00pm - 7:00pm.
- 20 - The Great Beefsteak Raid Dinner (Tickets \$25/adult beverage tickets additional \$5 at the gate), Scott Park Pavilion, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 4:00pm - 7:00pm.
- 20 - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee Meeting, 6602 Courts Drive, 2nd Floor Break Room, Administration Building, 6:00pm - 9:00pm.
- 21 - United Way of Hopewell/Prince George 2017-2018 Campaign Kickoff, John Randolph Foundation, 112 N. Main Street, Hopewell, 11:30am - 1:30pm.
- 21 - ARWA and SCWWA Board of Directors' Meeting at the ARWA Office, 21300 Chesdin Rd, S.Chesterfield, 2:00pm.
- 21 - LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meeting, Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 6520 Laurel Spring Road, 4:00pm - 5:00pm.
- 21 - Citizens' Academy Meeting (Co. Attorney, Community Corrections & Riverside Regional Jail), Riverside Regional Jail Office, 500 FOLAR Trail, North Prince George, 6:00pm - 9:00pm.
- 21 - Prince George Fire/EMS Advisory Committee Meeting, Board Room, 3rd Floor, Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, 7:00pm - 10:00pm.
- 23-24 - Kevin Ferguson Scholarship Baseball Tournament, Prince George County Ball Fields. Game times vary.
- 23 - Farmers' Market, Scott Park Pavilion, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 8:00am -12:00pm.
- 23 - "Warrior Boot Camp" - adjacent to the Farmers' Market (every-other Sat.), Scott Park, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 8:30am - 9:30am.
- 23 - "Hogs For The House" Fall Open House & Benefit Cook-Off Competition for the James House, Colonial Harley

- Davidson, 1701 Temple Parkway, Prince George,  
10:00am - 4:00pm.
- 23 - Multi-Shelter Adoption Event (6 local shelters to participant), River Street Market (across from Crocker's Spot, Petersburg), 10:00am - 12:00pm.
- 23 - Prince George Fire Company #1 60th Anniversary Celebration, PGVFD Company 1, 6500 Courthouse Road, 10:00am - 3:00pm.
- 23 - Carson VFD Annual Steak Feast, Rives Ruritan Club, 16015 South Crater Rd, South Prince George, 4:00pm - 7:00pm.
- 23 - "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Fundraiser Dance, American Legion Post 120, 5115 County Drive, Disputanta, 4:00pm - 8:00pm.
- 24 - First Responder Sunday - A Special Service, Faith Baptist Church, 5501 Middle Road, Prince George, 10:45am - 12:00pm.
- 25 - Prince George TRIAD "End of the Summer" Picnic and Meeting, Scott Park Pavilion, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 12:00pm - 2:30pm.
- 26 - Board of Supervisors Meeting, Board Room, 3rd Floor, Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, 7:00pm.
- 27 - 15th Anniversary Celebration for Drug Court (Hopewell/Prince George/Surry), The Beacon Theatre, 401N. Main St, Hopewell, VA 23860, 5:00pm - 7:00pm.
- 27 - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee Meeting, 6602 Courts Drive, 2nd Floor Break Room, Administration Building, 6:00pm - 9:00pm.
- 28 - Riverside Regional Jail Finance Committee Meeting and Board Meeting, Riverside Regional Jail Office, 12:00pm and 2:00pm respectively.
- 28 - Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, 3rd Floor, Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, 6:30pm.
- 30 - Farmers' Market, Scott Park Pavilion, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 8:00am - 12:00pm.
- 30 - Annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day (The Soldier Support Center at 8:30am) & The Retiree Ball (The Lee Club, Bldg. 9009, Battle Dr., at 5:00pm).
- 30 - "Cover The Cruiser", sponsored by the P.G. Police Department, Virginia State Fair, Meadow Event Park, 4:00pm - 10:00pm.
- 30 - *Harbor Blast*: featuring "PoisonousCru" & "Shameless Band", tickets \$10 + free parking, Appomattox Boat Harbor, 1604 Fine Street, Prince George, 5:00pm.

**October:**

- 2 - Prince George Social Services Advisory Board, Social Services Office, 6450 Administration Drive, 9:00am.
- 2 - "Funding The Right Transportation Projects" - VDOT Richmond District Fall Transportation Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, 800 Southpark Blvd., Colonial Heights, VA, 4:00pm.
- 4 - Prince George Business Roundtable Alumni Dinner, Country Club of Petersburg, 1250 Flank Road, Petersburg, 6:00pm.
- 4 - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee Meeting, 6602 Courts Drive, 2nd Floor Break Room, Administration Building, 6:00pm - 9:00pm.
- 5 - Annual Rib Fest, sponsored by the H/P Crime Solvers, Scott Park Pavilion, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 4:00pm - 7:00pm.
- 7 - Farmers' Market, Scott Park Pavilion, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 8:00am - 12:00pm.
- 7 - "Warrior Boot Camp" - adjacent to the Farmers' Market, Scott Park, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 8:30am - 9:30am.
- 7 - "Community Shred Day & Canned Food Drive" - sponsored by Fort Lee FCU & PG Police Department, Ft. Lee FCU, 4495 Crossings Boulevard, Prince George,



- 9:00am - 12:00pm.
- 8 - Crater District Boy Scout Day, Gregory Memorial Church, 6300 Courthouse Road, Prince George, VA 23875, 9:00am - 2:00pm.
- 9 - Columbus Day Holiday - County Government Offices CLOSED.
- 9 - Prince George County School Board Meeting, Board Room, 3rd Floor, Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, 6:30pm.
- 10 - Board of Supervisors Meeting, Board Room, 3rd Floor, Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, 7:00pm.
- 11 - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee Meeting, 6602 Courts Drive, 2nd Floor Break Room, Administration Building, 6:00pm - 9:00pm.
- 12 - "Open House", Prince George County Police Department, 6600 Courthouse Road, Prince George, 5:00pm - 7:30pm.
- 12 - Citizens' Academy Meeting (Fire/EMS, Emergency Mngmt., and Police Dept.), Prince George EOC & Police Dept., 6520 Laurel Spring Road, 6:00pm - 9:00pm.
- 14 - Farmers' Market, Scott Park Pavilion, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 8:00am - 12:00pm.
- 14 - Zumba to Fight Breast Cancer, \$5 w/ all proceeds to the American Cancer Society, PG Parks & Rec Community Center, 11100 Old Stage Road, 9:30am - 11:30am.
- 15 - Pet Rabies Clinic, hosted by Prince George Co. Animal Services, Burrowsville Community Center, 18701 James River Dr., 9:00am - 11:00am.
- 16 - LAST DAY To Register To Vote IF NOT Already registered. Contact Prince George County Registrar 804-722-8748, 8:30am - 5:00pm.
- 17 - Governing VA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Virginia Leadership Forum, Richmond Marriott, 500 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219, 8:00am.
- 18 - Prince George County IDA Board Meeting, Community Room, Human Services Building, 6450 Administration Drive, 12:00pm.
- 19 - The Great Southeast Shake-Out (Earthquake Drill), Statewide, 10:19am.
- 19 - Prince George Fire/EMS Advisory Committee Meeting, Board Room, 3rd Floor, Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, 7:00pm - 10:00pm.
- 21 - Farmers' Market, Scott Park Pavilion, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 8:00am - 12:00pm
- 21 - Virginia Czech & Slovak Folklife Festival (rain/shine, traditional food, music, games), Prince George Regional Heritage Center, 6406 Courthouse Road, 11:00am - 4:00pm.
- 21 - 35th Annual Shrimp & Oyster Fest (\$30 - Prince George Ruritan Club), Scott Park Pavilion, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 3:00pm - 6:00pm.
- 21 - Annual Harvest Festival - sponsored by the PG Parks & Rec (youth to 13 yrs.), Temple Park, 14307 Prince George Drive, Disputanta, 5:00pm - 8:00pm.
- 22 - Halloween Event at Country Aire MHP, Woodduck Street, Prince George, 5:00pm - 7:00pm.
- 23 - Prince George TRIAD Meeting, Prince George Library, Large Meeting Room, 6605 Courts Drive, 1:00pm.
- 23 - Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Board Room, 3rd Floor, Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, 6:30pm.
- 24 - Board of Supervisors Meeting, Board Room, 3rd Floor, Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, 7:00pm.
- 25 - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Committee Meeting, 6602 Courts Drive, 2nd Floor Break Room, Administration Building, 6:00pm - 9:00pm.
- 26 - Citizens' Academy Meeting (IT/GIS, General Services & Utilities/Engineering), 6602 Courts Drive, Administration Building, 2nd Floor Break Room, 6:00pm - 9:00pm.
- 26 - Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room, 3rd Floor,

- Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, 6:30pm.
- 27-31 - "Shocktober" Celebration (haunted games & trick-or-treating on 10/31), Swader's Sports Park, 4725 Whitehill Boulevard, Prince George, 10:00am - 9:00pm.
- 28 - Charles Town Trip - Charles Town Races & Slots at the Hollywood Casino; bus leaves Scott Park, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road at 7:00am, returns at 11:00pm.
- 28 - Farmers' Market, Scott Park Pavilion, 6380 Scott Memorial Park Road, Prince George, 8:00am - 12:00pm.
- 28 - Special Saturday Hours For In-person Absentee Voting, P.G. Registrar, 6602 Courts Drive, 2nd Floor, Admin. Building, 9:00am - 5:00pm.
- 28-29 - 2nd Annual Pecan Festival (FREE event, rain or shine, music, food vendors), Richard Bland College, 11301 Johnson Rd, S. Prince George, 10am - 5pm daily.
- 28 - Pet Adoption Event (at the Pecan Festival), P.G. Animal Services, Richard Bland College, 11301 Johnson Road, South Prince George, (time to be announced).
- 29 - Church Safety Forum - presented by the Prince George Police Dept., Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 4405 Prince George Drive, 9:00am - 10:30am.
- 31 - Halloween Trick-Or-Treating, Countywide, 5:00pm -9:00pm.
- 31 - "Harvest Fest", a community event, Unity Baptist Church, 4951 Mt. Sinai Rd., Prince George, 5:00pm - 9:00pm.

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