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Thank you for taking a moment to open this issue of the Prince George County Economic Development e-Newsletter. We hope you find this publication to be informative, timely, and interesting. Please feel free to contact us you should have any questions about the articles you see here, or if you have any ideas for future articles.

Prince George County Business Roundtable Hosts Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade

On Wednesday, August 13, 2014, the Prince George County Business Roundtable held it's Annual Alumni Dinner. The keynote speaker was the Honorable Maurice Jones, Secretary of Commerce and Trade for the Commonwealth of Virginia.



Secretary Jones gave a lively discussion on the state's top employers and our current economic status. Virginia's workforce employment is heavily skewed to the public sector. There is a need in the Commonwealth to diversity employment offerings. Virginia's slower than expected economic recovery is partly due to the large number of public sector jobs in the Defense Industry. Secretary Jones looks forward to attracting more private sector companies, like Rolls-Royce and CCAM, to the Commonwealth during his tenure.

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Mark Your Calendar

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

On September 9, 2014, officials from Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CCAM) gave a report to the Prince George County Board of Supervisors. In this update, CCAM discussed their growing membership and research projects. In addition, Bruce Sobczak, Direct of Workforce Development at CCAM, discussed the progress on a new Apprentice Academy which will be located at Crosspointe Centre in Prince George County.

Sports Tourism Impacting Economy in Prince George County

Tourism in Prince George County is a \$71 million dollar a year industry according to the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC). Even during a severe recession from 2008 to 2012, total tourism revenues have recently grown 12.7% in Prince George County. The "Virginia is for Lovers" campaign continues to be successful and brings more visitors to our region.

A growing niche market to Prince George County is the sports tourism industry. In October 2011, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$140,000 of tourism funds to enhance the existing ball fields with irrigation systems, scoreboards, batting cages, dugout covers and infield surfacing. We are realizing the results of our County efforts as this growing industry will continue into the fall season.

For a list of upcoming tournaments to be hosted in Prince George, as well as area amenities, please visit the Sports Tourism web page on the County's web site clicking [here](#).



Prince George County: Open For Business

Prince George County and the Hopewell/Prince George Chamber of Commerce are celebrating the following openings and re-openings with ribbon cutting and open house events:

Tuesday, September 16 - *Divine Spine Chiropractic*, located at 4205 Crossings Blvd, Prince George, began seeing patients in August. An official ribbon cutting and open house is scheduled for at 5:00pm. The public is welcome to meet Dr. Braheem Tolbert and his staff.

Thursday, October 9 - *Destination Theater*, 5246 Crossings Blvd., Prince George, will hold a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:00pm. Celebrations of the newly renovated movie theater will continue through the weekend. The theater will show family-friendly movies and will be open to the general public.

Thursday, October 30 - *Scents of Cedar Bed & Breakfast*, 15126 Providence Road, South Prince George, will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house. The public is welcome to tour the house and grounds.

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Key Dates and Upcoming Events:

- September 16, 2014 - Ribbon Cutting and Open House - Divine Spine Chiropractic, 5:00pm
- September 23, 2014 - Board of Supervisors Meeting - Administration Bldg., 3rd Floor, Board Room - 7:00pm
- September 25, 2014 - Planning Commission Meeting - Administration Bldg., 3rd Floor, Board Room - 7:30pm
- September 27, 2014 - Farmers' Market, Extended Market - Scott Park Pavilion - 8:00am to 12:00pm
- September 27 - 28, 2014 - USSSA Fall State Baseball Tournament (Odd Age Groups 9U-17U) - Prince George County Ball Fields
- October 4, 2014 - Farmers' Market - Scott Park Pavilion - 8:00am to 12:00pm
- October 4 - 5, 2014 - USSSA Fall State Baseball Tournament (Even Age Groups 8U-18U) - Prince George County Ball Fields
- October 5-11, 2014 - Fire Prevention Week
- October 8, 2014 - Prince George Business Roundtable Meeting - Appomattox Small Boat Harbor - 8:00am

- October 9, 2014 - Ribbon Cutting and Open House sponsored by the Hopewell/Prince George Chamber - Destination Theater, 5246 Crossings Blvd, Prince George - 1:00pm
- October 9, 2014 - Prince George Citizens' Academy - PG Emergency Operations Center - 6:00pm to 9:00pm
- October 13, 2014 - Columbus Day Holiday - County Offices Closed - Countywide
- October 14, 2014 - Board of Supervisors Meeting - Administration Bldg., 3rd Floor, Board Room - 7:00pm
- October 15, 2014 - Industrial Development Authority Board Meeting - Prince George Library - 12:00pm
- October 16, 2014 - The Great Southeast Shake Out (Earthquake Drill) - Statewide - 10:16am
- October 18-19, 2014 - ASA Girls Fastpitch Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament (12U & 14U) - JEJ Moore Complex & County fields - start times vary
- October 23, 2014 - Planning Commission Meeting - Administration Bldg., 3rd Floor, Board Room - 7:30pm
- October 28, 2014 - Board of Supervisors' Meeting - Administration Bldg., 3rd Floor, Board Room - 7:00pm
- October 30, 2014 - Ribbon Cutting and Open House sponsored by the Hopewell/Prince George Chamber - Scents of Cedar B & B, 15126 Providence Road, South Prince George - 5:00pm

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