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PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY NEWSLETTER



BROADBAND PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WINNING AWARDS



As fiber internet connections continue in rural sections of the County, the partnership between Prince George County and Prince George Electric Cooperative is gaining local and national recognition. The creative business model has won the following awards:

- ◆ Hopewell-Prince George Chamber of Commerce - 2/22/18, Upper Shirley Vineyard - **Innovative Practices**
- ◆ Virginia Economic Developers Association - 4/13/18, Richmond, VA - **Community Economic Development Awards** (Picture shown above)
- ◆ National Association of Counties - 7/15/18, Nashville, TN - **Achievement Award**
- ◆ Virginia Association of Counties - 8/14/18 - **Achievement Award**
- ◆ National Association of Telecommunication Officers and Advisors - 8/30/18, Philadelphia, PA - **Project of the Year**

As implementation continues, please visit <https://pgcfiber.com> to request a fiber service connection to your home or business.



COUNTY EMPLOYEE ADVANCEMENTS

Betsy Drewry was named Deputy County Administrator effective September 1st. She is currently the Director of Finance and will continue in that position. She joins Jeff Stoke in the role as Deputy County Administrator. Stoke also continues in his role as Director of Economic Development & Tourism. Mrs. Drewry joined the Prince George Government Team in February, 2016. She had previously been the Director of Finance for Prince George County Schools for 14 years. She has over 28 years of work experience in the finance field. Mrs. Drewry is a graduate of Virginia Tech. She resides in Prince George with her husband E.T. and son Tanner.

Teresa (Holt) Knott was recently appointed Clerk to the Board of Supervisors. She has served as Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors and Executive Assistant to the County Administrator since August, 2004. Prior to coming to work for Prince George County, she was a legal assistant for 19 years with 14 years being at McGuire Woods. Mrs. Knott is currently working on her Certification of Municipal Clerk. Mrs. Knott resides in Prince George with her husband Bobby and the couple have two children, Hunter 25, and Hannah 20.



PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY UNVEILS NEW EXHIBIT & BUST ON ITS 315TH ANNIVERSARY

Prince George County celebrated its 315th birthday on July 21st with two events. The first was the opening of the alcove exhibit and unveiling of a bust



of Prince George of Denmark in the lobby of the Administration Building. Senior Advisor of the Embassy of Denmark, Christiane Lauritzen, was on hand and received a framed image of the county crest (including visual depictions of cardinals, dogwood blossom, anchor and pine branches) as a gift to the Kingdom of Denmark from the Heritage Center and Prince George County. The second event included a concert and dinner celebration. A "Town Crier" opened the ceremony and remarks were received from Hopewell Mayor Jackie Shornak and Army Colonel Jered P. Helwig, of Fort Lee. Due to inclement weather, these activities were moved from the lawn of the Old Courthouse into the Prince George Library. The lobby alcove features an interactive experience for visitors to learn more about the life of the County's namesake. This exhibit and bust are open to the public during normal County Government business hours.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT UPDATES



Rite-Aid, located at 5210 Oaklawn Boulevard, recently underwent interior renovations. These renovations included new wood paneling, painting, signs and flooring.

Blue Ridge Films was recently purchased by Prochimir located in Pouzauges, France. A planned expansion and increased hiring is currently underway.

NVR, Inc., a parent company to Ryan Homes, has recently signed a lease in Southpoint Business Park at 6062 Quality Way. The new building material supplier plans to hire 201 employees and invest over \$11.5 million in the next five years.

The Courthouse Basement Buildout Project is anticipated to be completed by the end of the calendar year.



Sheetz, Inc. - construction plans for a convenience store/coffee shop/gas station on Temple Avenue, near Puddledock Road have been approved.

The Star Express new travel plaza with convenience store is open for business near Exit 45. Huddle House restaurant is nearing completion with a grand opening celebration planned for the Fall.

A ground-breaking ceremony was held on October 1st on a new stand-alone building for Virginia Physicians For Women in the Puddledock Road Medical Park.



PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY 2018 BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE UNDERWAY

The Prince George County Business Roundtable Class of 2018 is underway. This diverse cross-section of private businesses which spends the year discussing topics which impact the economic growth of our community. Every meeting includes a county update from the County Administrator, Percy Ashcraft, and an economic update from the Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Stoke.



The County will host an Alumni Dinner on October 24th, at the Country Club of Petersburg. Keith Boswell, President and CEO of Virginia's Gateway Region, is the scheduled keynote speaker. The classes of 2012 – 2018 will be joined by members of the Board of Supervisors, as well as local and state elected officials.

If you are a County business owner or manager and would like more information on this group or would like to be considered for the 2019 class, please contact Jeff Stoke at 804-722-8612 or jstoke@princegeorgecountyva.gov.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS



Luca Italian Restaurant held a grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration on June 11th at its new restaurant on Courthouse Road.

Benzer Puddledock Pharmacy officially opened at 4720 Puddledock Rd., Suite 110, Prince George, VA. on September 17th with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Prince George County and the Hopewell/Prince George Chamber of Commerce congratulate all the businesses and welcome them to the County.



STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The Economic Development and Tourism Strategic Plan was received by the Board of Supervisors on October 9th. The plan proposed increased housing opportunities, a new business incubator, a new downtown Prince George area, aligning workforce training needs with local business, and enhancing sports tourism fields and local assets. This plan will help direct community growth policy over the next five years.

Fire/EMS has completed and presented to the Board on September 25th, a five year strategic plan for operations and coordination with affiliated support organizations. An updated Scott Park master plan was recently approved by the Board to take the next steps in planning development of the park. Dewberry Engineers was hired by the County to evaluate water and sewer infrastructure needs at Southpoint Business Park. The report outlining possible solutions was presented on June 29th.



COUNTY DOUBLE PLATINUM WINNER AT VML

On October 1st, Prince George County won double platinum awards at the Virginia Municipal League conference. The platinum GO GREEN award was presented to Prince George County as a community that encourages the implementation of specific environmental policies and practical actions that reduce the carbon emissions generated by both the local government and the broader community. The platinum HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) award was presented for creating a healthy, prosperous community by adopting healthy eating and active living policies and practices.

PARKS AND RECREATION

SPORTS AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Basketball - Registration is October 8 - November 2, 2018, Monday through Friday between 8:30a.m. and 5:00p.m. The cost is \$30 for one child, \$50 for two children and \$70 for three children. Practices for both boys and girls leagues begin the last week of November or the first of December and games will begin in January. The games will be during the week and on

Saturdays. **Mighty Mite** is a co-ed league for 7-8 year old boys and girls. Each participant must be 7 years of age and not have turned 9 years old on or before January 1, 2019. **Pee-Wee**

Boys is an individual league for boys 9-10 years of age. Each participant must be 9 years old and not have turned 10 on or before January 1, 2019. **Junior Boys** is an individual league for

11-12 year olds. Each participant must be 11 years old and not have turned 13 on or before January 1, 2019. **Junior Girls** is an individual league for 9-11 year olds. Each participant must be 9 years old and not have turned 12 on or before January 1, 2019. **Senior Boys & Girls** are individual leagues for boys 13-15 years and girls 12-15 years of age. Girls must be 12 years of age, boys must be 13 and have not turned 16 years old on or before January 1, 2019. A birth certificate is required at registration. A player may move up one age group in basketball if they are within one year of age of the cutoff for that division. They may only move up if they have participated for at least one year in their listed age division and with the consent of the Recreation department. Players may not move up from any 4 year old leagues.

Adult Basketball - \$175 team fee for basketball, the number of games will depend upon the number of teams. League will be for 35 years of age or older and must be 35 years of age by January 1, 2019. Teams must be made up of people who live or work in the County. League will begin in December and run through the beginning of March. Registration will be held October 8 through November 2.

Youth Wrestling - Registration dates are September 10 - October 19th for ages 5 to 14. Registration fee is \$35 per participant. The season will run from early November to the end of February. The league participates in Central Virginia Youth Wrestling. Must be 5 by October 1, 2018 to participate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trick or Treat Times - Trick or Treating will be held Wednesday, October 31st between 5-9pm.

Christmas Card Contest - Put your drawing skills to the test. This event will be for County youth grades 3-5. The winner of this contest will receive a \$100 savings bond presented by the Prince George Ruritan Club and the card will be used as the official Christmas Card for Prince George County. Entries will be accepted at the Prince George Parks and Recreation Department from November 1-16.

Annual Tree Lighting - The annual Tree Lighting will be held on November 28th at 7pm beside the Historic Courthouse. Come out and enjoy Christmas songs and refreshments.

Santa Calls - The Prince George Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a phone call from Santa for children that live in Prince George County ages 3-8. Arrangements have been made for Santa, Mrs. Claus, or one of Santa's elves to personally call each child who signs up with the Recreation Department between November 5th - 30th.

Breakfast with Santa - You are invited to have breakfast with Santa on December 1st from 9am-12pm at the Prince George Community Center. A photographer will be on hand to take pictures with Santa for purchase. Prince George Scouts will help with this event. The breakfast is limited to 75 participants, so be sure to register early! Registration will be November 1-30 or until filled and cost will be announced.

Christmas Parade - The Annual Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 1st at 3pm starting at Beazley Elementary School and Scott Park. Any persons or group wanting to be in the parade can call (804) 458-6164. Applications for entry into the parade will be available starting October 22nd. Deadline for applications is November 16th.

Christmas Decorations and Display Contest - The annual Prince George County Decorations and Displays Contest will be held on Wednesday, December 5th. All Prince George residents are encouraged to enter the Christmas decoration-judging contest. Awards will be given for the following categories: Christmas Elegance, Religious Display, Best Use of Lights, Best Overall and Most Facebook Likes. Please send a post card with your name, address and telephone number to the Parks and Recreation Department, Post Office Box 68, Prince George, Virginia 23875. Post cards must be received by Friday, November 30th, to be eligible for judging. Emails sent to asaunders@princegeorgecountyva.gov with this information will also be accepted. Entrants will be judged on originality, lighting, natural beauty and overall presentation. As we have done the last few years, we will publish a "Christmas Lights Route" for local residents to enjoy. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at (804) 458-6164.



CANDIDATES & AMENDMENTS ON BALLOT FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION

Member
United States Senate
Vote for only one

Corey A. Stewart - R
Timothy M. Kaine - D
Matt J. Waters - L

Member
House of Representatives (4th District)
Vote for only one

Ryan A. McAdams - R
A. Donald McEachin - D
Peter J. "Pete" Wells - L

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, Oct. 15 - LAST day to register to vote IF not already registered.
Saturday, Oct. 27 - Registrar's Office open 9am to 5pm for in-person absentee voting.
Tuesday, Oct. 30 - LAST day absentee ballots can be mailed out.
Saturday, Nov. 3 - Registrar's Office open 9am to 5pm for in-person absentee voting.
Tuesday, Nov. 6 - "ELECTION DAY" Polling locations open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

NEW PHOTO ID LAW

It is now required by law that every voter show a PHOTO ID in order to vote. This includes drivers license, DMV ID card, passport, business ID card, Government ID card or VA school ID card. Anyone that does not have a photo ID may come into the Registrar's Office and have one made for free. Regular office hours are 8:30am to 5pm. For questions, please contact the Registrar's Office at (804) 722-8748 or email: aricheson@princegeorgecountyva.gov.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment **Question 1**

Should a county, city, or town be authorized to provide a partial tax exemption for real property that is subject to recurrent flooding, if flooding resiliency improvements have been made on the property?

YES or NO

Proposed Constitutional Amendment **Question 2**

Shall the real property tax exemption for a primary residence that is currently provided to the surviving spouses of veterans who had a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability be amended to allow the surviving spouse to move to a different primary residence and still claim the exemption?

YES or NO

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY VOTING PRECINCTS (NEW STATE DISTRICTS)

DISTRICT 1

101 RICHARD BLAND
Richard Bland Barn Theater
11301 Johnson Rd.
S. Prince George, VA 23805
15th S - 64th HD-4th Cong

102 TEMPLETON
South Elementary School
13400 Prince George Dr.
Disputanta, VA 23842
15th S - 64th HD-4th Cong

103 UNION BRANCH
Union Branch Baptist Church
3356 Union Branch Rd.
S. Prince George, VA 23805
16th S - 64th HD-4th Cong

DISTRICT 1

104 RIVES
Walton Elementary School
4101 Courthouse Rd.
Prince George, VA 23875
16th S - 62, 63, 64 HD-4th Cong

105 HARRISON
Harrison Elementary School
12900 East Quaker Rd.
Disputanta, VA 23842
15th S - 64th HD-4th Cong

DISTRICT 2

201 BLAND
N.B. Clements Jr. High School
7800 Laurel Spring Rd.
Prince George, VA 23875
15th S - 64th HD-4th Cong

202 BLACKWATER
PG Parks & Rec Comm Ctr
11100 Old Stage Rd.
Prince George, VA 23875
15th S - 64th HD-4th Cong

203 BRANDON
Burrowsville Community Ctr
18701 James River Dr.
Disputanta, VA 23842
15th S - 64th HD-4th Cong

DISTRICT 2

204 COURTS BLDG
Courts Building
6601 Courts Dr.
Prince George, VA 23875
16th S - 63, 64 HD-4th Cong

205 JEFFERSON PARK
Faith Baptist Church
5501 Middle Rd.
Prince George, VA 23875
16th S - 62, 63 HD-4th Cong



CAP PRECINCT

(Central Absentee Precinct, tabulates all absentee ballots)
6602 Courts Drive, Registrar's Office, Prince George, VA 23875

ALL OF PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY IS NOW IN 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR ACTIONS

August 14, 2018

- Approved an expansion plan for South Forty Campground.
- Received an Achievement Award from VACo for Prince George County's partnership with Prince George Electric Cooperative in providing broadband to underserved rural areas.
- Approved a resolution changing the street name from "Timber Road" between the Prince George County line and north of Interstate 295 to "Hummingbird Way".

September 11, 2018

- The Board of Supervisors approved to fund a new elementary school at the Middle Road site. This action will go to the School Board for its consideration.
- Approved two resolutions that would begin the process of a Through Truck restriction on the portion of Templeton Rd. between Courtland Rd. and the Prince George County line; and the portion of Lansing Rd. between Templeton Rd. and Lampe Lane.

September 25, 2018

- Approved a Special Exception request by the Prince George Ruritan Club to permit an assembly hall use located west of 4620 Melfore Dr. along Ruffin Rd.
- Approved a Special Exception request by Living Well LLC to permit an assembly hall use located at 5503 Ruffin Rd.

VAWC APPLICATION FOR RATE INCREASE

Virginia American Water Company has given notice to the State Corporate Commission of its intent to file for general rate relief in the next 60 days. Prince George County has approximately 757 homes that are served by VAWC. The County Utilities staff will work on behalf of these residents to limit the impact of the rate increase.

SEPTIC PUMP-OUT & INSPECTION PROGRAM

In June of this year, the Prince George County Department of Community Development & Code Compliance began monitoring the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's mandated Septic Pump-Out/Inspections Program. This program, which had been historically monitored by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), is intended to help continue to preserve and protect our local waterways which lay in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA) of the county.

The Prince George County Zoning Ordinance Section 90-667 requires property owners of on-site septic systems, both residential and commercial, in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area to have those systems pumped, inspected or show proof that a Plastic Effluent Filter has been installed at least once every five (5) years. The service area is comprised of five major zones and one residual zone. As the program progresses, the residual zone will be eliminated by placing those properties into their perspective areas.

On June 4th, staff mailed 1,038 letters to property owners in what is known as Zone 2, the largest area of the program. To date, the department has received over 300 responses for verification and compliance. After the deadline of September 30th, second notices were sent out. Mailings for property owners in Zone 3 will begin in January, 2019.

It is important to note that septic system failures can not only be costly to property owners, but they can also contaminate ground and surface water. Additionally, system failures can expose you and your family to sewage which contains pathogens and viruses that can cause disease.

While we continue to incorporate programs that enhance the well-being of our citizens and the environment, we would like to thank all property owners for their participation in helping make this and all programs a success.

PERMITTING & ANALYSIS FOR SOUTHPOINT BUSINESS PARK WATER/WASTEWATER

The complete buildout of the Southpoint Business Park is expected to require up to 4 million gallons of water per day (MGD). A preliminary engineering study was performed to provide the County options to meet these future demands. Based on a preliminary engineering study, the County is now working with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to determine the feasibility of building a water treatment plant on the Appomattox River and a wastewater treatment plant along the Blackwater Swamp, both to serve the future demands of the park and the growth of the County. This process is expected to take 18 months to complete.

ROUTE 156 WATER MAIN EXTENSION & ROUTE 460 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The Route 460 water system improvements include upgrades to the existing booster station and an extension of the 12" water main from entrance to the Petersburg Jail Annex to the booster station located near the Food Lion Distribution Center. This project will provide a significant increase in the fire protection to the area as well as the business park. Also planned is an extension of the 12" water main along Route 156 from Mount Sinai Rd (west) connecting at the Pine Ridge mobile home park. This project will provide redundancy in the system in case of a failure as well as provide fire protection along the route. Both projects are in the preliminary planning stages to include topographical surveying and design. Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2019 and be completed in the spring of 2020. Residents will have an opportunity to connect to the County water system at that time.

STREAM RESTORATION PROJECTS

At the September 11th Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board awarded three contracts for stream restoration projects in the Birchett Estates and Cedar Creek subdivisions. Three of the streams identified as most severely compromised were evaluated, and engineered restoration plans were developed. The recommended contract awards were Birchett Estates Reach 1 - *River Works* - \$725,411.00, Cedar Creek Reach 2 - *Fluvial Solutions* - \$337,362.48 and Cedar Creek Reach 5 - *RiverWorks* - \$675,150.70. The restoration plan calls for the installation of rock formations that will divert water away from the banks along with rock and wood developments to stabilize the banks, form pools and slow velocities. New vegetation will be placed along the banks, securing the bank's soil. The restoration designs will restore the streams to a more natural condition, correct erosion problems and correct stream-bank failure. The funding for these projects is provided by a grant through DEQ and the County's Stormwater Utility Fund which was a program started in 2014. Shown below is a sample project with a before and after photo.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2018

It was another Successful National Night Out. We enjoyed the participation from thirty-three sites throughout the County with an estimated attendance of 2,140. On behalf of the Prince George Police Department, we want to express our profound thanks to those who participated in National Night Out on August 7th. The show of support to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity was present throughout the night, along with the importance of police-community relationships and citizen involvement to help build a safer nation. Save the date for the next NNO on August 6, 2019.



ALZHEIMER'S WALK

"I walk in memory of my Nana." "I walk to help fund further research." "I walk so no one else has to suffer." These are just a few of the reasons why supporters in the Richmond area will be walking to end Alzheimer's Disease on November 3, 2018 at Markel Plaza in Glen Allen, Virginia. Alzheimer's is a brain disease that causes a slow decline in memory, thinking, and reasoning skills. It cannot be prevented, cured, or even slowed. Approximately 26,000 families in the Richmond area are affected by Alzheimer's. The Walk is organized by the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Richmond whose mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, to provide care and support for all affected and to reduce the risk through the promotion of brain health. For more information and to join the walk, please visit <http://act.alz.org/2018Richmond>.

TAX REMINDER FY19

First half of FY2018 real estate taxes are due on or before **December 5, 2018**. Taxes not paid by this date will be subject to an immediate 10% penalty, plus interest. If you own property in Prince George County and have not received a tax bill, please call **(804) 722-8750**. Tax bills will be mailed the first of **November 2018**. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges that will accrue under the law for failure to pay within the prescribed time. Please bring in or mail the bottom portion of the bill with payment. Office hours are 8:30a.m. to 5:00p.m., Monday thru Friday. **(Must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by December 5, 2018).**

Susan Clark Vargo, Treasurer

STATE INCOME TAX ACCELERATED REFUND PROGRAM

The Department of Taxation reestablished the accelerated refund program for taxpayers filing state income returns with the Commissioner of the Revenue's office beginning January 1, 2019 for taxable year 2018.

Feel free to stop by the Commissioner of the Revenue's office for assistance with your returns or you may contact the Commissioner's office at (804) 722-8740 with any questions.

Darlene M. Rowsey
Commissioner of the Revenue

WREATH LAYING CEREMONIES

The wreath laying ceremony honors Prince George County Police Officers, Prince George County Sheriff's Deputies and Virginia State Police Officers that have fallen in the Line of Duty. There will be two ceremonies on December 7, 2018 at the following locations:

Merchants Hope Cemetery - 9 a.m.
Southlawn Cemetery - 11 a.m.

YOUTH WORKFORCE ACADEMY GRADUATES

Congratulations to the 2018 graduating class from the Youth Workforce Academy. The graduation was held at N.B. Clements Junior High School on August 29th. Pictured here are the students who were in attendance for graduation. Prince George County hosted ten students this year.



PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY YOUTH PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY 2018

The 2018 Prince George Youth Public Safety Academy was held at the Central Wellness Center from June 18th until June 29th. The Academy had 20 participants this year. This



year's Academy had a theme of Active Shooter and students were instructed in the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (C.R.A.S.E.), CPR and Stop the Bleed. They were also able to spend time with the Life Evac medical helicopter as well as given a special class by Dr. Greenberg. They participated in a ceremony at the Sgt. Lawrence Sprader bridge dedication ceremony. The Academy ended with campers participating in an Active Shooter drill at N.B. Clements Jr. High School before a graduation ceremony on June 29th. Other activities included a D.U.I. simulation, Firearms Training Simulator, Building clearing, running both PT tests from Police and Fire and EMS, hose line drills, physical fitness training every morning and leadership skills training.

PG TRIAD

MEETING SCHEDULE

October 22 - Chair Exercises at 1:00 p.m. @Parks & Rec

November 26 - Regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. @ PG Library

December 17 - Holiday luncheon at noon at PG Parks & Rec

January 28 - Regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. @ PG Library

February 25 - Regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. @ PG Library



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT FOR SALE



The 2018 Prince George County Christmas ornament is now available for purchase. This year's ornament commemorates the Prince George County High School State Champion Baseball, Track & Field, Softball and Wrestling Teams. An ornament is on display in the County Administration office. The ornament will sell for \$10.00. Limited quantities of the 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2011 ornaments are also available for purchase.

FIRE/EMS STATION 7 UPDATE

Progress on Fire and EMS Station 7 located on the corner of Moody Road and James River Drive continues. Kenbridge Construction Co. poured the concrete foundation the week of September 17th and the building is being erected. Despite the weather issues, substantial completion of



the building is still on target for April, 2019.

SKALSKY SOCCER TOURNAMENT



On the weekend of November 17th & 18th, the

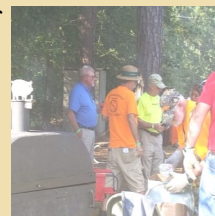
very first Skalsky Soccer Tournament will be played at Scott Park. Recreation soccer teams from around the region will come together to play in a tournament which honors the memory of former Supervisor Jerry Skalsky. The teams will consist of U14 and U18 players from Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Hopewell and Prince George County. Mr. Skalsky was a strong supporter of youth recreational sports in the community.

POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIP WITH FT. LEE FOR 911 SERVICES

Prince George County Public Safety officials are working with Ft. Lee to explore the feasibility of sharing the Superior, Computer Aided Dispatch system with emergency services on base. This partnership would enhance mutual aid responses while providing Ft. Lee emergency services with a more efficient means of receiving and dispatching emergency calls for service. Stay tuned for more details on this project.

THE "GREAT BEEFSTEAK RAID" COMMEMORATIVE STEAK DINNER

On September 16, 1864, "the slickest piece of cattle rustling", as it was termed by President Lincoln, was successful in rounding up 2,500 head of Union beef cattle from the banks of the James River in Prince George and getting them back across Confederate lines to starving troops. On September 19, 2018, 154 years later, a bugler pronounced the official opening of the 10th annual steak dinner that commemorates this remarkable logistical feat. A crowd under the Scott Park Pavilion gathered to enjoy steaks prepared by the volunteers from the Disputanta Ruritan club.



CZECH AND SLOVAK FESTIVAL

On October 20th, the 6th annual Czech/Slovak Folklife Festival was



held at the Prince George County Regional Heritage Center. This popular event continues to grow as we honor an important piece of our Community history.

GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN



Leigh Primmer, Procurement Officer, passed away on August 27th after her courageous battle with cancer. Leigh began her employment in 2005 as Grants Administrator/Procurement Officer. Leigh was a huge asset to the County Government and had a genuine love for people and a kind spirit that was contagious. She was always happy and loved to laugh. She will be missed greatly but will continue to remain in the hearts of all who knew her. A Celebration of Life was held on September 21st at the Central Wellness Center.

FARMERS' MARKET WRAP-UP

The 2018 Farmers' Market Season was a success. The vendors brought in quality local grown products and handmade products that delighted customers. The market not only benefits the local economy, but it adds to the health of all who visit with its quality products. Many citizens use it as an opportunity to sit and visit with friends and neighbors who they meet at the Farmers' Market. We appreciate all who have made it such a success and we look forward to seeing you again at the 2019 Farmers' Markets which should kick-off around May 4th, 2019. Keep watching our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PrinceGeorgeFarmersMarket>) and the County's Website for information about the 2019 Season.

"IT TAKES A VILLAGE"

The Back to School Fair is held every year in the month of August. The goal of the event is to join forces with community partners and offer assistance to families of Prince George County with school supplies and pertinent information to aid them in the start to a positive and productive school year. It is estimated that over 1,500 participants attended the event, over 700 back packs were distributed. Musical selections were provided by Destination church, free haircuts by Kulture Kuts barber academy, free hot dogs were prepared by BBQ Bliss, and a host of vendors and supporters were in attendance.



The Bexley Children's fair was the result of the collaboration of many community partners. Everyone worked together to provide an evening of fun to residents of the park. Children were able to get on a school bus to see what it would be like on the first day of school and parents were able to meet the principal and multiple teachers at South Elementary. Thirteen children ages 0-5 received ASQ screenings, received referrals for services if needed, and social services staff was on hand to answer any questions regarding benefits. Children were able to talk to police officers, firefighters, and had the pleasure of sitting in and exploring a fire truck. Numerous school supplies were provided to residents that evening.



The popular saying, "It takes a village to raise a child" holds true to the collaborative efforts of Prince George County. We truly believe that in order for children to experience and grow in a safe environment, an entire community must have interaction!



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ANIMAL VACCINATIONS & LICENSES

Dogs and cats over the age of 4 months must have a current rabies vaccination.

A signed and valid rabies certificate is required to obtain a county dog license.

County licenses are due by February 1st of each year unless you purchased a 3 year tag.

FEES

Dog License:

\$10.00 not spayed or neutered

\$5.00 spayed or neutered

Kennels:

20 Dog Kennel: \$30 (5 valid rabies certs. req.)

50 Dog Kennel: \$50 (20 valid rabies certs. req.)



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Board of Supervisors

Meeting Schedule

10/23/18 - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

11/14/18 - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

11/27/18 - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

12/11/18 - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

01/08/19 - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

****The 2019 dates will be approved at the January 8th Board of Supervisors Meeting.**

TO POSTAL PATRON
PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY

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U.S. POSTAGE
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LYNCHBURG, VA
PERMIT NO. 714

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