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# PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY NEWSLETTER



## UTILITIES ONLINE BILL PAY



Starting in March, the County has provided a way for citizens to pay their utility bills online. The online portal is secure and the County does not charge a fee for its use. MasterCard, Visa and Discover credit cards are accepted as well as debit cards that display a MasterCard or Visa logo. Citizens can register by visiting [http://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/residents/online\\_bill\\_pay.php](http://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/residents/online_bill_pay.php) and following the online information. In order to register, you must have a recent bill with your account information, and you will need to link your online account to your billing account. This service can be used to check your account balance, view past bills, and monitor your consumption information.

If you need assistance with the Online Bill Pay service, several options have been setup for you to use. The Information Technology department can assist Monday - Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. by calling (804) 722-8789 or emailing [cssadmin@princegeorgecountyva.gov](mailto:cssadmin@princegeorgecountyva.gov). There is also a new chat feature located on the home page of the County's website or on the first screen of the online bill pay portal.

In April 2018, the County is also making this service available for Personal Property bills. More information is located on the County's Online Bill Pay page.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT ACHIEVES FIRST STATE REACCREDITATION

The Prince George County Police Department has achieved its first state reaccreditation through the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission (VLEPSC). On behalf of the department, Colonel W. Keith Early, Police Chief, was presented a reaccreditation certificate at the Prince George County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, February 13th.



The Police Department had their on-site assessment December 4 - 5, 2017. The Department was found to be flawlessly in compliance with all 190 applicable standards. The Police Department first achieved state accreditation in January 2014. The lead assessor, Lt. David Hudson of Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, stated, "the Assessment Team was impressed with the Prince George Police Department and the professionalism of both its sworn and non-sworn members. This agency clearly demonstrates a high level of commitment and dedication to law enforcement and the needs of the citizens they protect and serve."

To achieve reaccreditation, the Police Department must undergo a rigorous on-site inspection every four years by multiple, specially trained, independent assessors. These assessors examine all areas of the agency to ensure compliance with the professional standards set forth by the Commission. The process of complying with these professional standards requires daily attention by department members.

## COURTHOUSE BASEMENT CONTRACT APPROVED

On February 27th, the Board of Supervisors awarded a contract to J.W. Enochs, Inc. in the amount of \$1,195,000 to complete unfinished space in the lower level of the Courthouse for a Juvenile and Domestic Courtroom. The project includes the Courthouse basement buildout, furniture, audio visual equipment, security access control equipment, telephone lines, data lines, equipment, and architectural and engineering services. The start date was March 27th with project completion anticipated in September 2018.



## FARMERS' MARKET OPENING SOON



The Prince George Farmers' Market begins its eighth season on Saturday, May 5th. The Market will be open Saturdays from 8 a.m. - noon through October 27th. The only day the Market will be closed is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend (September 1st). There will be a variety of vendors selling produce, plants, handmade crafts, and baked goods to name a few. Please join us in supporting your local growers. SNAP/EBT cards will be accepted again this year and any tokens purchased through the program do not expire and can be used all season. Vendors selling more than four times are required to register online, and there is no fee to register. All other vendors, including non-profits are asked to fill out a paper registration form. Registrations to sell must be turned in one week in advance. More information and rules are located on the web site at <http://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/FarmersMarket>.

## GUNS N' HOSES IS BACK

The Prince George County Police Department and Prince George County Fire & EMS will be hosting the Third Annual "Guns & Hoses" charity softball game. This event will take place on May 5th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Scott Park. Admission is free for the event. There will be a 50/50 raffle, raffle sales for additional prizes, concession sales, and t-shirt sales. Game shirts can be purchased in advance for \$15.00. Please email [bfranchok@princegeorgecountyva.gov](mailto:bfranchok@princegeorgecountyva.gov) to place your order today! Don't miss this entertaining event with the proceeds going to the Prince George County Public Safety Foundation.



## 4-H CAMP

Prince George County 4-H Camp will be held July 2-6 at the Airfield 4-H Center for youth ages 9-14. The total cost of the camp is \$300. Please contact Hermon Maclin, 4-H Director at 733-2686 to register before June 19th. Applications can be found on the VCE/4-H website at [www.offices.ext.vt.edu/prince-george/](http://www.offices.ext.vt.edu/prince-george/). Space is limited so don't delay!

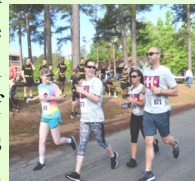
## RT. 10 FIRE STATION UPDATE

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on September 26th to support the construction of a full Fire and EMS station to service the residents closest to the James River Drive/Moody Road site. A contract award recommendation will be made at the April 27th Board of Supervisors meeting for the construction of the facility. The new facility will house an engine, a tanker, and a medic unit. Volunteers are needed at the station. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Captain Ray Blake at 722-8614.

## HOMETOWN HEROES RACE



On May 5th from 9 a.m. until noon at Scott Park, Prince George County will host its 3rd Annual Hometown Heroes Event. The 5K event will help to raise money to benefit County citizens looking to pursue careers in the Military, Law Enforcement and Fire & EMS. In addition, elementary school students from the County are challenged to get fit in preparation of the Little Hero Feet Meet Fun Run one-miler which is part of the Hometown Heroes event. All proceeds from this event will be going towards five different scholarships that are related to Military and Public Safety. If you have any questions, please contact [hometownheroes@pgfems.org](mailto:hometownheroes@pgfems.org).



## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES AWARDS FOR 2017

On February 22nd, the Hopewell-Prince George Chamber of Commerce 7th Annual Membership Networking Breakfast & Awards Ceremony was held at Upper Shirley Vineyards in Charles City County. Prince George County businesses were strongly represented with the following winners:

**Quality of Life** - Prince George County (voted "Best Place to Live" by the readers of The Progress-Index)

**Business Growth** - Tri-Cities Emergency Center

**Innovative Practices** - PGEC Enterprises, LLC  
*Fiber to the home project*

**Safety** - Prince George County Police Department  
*Establishment of a "Safety Exchange Zone"*

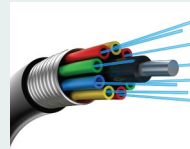
**Preservation** - The Barns of Kanak

*Restored several buildings dating back to 1899*

**Exceptional Customer Service** - Tractor Supply Company



**Citizenship** - Clark's Auto Care Center  
*Fundraising and collecting gifts for County children at Christmas*



## YOUTH WORKFORCE WILL RETURN

Prince George County, Prince George Schools, Appomattox Regional Library System and Joint Logistics Management, Inc. will be hosting



Above: 2017 Graduates

approximately 33 students during the summer months. Students are currently preparing for this internship and will be matched with their prospective employer in early May.

## SUGGEST A STORY

If there is a story that you think our readers would find informative, or if you have feedback or questions regarding this newsletter, please contact Jeff Stoke at [jstoke@princegeorgecountyva.gov](mailto:jstoke@princegeorgecountyva.gov).



# PARKS AND RECREATION

| Camp/Activity                             | Ages                        | Registration  | When   |
|---|-----------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Basketball Camp</b>                    | Girls - 7-18<br>Boys - 9-17 | Girls - June 25- July 20<br>Boys - June 18- July 13 | Girls - July 30- Aug. 2<br>Boys - July 23-25 |
| <b>Cheerleading Camp</b>                  | 5-14                        | May 21 - June 29                                    | July 16-18                                   |
| <b>Football &amp; Cheerleading League</b> | 5-14                        | May 21 - June 15                                    | August - 1st week of November                |
| <b>Football Camp</b>                      | 6-14                        | May 22 - June 29                                    | July 16-18                                   |
| <b>Mini-Mite Camp</b>                     | 3-4                         | May 21 - June 15                                    | June 19-21                                   |
| <b>Field Hockey Camp</b>                  | 7-15                        | May 7 - May 25                                      | June 5-7                                     |
| <b>Soccer Camp</b>                        | 5-18                        | July 2 - July 27                                    | August 6-8                                   |
| <b>Volleyball Camp</b>                    | 6th grade to rising seniors | May 21 - June 15                                    | June 25-28                                   |

## KITE FESTIVAL ON APRIL 28TH

Prince George Parks and Recreation is proud to be hosting its Sixth Annual Kite Festival on April 28th from 11-3 p.m. at Temple Park. This family friendly event will feature kite demonstrations and fun contests for all groups. Participants will have the opportunity to build, fly and take home their own kite. The kite festival 1K Fun Run for ages 5-12 starts promptly at 11 a.m.



## CANOE LAUNCH CEREMONY HELD MARCH 24TH

The Prince George Rotary Club funded a canoe launch/slide that was built in the Appomattox River Regional Park. In 2011, The Club received a Rotary District Simplified Grant of \$2,000 and the Club Foundation donated \$1,000 to purchase materials and build the launch. The Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) and Prince George Parks & Recreation agreed to help in the planning and execution of the project. Soldiers from Fort Lee played a major part in the actual construction of the ramp. In 2017, the Board of Supervisors authorized the funding of a pier, walkway and launch to extend the launch from the side of the river. FOLAR aided in the renovation project. The official Re-Grand Opening of the expanded facility was held on March 24th.



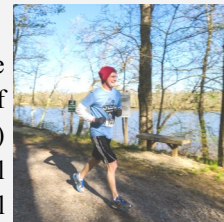
## MOVIES IN THE PARK-SUMMER 2018

Prince George Parks and Recreation will be sponsoring free "Movies in the Park" at Scott Park on June 8, July 13 and August 10th. Come out and enjoy a family night under the stars. Bring a blanket to sit on and bring your appetite as the concession stand will be open. Contact Parks and Recreation at (804) 458-6164 for more details.



## ARRP 5K HELD APRIL 7TH

Prince George Parks and Recreation, the Riverside Regional Jail, and the Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR) were proud to host the third annual Appomattox River Regional Park 5K Trail Run (800 FOLAR Trail, N. Prince George, VA 23860) on Saturday, April 7th at 9:00 a.m. Participants at all levels came to enjoy the festivities. All profits and donations went to benefit Special Olympics and Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR).



## FALL SOCCER

Registration will be held from July 2nd - August 3rd. Ages 4-18. Contact Parks & Recreation for more information.

## BALL TOURNAMENTS

April 21-22 Baseball - Quest for the Best (ages 9-14)

May 19-20 Baseball - Northeast Super NIT (ages 9-14)

May 26-27 Baseball - VA Open State Championship (ages 9-14)

June 9-10 Softball - 16U/18U Gold Territory Qualifier

June 23-24 Softball - 16U USA Softball Region 2 and Open National Qualifier

## SKALSKY DONATION FUNDS SOCCER BENCH CANOPIES

Funds raised in memory of the late Supervisor Jerry Skalsky have been used to purchase two soccer bench covers for Scott Park. Donations were made through the Prince George Parks and Recreation Foundation. Brenda Sober Skalsky stated, "The idea for the canopies was born from my observations of my children and grandchildren playing Prince George recreation soccer, with Jerry coaching. Rain or bright sun, heat or cold, they endured out on the field and sidelines, season after season, without shelter for 35 years. I wanted the Prince George soccer children to all have something uniquely special and that provided shelter in the rain, wind, heat or cold. These newly designed canopies will benefit every soccer player and coach. I am so thankful for all the people who made a donation to the Prince George Parks and Recreation Foundation in Jerry's memory, making the purchase of these canopies possible."



## KIDS SUMMER DAY CAMP

Day Camp will be held June 18-August 16th at Scott Park on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 - 2:30 and at Temple Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 - 2:30. Children must be six on or before June 18th and cannot be 13 on or before June 18th. Activities will include sports and games, arts and crafts, special field trips and guest programs. Registration will be taken May 1st until filled. First time participants must present a copy of their birth certificate when registering.

## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

**Apprentice Academy** - The \$12.65 million project was announced to be adjacent to CCAM on W. Quaker Road. Work is slated to begin this year.

**Circle D** - Submitted site plans to relocate and expand the current store.

**Luca Italian Restaurant** - Will celebrate its relocation to 6411 Courthouse Road with a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening in 2018.

**Nanny's Restaurant** - Has completed expansion of the dining room, restrooms and waiting areas. Kitchen upgrades are ongoing; to be completed soon.

**Napa Auto Parts** - Held a grand opening of its new store, located in the Crossings Shopping Center, with a ribbon cutting and open house held on April 6th.

**PGEC Enterprises, LLC** - Is moving forward with their "Fiber To The Home" (FTTH) project. Over 130 customers have already been connected to the new fiber line, with 115+ applications pending.

**Sheetz, Inc.** - Has submitted concept drawings for a convenience store / coffee shop / gas station on Temple Avenue, near Puddledock Road. Turn lanes on Temple Avenue are under construction.

**Star Express** - Has begun construction on a new travel plaza with a convenience store and Huddle House restaurant near Exit 45.

**Stay Over Storage II** - Work continues to develop storage unit at the Jefferson Park Road site.



## DUAL PRIMARY ELECTION

The order calling for a Democratic/Republican primary for U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives will be called for Tuesday, June 12, 2018. If only one candidate files for any of these offices, there will not be a primary election held for that office. Deadlines for the Primary Elections are:

**May 21** - Last day to register to vote if not already registered.

**June 5** - Deadline is 5 p.m. to request an absentee ballot by mail.

**June 9** - Last day for in person absentee voting. Registrar's office is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m..

**June 12** - Election Day. All county precincts open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For further information about this election or current voter registration status, please call the office of the General Registrar and Director of Elections at (804) 722-8748 or email Katherine Tyler at [kt Tyler@princegeorgecountyva.gov](mailto:kt Tyler@princegeorgecountyva.gov).

## CWC UPDATES



The Central Wellness Center (CWC) at 11023 Prince George Drive continues to bloom in the spring with more opportunities. The indoor facility is utilized for Zumba and Yoga classes, basketball leagues, school practices, and sports clinics. The outdoor lighted rectangular field is used for recreation football practices and recreation/school soccer practices. Come visit the new public computer lab, training room, exercise center and citizen's lounge. The CWC has recently seen bleacher and scoreboard upgrades to the gymnasium. Partnerships with the Food Bank, Clothes Closet, and Prince George Youth Wrestling Association make the CWC an active location in the community.

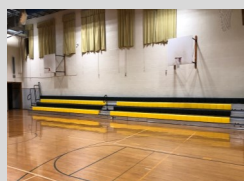
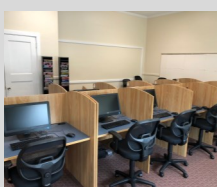
Hours of operation for the exercise room:

Monday - Friday 7a.m. to 10 a.m.

Monday - Thursday 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Exercise Room Fee: \$5 for one month - \$50 for one year



## SGT. LAWRENCE G. SPRADER, JR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE

On March 2nd, House Bill 1159, sponsored by Delegate Emily Brewer, was signed into law by Governor Ralph Northam. The new law designates the bridge on Middle Road over Interstate 295 in Prince George County as the "Sgt. Lawrence G. Sprader, Jr., Memorial Bridge."

Sergeant Lawrence G. "J.R." Sprader, Jr. was a native son of Virginia, graduated from Prince George High School on June 16, 2000, and enlisted in the United States Army on July 28, 2000. Sergeant Sprader served two full combat tours in Iraq. Sergeant Sprader died during a field training exercise conducted by the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Warrior Leader Course, at Fort Hood, Texas, on June 12, 2007.



## FISCAL YEAR 2019 COUNTY BUDGET

County Administrator, Percy Ashcraft, presented his proposed FY'19 budget to the Board of Supervisors on February 28th. Highlights of the Budget include:

Funding of **Employee Health Insurance** Increase.

Funding for partial implementation of a **Salary Study** for County employees - \$200,000.

Full funding of the Memorandum of Understanding (**MOU**) between the County and **Public School Division**.

General Fund **Equipment, Vehicles & Projects**:

Six (6) Vehicle Purchases - \$174,330

Maintenance Projects for County Buildings - \$300,000

Various Information Technology Projects, Software & Upgrades - \$181,250

Burrowsville Playground - \$29,229

Fencing for Scott Park Field #6 - \$21,715

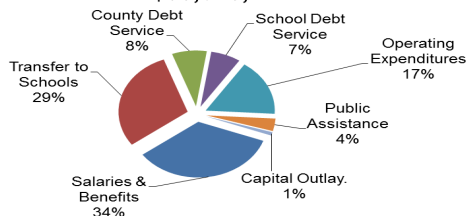
**Utility Capital Improvements** totaling \$1.47 Million

**Capital Improvement Projects and Debt Issuance** for various initiatives including a new elementary school, Route 156 Water Main Extension, Food Lion Water System Upgrades, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, Real Estate Assessment Software Replacement, Scott Park Concession & Restroom Facility, County Building Security and Entrance Improvements, Fire & Crew Buildings Security/Entrance Systems, Police Vehicles, Police Boat (Grant Local Match)

A 5¢ tax increase in the Real Estate Rate was included in the proposed budget for construction of a new elementary school. An estimated \$1,250,000 is generated by a 5¢ increase in the real estate tax rate (\$250,000 per 1¢). The cost of the school is estimated to be \$29.1 Million and debt payments on the school are approximately \$1,893,088 per year over a 30 year repayment term.

Increases to both water and sewer rates were proposed. The Board of Supervisors continues its work in reviewing and revising the FY '19 budget. Work sessions were held on March 7th, March 20th and April 3rd. A public hearing is scheduled for April 24th and board adoption is planned for May 8. A copy of the FY 2018-2019 Proposed Budget is available on the County's website at <http://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/> [Departments/Finance/Forms, Documents & Reports].

**FY 2019 General Fund Budget Expenditures**  
**\$56,046,727**



## OPEN FOR BUSINESS



**Love's Travel Stop** held a grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration on March 2nd at its new store located at the corner of Rt. 460 and 156 in Disputanta.

**Destination Church** renovated space next to its Destination Theatre location in

The Crossings Shopping Center to combine three campuses into one. The event was marked with a special service and light refreshments on October 15, 2017.

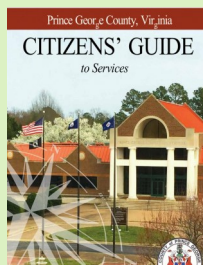
Prince George County congratulates all new businesses and welcomes them to the County.



## SERVICE CENTER METALS

Service Center Metals, based in Prince George County, is a manufacturer of aluminum extrusions. The company will invest \$45.2 million to expand its manufacturing operations, to include a third aluminum extrusion press. This expansion will be the fourth for Service Center Metals since it started operations in 2003 in the Southpoint Business Park. The company plans to add 58 new jobs. Gov. Terry McAuliffe, who made the announcement during his State of the Commonwealth speech, said Virginia competed against Indiana for the expansion project. With about 200 employees, the company makes aluminum rods, bars and tubing used in such end markets as the construction, transportation, machinery, and equipment industries. The company sells aluminum extrusions to metal service centers that supply those industries. Service Center Metals was founded by Scott Kelley, Randy Weis and Chip Dollins, who had been employees of Henrico County-based Reynolds Metals Co.

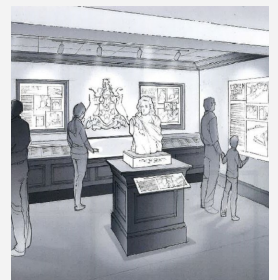
## PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY CITIZENS' GUIDE



The new Prince George County Citizens' Guide is a convenient reference to help locate the correct County department, office or agency to answer questions, respond to requests, or assist with problem solving. Pick up your copy of this all-inclusive publication at any County office.

## NEW ALCOVE AND BUST

The alcove on the first floor of the Prince George County Administration Building will receive a new look and a new resident. A bust of Prince George of Denmark, for whom the County is named, will be dedicated during Founder's Day, July 21, 2018. Along with the monument to the County's namesake, the exhibit will feature an interactive touchscreen. Citizens will be able to filter through stories about the Prince and the founding of the County. Text and photo panels will also be included.



# Prince George County Police Department Calendar of Events

| Date        | Time                   | Event                                   | Location                              |
|-------------|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| April 8     | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Drug Takeback Day                       | Prince George Police Dept. (side lot) |
| May 11      | 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  | Tip-A-Cop Fundraiser                    | Nanny's Barbeque                      |
| May 12 - 16 |                        | National Police Week                    |                                       |
| May 23      | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Ft. Lee Safety Day                      | Fort Lee PX                           |
| June 7      | 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Special Olympic Torch Run               | Courthouse Road                       |
| June 8      | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  | Youth Public Safety Academy Orientation | Emergency Operations Center           |
| August 7    | 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  | National Night Out                      | Countywide                            |
| September 4 | 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  | Prince George Police Community Academy  | Police Department Headquarters        |
| October 6   | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Pet Adoption Event - "War Dog Day"      | Petersburg National Battlefield       |
| October 13  | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Shred Day & Food Drive                  | Ft. Lee Credit Union                  |

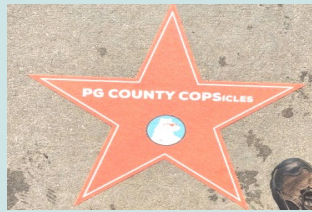
## NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES

Each and every person involved with the Prince George Animal Services and Adoption Center makes a difference. Adopters, donators, volunteers, fosters, rescue agencies, visitors, Facebook friends, and other municipal animal agencies along with various veterinarians make their efforts possible. The Animal Control Officers work diligently throughout the year to ensure that the animals at the center are cared for and given the best chance to find a perfect home. In 2017, staff responded to over 2,000 calls for service, held 18 adoption events, obtained 22 convictions of animal cruelty and neglect, held 3 fundraisers, conducted 18 therapy dog visits, and had the largest annual open house to date. We are happy to report that adoptions have continued to increase over the past six years. Thank you for your service 365 days of the year!



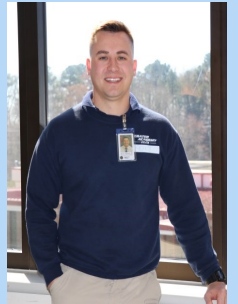
## SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE

The 2018 Polar Plunge - Winter Festival was held on February 3rd in Virginia Beach. "The Prince George County COPSicles" were ranked 18th out of over 250 teams by raising over \$12,000. The event raised over one million dollars for Special Olympics for the 7th consecutive year.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES OFFICER JOHNSON

Welcome to our newest Officer, Jay Dee Johnson who graduated from the 90th Basic Law Enforcement Academy on March 29, 2018 and was the President of his graduating class. Officer Johnson's next step in the Police Department will be Field Training. Congratulations Officer Johnson!



## TAX RELIEF

Real Estate Tax Relief Applications for the Elderly or Permanently and Totally Disabled must be filed no later than August 1, 2018 in order to obtain credit on the December 5, 2018 real estate tax bill. Any questions or concerns may be directed to the Commissioner of the Revenue's office at (804) 722-8740.

**Darlene M. Rowsey**  
Commissioner of the  
Revenue

## TAX REMINDER

**All 2018 personal property taxes, license fees and second half of 2018 real estate taxes are due on or before June 5, 2018. Taxes not paid by due 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 May 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Payments must be post marked by the US Postal Service by June 5, 2018. A drop box is available at the County Administration Building.**

**Susan C. Vargo, Treasurer**

## PG TRIAD MEETING SCHEDULE

May 21st - Regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. @ PG library

June 25th - Regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. @ PG library

July & August - no meetings

September 24th - Picnic at noon in lieu of regular meeting. Location TBD.

October 22nd - regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. @ PG library





## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

CERT teams are grassroots efforts to help volunteers and members of communities to be better prepared for disasters of any kind. The members of the team go through a series of FEMA classes and certifications, both in person and online, as well as attend hands on training to earn the designation of a CERT team member. The primary purpose is to have trained volunteers respond and assist the paid emergency professionals during an emergency and/or disaster. The 2018 class of the CERT begins on September 14th. The class is approximately 8 weeks with meetings every Thursday from 6-9 p.m. If you are interested in learning more about the program and how you can be involved, contact Donald Hunter at (804) 722-8614.



The Citizens Academy is a free course providing an inside look at Prince George County, Virginia, government system. During each class, various Directors will give an overview of their respective departments. Class locations will vary throughout the semester to give students a broad view of County operations and a chance to visit different facilities.

Registration is limited to 25 participants. The deadline to apply is May 18th. Classes are anticipated to begin June 7th and run through the fall. Members of the public who wish to attend should contact County Administration at (804) 722-8600 or email [jstoke@princegeorgecountyva.gov](mailto:jstoke@princegeorgecountyva.gov).



## STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Several County departments are planning for the future with strategic planning processes underway. Fire/EMS is working on a five year strategic plan for operations and coordination with affiliated support organizations. The Economic Development and Tourism five year planning process just held its first citizen input meeting on April 19th and anticipates completion by July. An updated Scott Park master plan will be started this year to take the next steps in planning development of the park. Dewberry Engineers have been hired by the County to evaluate water and sewer infrastructure needs at Southpoint Business Park. The report outlining possible infrastructure solutions should be complete by June 29th.



## LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is a group of community leaders who want to help ensure our communities are safe and know how to respond safely to primarily chemical hazards in the area. The LEPC has also expanded its support scope to include any and all other disasters that could affect you. During 2017, the LEPC hosted a very successful Survivor Day and several public forums to discuss the Opioid Crisis in our region. These events were well attended. The LEPC also supported the gifted student resource to help the PACE students. The LEPC is not a closed group. If you are an interested community member, you are welcome to join. The LEPC is looking for both private citizens and business owners to join. Remember, this is a group that is concerned about the public safety of our communities. To become a part of this team, contact Donald Hunter, Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator at (804) 722-8614 or at [dhunter@princegeorgecountyva.gov](mailto:dhunter@princegeorgecountyva.gov).



## NEW SAFER GRANT POSITIONS

Meet your newest emergency responders that were recently hired under the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant programs totaling \$1,468,203. The new employees went through a two week orientation and mini-academy to refresh the basic fundamentals of providing quality services to the citizens of Prince George County for all hazards they may face. The expansion of coverage will positively affect all citizens in the County who experience a fire or medical emergency.



## NEW COLLECTION EFFORTS FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Prince George County has recently contracted with TACS (Tax Authority Consulting Services, PC) to assist with the collection of delinquent/past due personal property and real estate taxes. When internal collection efforts from the Treasurer's Office and the County Attorney's Office are unsuccessful, delinquent accounts will be turned over to TACS. TACS will engage in a variety of communications with delinquent taxpayers and will use all legal remedies for collecting these past due amounts. A 20% collection fee will be added to amounts owed on accounts that are turned over to TACS. Please be sure to pay your taxes by the established due date in order to avoid the extra 20% collection fee.





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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

**05/08/18** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**05/22/18** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**06/12/18** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**07/10/18** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**08/14/18** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**09/11/18** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**09/25/18** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

**10/09/18** - Board of Supervisors Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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