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Crosspointe Centre

Current projects:

- Rolls-Royce has begun earthwork on the new 90,000-square-foot Advanced Airfoil Machining Facility. The \$136 million dollar facility will produce turbine blades and nozzle guide vanes for advanced aero engines used in the Boeing 787 Dreamliner, Airbus 380 and Airbus 350. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2013 and create 140 new jobs.
- 40 acres of site pad preparations are underway at 4 locations for potential suppliers at Crosspointe Centre.
- The remaining West Quaker Road construction for this industrial park will be publically bid in the spring and completed in 2013.



Economic Development and Tourism Strategic Plan

New plan to be developed

A new Economic Development and Tourism Strategic Plan is under development by MAI (Management Analysis, Inc.). Since the previous 2007 plan, the County has seen many changes including: CCAM, Rolls-Royce, Fort Lee BRAC, proposed new Route 460 and sports tourism. These new activities have charted a new course for our community. The new plan is due for completion in May 2013. Representatives from MAI have already begun contacting businesses for interviews and more public input will be gathered this spring.



Prince George County Business Roundtable

2013 Business Roundtable under way.

On Wednesday, February 6, 2013, the County of Prince George sponsored the first session of the 2013 Prince George Business Roundtable. The featured speaker was Mac McGinty, Vice President of the Community College Workforce Alliance. The Prince George County Business Roundtable began its second year in February as an information exchange between the public and private sector. Meeting every other month, this group includes a diverse cross-section of private businesses which will spend the year discussing topics which impact the economic growth of our community. Each year, a new group of selected businesses will be asked to serve. Every meeting will have a county update from the County Administrator, Mr. Percy Ashcraft, and an economic update from the Deputy County Administrator, Mr. Jeff Stoke.



Place Name Changes

Voluntary changes to addresses.

In January 2013, Prince George County property owners who are impacted by the United States Postal Service (USPS) Alternate Place Name change began receiving a notification letter and frequently asked questions list. Those parcels within Prince George County that have Hopewell or Petersburg address place names have the option of using "North Prince George" or "South Prince George" respectively. This change is not mandatory and will not affect mail delivery. Filing a formal change of address form with the USPS is not required by anyone choosing to use the alternate place name in an address. The USPS began official use of the alternate place names on February 15, 2013.



Any questions regarding the process should be directed to Jeffrey D. Stoke, Deputy County Administrator, (804) 722-8600 or jstoke@princegeorgeva.org.

Sequestration Update

Ft. Lee cuts targeted

Fort Lee faces an estimated budget reduction of \$84 million - almost 60 percent of the \$146 million in cuts to U.S. Army bases in Virginia - but the threat is bigger than just the sequestration deadline on Friday, March 1, for cutting federal spending. The next deadline is March 27, 2013, when the continuing budget resolution expires in Congress, resulting in about \$6 billion less than the Army requires internationally for maintaining troop readiness and transitioning from

combat operations. Prince George County schools face \$400,000 in cuts in federal aid for educating children of Fort Lee families this year, and more than \$450,000 in the budget year that begins on July 1. More than 5,500 civilian employees at Fort Lee - about half of them working for the Army and the rest for other Department of Defense agencies - could see a 20 percent reduction in their paychecks from a weekly furlough day during 22 weeks beginning in late April. At Fort Lee, the Army already has frozen civilian employee hiring, except for firefighters, security guards, and child care workers. It has cut back civilian training and education; non-essential travel, conferences and studies; facilities maintenance and modernization; and all non-pay budgets. *Source: Richmond Times-Dispatch 2/26/2013*

Ft. Lee Awards Contracts to County Hotels



On January 18, 2013, the Department of the Army selected two (2) Prince George County hotels for inclusion in the Fort Lee Lodging Success Program. The Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn on I-95 exit 45 were awarded 2 of the 21 slots for the temporary housing requirements on Fort Lee. This was a highly competitive process and we extend our congratulations to the Prince George County businesses that were successful in obtaining a housing contract.

County Enters Chamber Hall of Fame

On February 21, 2013, the Hopewell-Prince George Chamber of Commerce inducted the County of Prince George into the Chamber Hall of Fame for 25 years of continuous service and membership. This prestigious award recognizes the extensive partnership between the Chamber and Prince George County. The County is honored by this special recognition and will continue a cooperative effort with the Chamber to jointly serve the business community.

Are You Ready to "Play Ball"? Youth Baseball in Prince George County



Sports tourism is back in full swing in Prince George County with an opening baseball tournament on St. Patrick's Day weekend. The St. Patrick's Day Slugfest will host boy's 8U-14U teams primarily at the JEJ Moore Athletic Complex. More tournaments are being scheduled throughout the year. In addition, the County is preparing a Visitor's Guide showcasing the historic sites and buildings of our community. The guide will soon be available for

residents, visitors and baseball families looking to explore our rich historic area between games.

Mark Your Calendar

Key Dates and Upcoming Events:

- March 5, 2013 - Board of Supervisors Budget Worksession, Board Room - 3rd Floor - 6pm
- March 6-13, 2013 - 38th Annual Military culinary Arts Competition, Fort Lee Field House - 9am - 5pm daily
- March 12, 2013 - Virginia's Annual Statewide Tornado Drill, Statewide - 9:45am
- March 12, 2013 - Crater Small Business Seminar, CPDC Board Room - 1-5pm
- March 12, 2013 - Board of Supervisors Meeting, Board Room - 3rd Floor - 7pm
- March 14, 2013 - Crater Small Business Seminar, CPDC Board Room - 11:30am - 3:30pm
- March 16 & 17, 2013 - St. Patrick's Day Slugfest (8U-14U) Baseball Tournament - Prince George County baseball fields
- March 21, 2013 - Crater Small Business Seminar, CPDC Board Room - 3:30-5pm
- March 25, 2013 - Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Board Room - 3rd Floor - 7:30pm
- March 26, 2013 - Board of Supervisors Meeting, Board Room - 3rd Floor - 7pm
- March 28, 2013 - Planning Commission Meeting, Board Room - 3rd Floor - 7:30pm

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