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Board of Supervisors Chairman Donald Hunter celebrates SCM's 20 years with CEO Scott Kelley, staff, and Governor Glenn Youngkin

SERVICE CENTER METALS EXPANSION

Service Center Metals (SCM) cut the ribbon Saturday, September 9, on a \$127 million expansion that added 320,000 square feet to the 100-acre campus and includes two new facilities: a billet casting (aluminum recycling) plant and a new aluminum extrusion plant.

SCM was founded in Prince George County and has called the county home since 2002. The impact they have had on our community is immeasurable. The expansion added 125 jobs and positioned SCM as the nation's most environmentally friendly aluminum extrusion and billet manufacturer and North America's largest independent supplier of secondary aluminum billet. Since it began operations in 2023, the company has shipped more than 1.8 billion pounds to customers across America. To date, SCM employs 378 people and offers free healthcare services to team members and their families.

Family, friends, the Prince George High School Band, and the Governor of Virginia, Glenn Youngkin, celebrated the company's 20-year success. "Service Center Metals is living proof that American manufacturing is alive and well in Virginia. Together, we are demonstrating that the Commonwealth can be a manufacturing industry leader," said Governor Glenn Youngkin. "I applaud SCM and its leadership for positioning the Tri-Cities region as manufacturing innovators and creating well-paying jobs that support hard-working men and women and their families." The birthday celebration included food, cake, and family-friendly activities. Families enjoyed miniature train rides, bounce houses and a Ferris wheel.

FARMERS' MARKET HAS RECORD YEAR



The Farmers' Market achieved record growth for the 2023 season. With a vendor increase of 63% over last year and 83% growth compared to 2020, the market provided residents with a place to support local businesses.

The array of events throughout the season saw the community coming together to enjoy family fun and fellowship. The market ends October 28 and will feature a Holiday Market on November 18, 10 AM - 2 PM.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS



Infusion Solutions welcomed patients in August

The Prince George Economic Development Department welcomed four new businesses to the county:

Poirier Financial Strategies, LLC
Warren Poirier created a successful hometown business in insurance and financial services. The company celebrated its expansion on May 18.

The Perfect Picks Flower Farm
On June 2, Perfect Picks celebrated its grand opening. Perfect Picks is a seasonal pick-your-own flower farm, featuring ten acres of blooms.

Infusion Solutions
Infusion Solutions is a patient-focused business that provides private, luxurious rooms for individuals to receive infusions, offering a unique and comforting experience in line with their vision: inspired care.

CareNow Urgent Care
CareNow Urgent Care, formerly known as BetterMed Urgent Care, held their ribbon cutting ceremony on October 12. CareNow is a walk-in family-friendly clinic that provides fast and convenient care for various minor illnesses.



COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS

After months of planning, the highly anticipated renovation of the Circuit Courtroom has finally begun. With construction starting on September 5, this project aims to modernize the courthouse facilities.

Addressing the question of where to hold the circuit court proceedings during renovation proved to be a challenge. The old Walton Elementary School, which had been recently vacated, presented an opportunity for repurposing an existing facility into the temporary Prince George County Courthouse Annex.

With the renovation project underway, the demolition phase was completed in mid-September. The completion timeline is set for late winter to early spring 2024.



The Perfect Picks Flower Farm

5&DIME

The 5&Dime launched as an official Virginia tourism route on August 3. President of Virginia Tourism Corporation, Rita McClenney, spoke to the unique benefit that this route provides to tourists and locals alike. The name “5&Dime” originated from motorcyclists who would drive Route 5 and Route 10, which encompasses Prince George County, Hopewell, Charles City County, Surry County, and James City County.

Along the route are restaurants and attractions that make for the perfect day trip. Travelers can enroll in the passport program, which rewards points for checking in to route locations. Points can be traded for patches, hats, mugs, and tote bags. Prince George County has eight locations along the route, including Tree Time Adventures, Jordan Point Marina, The Perfect Picks Flower Farm, and several restaurants. Visit www.5anddimeva.com to plan your trip and experience authentic Americana, by river and road.

BUSINESS RESOURCE & JOB FAIR
PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY VIRGINIA
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Central Wellness Center
01 NOVEMBER

The graphic features a calendar icon for November 1st, a clock icon for the time, a location pin icon for the Central Wellness Center, and an illustration of two people sitting at a table talking.



Crews Work Around the Clock on the Waterline Extension



The 2022 Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony

UTILITIES UPDATES

Water Main Extension to Route 10 Corridor

Construction is in full swing on the waterline extension along Sandy Ridge and Ruffin Roads and James River Drive. The contractor started work on the project in May 2023 and has completed over 50% of the waterline construction. The allowed timeline for the construction contract has project completion in fall 2024, however, it is probable that the project will be completed earlier. Completion of this project will connect the Jordan-on-the-James, Eagle Preserve, Beechwood Manor, and Chappell Creek subdivisions to the central water system.



Southpoint Business Park Force Main Realignment

Construction of the realigned sewer force main started in July and the contractor has completed approximately 50% of the project. Construction is anticipated to be complete late fall of this year. This project will provide additional wastewater conveyance capacity for the Southpoint Business Park and the Route 460 area.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

Each year, on the first Friday of December, wreaths are placed for each of our fallen officers of Prince George County. Those remembered are Sheriff John Atwood, Sergeant Clifford Scott Jr., Trooper Leo Whitt, Officer Shelly Crowder, Deputy Claude Gatewood, and Police Chaplain Robert Livesay III.

Their commitment to the Prince George County Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police, and the community will never be forgotten.

REGIONAL FIRE ACADEMY

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the innovative Regional Fire Academy, a collaborative initiative between Prince George Fire/EMS, Dinwiddie Fire, Hopewell Fire, Petersburg Fire, and Colonial Heights Fire. This collaboration allows departments to hire and train uncertified firefighters collectively, fostering a dynamic learning environment. This partnership streamlines the allocation of instructors, equipment, and training and significantly reduces collective expenses. The academy is hosting 34 recruits for a rigorous 19-week program, which will conclude on January 12, 2024, resulting in the recruits receiving state and national certifications in various emergency response disciplines.

The recruits are currently engaging in daily physical training sessions. They are in the process of completing their field and clinical rotations to meet the requirements for the National Registry. We commend all participating departments and individuals whose unwavering dedication have made this academy a reality, solidifying our mutual commitment to community safety and professional development within our services.




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PARKS & RECREATION

SPORTS REGISTRATION	AGES	REGISTRATION	FEE
Youth Basketball	7-15	10/2 - 10/27	\$30 
Adult Basketball	35 & Older	10/2 - 11/27	\$200 / Team
Indoor Field Hockey	Girls, Grades 2-11	10/16 - 11/3	\$125
Baseball & Softball	3-18	1/8 - 2/2	\$30 
Spring Soccer	9-18	1/8 - 2/2	\$30 
Spring Outdoor Travel Field Hockey	Girls, Grades 2-11	1/15 - 2/2	\$125

 Discounted registration fees for multiple participants.



ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

The 16th Annual Harvest Festival on October 21 at Temple Park was a hit again this fall. The free event was widely attended and featured costumes, games, hayrides, a gaming truck, a petting zoo, inflatables, a haunted forest, and so much more.



TOP GUN SPORTS

Top Gun Sports is returning with teams from eight states for 8 - 18U softball tournaments. The fall tournaments will take place October 28-29 and November 11-12.

SAFE BANKING FOR SENIORS

This nationwide campaign aims to help older customers understand the risk of fraud, financial abuse, and how to protect themselves. The free presentation is at the Community Center at 11:00 AM on November 12.

CHRISTMAS SEASON

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

The tree lighting celebration will be held on November 29 at 7:00 PM adjacent to the Prince George Regional Heritage Center. Come see our new tree, enjoy songs, and refreshments.



DECORATIONS & DISPLAY CONTEST

Residents and businesses are encouraged to enter the contest between November 1 and December 1. Judging will occur December 6.

PARADE

The annual Christmas Parade will be held on December 2 at 3:00 PM. Parade applications are available now through November 17.

KID FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Register your children for Breakfast with Santa on December 2. Kids can receive a phone call with Santa, Mrs. Claus, or one of Santa's elves November 13 - December 1. Youth may also enter the Christmas Card Contest. Entries will be accepted November 1-17.



SELF-SERVICE KAYAK RENTALS

Self-service kayak rentals are available at the Appomattox River Regional Park. Adventure lovers can unlock and rent equipment with the touch of a button. Rentals include the use of a single person kayak, paddle, and life vest. Download the Rent.Fun mobile app from your app store today.



NEW TENNIS & PICKLEBALL COURTS

Four new regulation outdoor pickleball courts, as well as one new tennis court, opened at Temple Recreation Park. Courts are open daily from dusk until dawn.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Date	Time	Event	Location
October 28	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Drug Takeback	Police Department Side Lot & PG ER
October 28	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	PG Ruritan Harvest Fest	PG Ruritan Club
October 31	5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Trick or Treating	Countywide
November 11	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	PG Public Safety Gala	PG Ruritan Club
December 1	9:00 AM, 11:00 AM	Wreath Laying Ceremony	Merchants Hope Cemetery, Southlawn Memorial Park
December 2	3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Christmas Parade	PG County Complex



CZECH & SLOVAK FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

The Prince George County Regional Heritage Center hosted the 9th Annual Virginia Czech and Slovak Folklife Festival on October 21. Thousands of visitors enjoyed live authentic music while indulging in Old World food and beer. Attendees explored the agricultural way of life of the immigrants through expanded farm displays.

Over 100 years ago, hundreds of Czech and Slovak families made the long voyage over land and sea to settle in Central Virginia. Enticed by fertile land and mild climate, they journeyed here during the Reconstruction era. Their legacy is honored with this annual festival celebrating their proud heritage.



TRIAD

Triad is focused on reducing crimes against seniors. Meetings occur every 4th Monday of the month at the Prince George County Library. Interested in joining? Contact Ruth Parham at (804) 721-2647.



Isaiah Barnwell was awarded the Dig Deep 12 Scholarship in Honor and Memory of Grayson Payne Austin in 2023

NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR

On July 17, Robert Baldwin was named the County’s new Planning Director. Mr. Baldwin has over 30 years of experience in municipal and federal planning, including his most recent role as the Planning Director and Deputy City Manager of the City of Portsmouth.

Mr. Baldwin is responsible for organizing and directing planning and zoning activities, services, programs, and staff. He is a member of the American Planning Association and holds a Master’s degree in Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia.

JOHN RANDOLPH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2023, John Randolph Foundation awarded \$28,000 in scholarships to 18 Prince George High School Seniors. Through the generosity of individuals, local businesses, and civic organizations, Prince George County students are eligible for 54 scholarships this scholarship season.

The application process for the 2024 scholarship season is September 15 thru February 15, 2024.

Find out more about scholarship programs at:

www.johnrandolphfoundation.org/scholarships

NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Charles Harrison, III was promoted to the position of Director of Community Development and Code Compliance on September 26. With an impressive track record and a wealth of experience in various roles within the county, Harrison is well-equipped to lead the department and contribute to the continued success of the community.

In his new role, Mr. Harrison will oversee and manage the department’s daily operations.



PUBLIC NOTICE OF IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING

Early In-Person Absentee voting is currently in process Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM in the Voter Registration Office.

The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is Friday, October 27, 2023.

For the convenience of eligible citizens, the Voter Registration Office will also be open on Saturday, October 28 and Saturday, November 4, 2023.

November 4 is also the last day to vote In-Person Absentee ballot by qualified applicants at the Voter Registration Office.

BALLOT DROP-OFF

There is an Official Ballot Drop Box located in the parking lot directly behind the Voter Registration Office for the November 7, 2023, General Election. Drop Boxes for vote-by-mail ballots will also be available at each county polling place on Election Day from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

EARLY VOTING HAS BEGUN

The Prince George County Voter Registration Office is located at 6602 Courts Dr., Suite 243 and is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If you did not register before October 16, 2023 you will have to fill out a same-day registration form for the November 7, 2023 election. Your ballot will be counted the day after the election as a provisional if all information is correct.



IMPORTANT DATES

10/27/23

Last day to request an absentee ballot

10/28/23

Saturday Voting

11/4/23

Saturday Voting & Last day of Early Voting

11/7/23

Election Day, polling places open 6 AM - 7 PM

GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES - November 7, 2023

SENATE OF VIRGINIA 13TH DISTRICT

Vote for only one

Eric F. Ditri - R

Lashrecse D. Aird - D

HOUSE OF DELEGATES 75TH DISTRICT

Vote for only one

Carrie Emerson Coyner - R

Stephen C. Miller-Pitts, Jr. - D

HOUSE OF DELEGATES 82ND DISTRICT

Vote for only one

Kim A. Taylor - R

Kimberly Pope Adams - D

CLERK OF COURT

Vote for only one

Joyce Burke Jackson - I

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

Vote for only one

Susan O'Prandy Fierro - R

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Vote for only one

Darlene M. Rowsey - I

SHERIFF

Vote for only one

R.W. "Buck" Vargo - I

TREASURER

Vote for only one

Susan Clark Vargo - I

MEMBER SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1

Vote for only one

Cecil McLane Smith - I

Michelle M. Crist - I

MEMBER SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 2

Vote for not more than two

Anne E. Graham - I

Jill Atkinson Andrews - I

Sherry D. Taylor - I

MEMBER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 1

Vote for only one

R.E. "Bobby" Cox Jr. - I

William "Bill" Steele - I

B. Renee Taylor Garnett - I

MEMBER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 2

Vote for not more than two

T.J. Webb - I

Judy A. Chalkey - I

Philip T. Pugh - I

Brandon L. Massenburg - I

ABSENTEE BALLOT: NEW STATE LAW

Recent legislation (HB 1948) removed the witness requirement for absentee ballots. Voters are now required to provide the **last four digits of their social security number** and their **year of birth** on the ballot envelope.

As stated on the Ballot Return Envelope, your ballot will **not** be counted if you do not fill in the Statement of Voter on the envelope completely.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

JAMES RIVER DISTRICT

Vote for not more than two

Avis Epps Bennett - I

Andy Petik - I

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TAX REMINDER

First half of Fiscal Year 2024 real estate taxes are **due on or before December 5, 2023**. Taxes not paid by the due date will be subject to an immediate 10% penalty plus interest. The two drop boxes located outside of the County Administration building will be locked at 5:00 PM on December 5 and reopen at 8:30 AM on December 6.

If you own property and did not receive a bill, call (804) 722-8750. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of any additional charges that will accrue for failure to pay within the prescribed time. Office hours are 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Payments must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by December 5.

Susan Clark Vargo, Treasurer



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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise noted, meetings occur in the Board Room on the 3rd floor of the County Administration Building at 6602 Courts Drive. The Board meets in a Closed Session at 5:00 PM. The Work Session begins at 6:00 PM. The Business Meeting starts at 7:00 PM, followed by public hearings at 7:30 PM.

- October 24, 2023
- November 15, 2023
- November 28, 2023
- December 12, 2023
- January 2, 2024
- January 9, 2024