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You have received the June 2014 issue of the Prince George County Economic Development e-Newsletter. We hope you find this publication to be informative, timely, and interesting. Please feel free to contact us if you should have any questions about the articles you see here, or if you have any ideas for future articles. We value your input.

Top 50 Workplace

In April, Prince George Government Employees learned they were working for one of the "Top 50 Workplaces" in the Richmond Metro Area. County employees participated in an anonymous survey which covered topics affecting their workplace. Questions included workplace diversity, access to training, work-life balance, and encouraged community involvement. Prince George County was one of only ten "medium-size" companies (150 to 499 employees) to make the list for 2014, and the only municipality to make the Top 50. Companies were chosen by the Richmond Times-Dispatch and Workplace Dynamics. The process was open to any employer in the region that had at least 35 employees when the survey was conducted last fall. Employers who scored the highest locally and met national benchmarks made the list.

At the Sterling Workplace Awards program on May 8, 2014, County leaders were surprised to learn Prince George County Government had earned the "Training Award" for excellence in training of its employees. Board of Supervisors Chairman, Bill Robertson, recently told employees that even though the County did not win the top spot for their category, they have shown how proud they are to work for the citizens of Prince George County.
**Prince George Citizens' Academy**

Prince George County will be hosting a free Citizens' Academy in 2014. Sessions will be held on the second Thursday of every month, beginning June 12th through December 11th. This free course provides an inside look at the Prince George County government system. Topics will include County Government, Codes and Compliance, Public Safety, and County Finance.

Although registration for this year's academy has closed and the class filled, please feel free to contact Mr. Jeff Stoke, Deputy County Administrator, if you would like to be considered for the 2015 session. Classes are expected to follow the same format and will be held once a month at the Prince George Library.

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**Prince George Dixie Youth Baseball and Softball Opening Day 2014**

The Prince George County Department of Parks and Recreation held Opening Day Ceremonies on May 3, 2014, at JEJ Moore Sports Complex, to kick off the Prince George Dixie Youth Baseball/Softball season. With the support of the Prince George Parks and Recreation Foundation, many upgrades to the baseball and softball fields at the complex have been completed. The Foundation was created, in part, to enrich and expand recreational facilities and programs in Prince George County. These field upgrades were part of the first project funded by the Foundation. Additional projects planned for this location include bleacher canopies, paved walking areas, a playground area, and a new scorer's box.

In addition, the County hosted a Field Dedication Ceremony in memory of Grayson P. Austin and unveiled a new scoreboard.

Donations can be made to:
Prince George Parks and Recreation Foundation
P.O. Box 712
Prince George, VA 23875

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**VEDP FAM Tour**
On Thursday, May 29, 2014, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership participated in a bus tour sponsored by Virginia’s Gateway Region. This “familiarization tour” gave each participating locality the opportunity to showcase available industrial sites. Several localities participated and hosted VEDP representatives. Prince George County partnered with the City of Colonial Heights to host a luncheon. After a presentation by both Prince George County and the City of Colonial Heights, the bus toured the Southpoint Business Park, Crosspointe Centre, and Chudoba Industrial Park. The group was also able to see the four Rolls-Royce shovel-ready pad sites.

Key Dates and Upcoming Events:

- June 21, 2014 - Farmers' Market & Pet Adoption Event - Scott Park Pavilion - 8:00a-12:00p
- Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting - Board Room, Third Floor, Administration Building - 7:30pm
- June 26, 2014 - Planning Commission Meeting - Board Room, Third Floor, Administration Building - 7:30p
- June 27-29, 2014 - ASA/USA Region 3 & Open National Qualifier Softball Tournament - County Ball Fields - (times vary)
- June 28, 2014 - Farmers' Market & Pet Adoption Event - Scott Park Pavilion - 8:00a-12:00p
- June 28, 2014 - 311th Annual Prince George County Founders' Day Celebration - Prince George Admin. Blding. Lobby and Scott Park Pavilion - 4:00p-7:00p
- July 4, 2014 - Independence Day - Prince George County Government offices will be closed
- July 5, 2014 - Farmers' Market - Scott Park Pavilion - 8:00a-12:00p
- July 10, 2014 - Citizens' Academy - Prince George Library - 6:00pm - 9:00pm
- July 12, 2014 - Farmers' Market - Scott Park Pavilion - 8:00a-12:00p
- July 22, 2014 - Board of Supervisors Meeting - Board Room, Third Floor, Administration Building - 7:00p

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