

News Release**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****DATE: September 14, 2023**

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Hampton, VA - Get ready for a fantastic harvest season in Hampton! A spectacular variety of events will take place throughout the city at various venues, neighborhoods, attractions, and facilities this fall. Whether you're a sports fan, a music lover, or a horror enthusiast, you won't want to miss out on the exciting events that are coming to the area. So mark your calendars and get ready to have some fun! These events offer a great opportunity to experience seasonal offerings and things to do in the city.

For a full calendar of events, check out visithampton.com.

[Haunted Screams Expo](#)**September 16-17****Hampton Roads Convention Center****1610 Coliseum Drive**

Explore 150 vendors and 12 celebrities from your favorite action and horror movies. Be wowed by costume make-up contests, and bring your kids to run around the maze and trick or treat. Adults can get a fright by going into the on-site haunted house and enjoy a drink from a guest brewery after. There will be costume contests for both kids and adults!

[Hampton Cup Regatta](#)**September 23, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.****Mercury Boulevard Bridge****East Mercury Boulevard**

North America's oldest continuously-run hydroplane boat race is back in Hampton for its 97th year! In 1926, a group of Hampton Yacht Club members decided to have a race to see who had the best navigation skills and which of their boats was the fastest. That spirit of friendly competition endured, and decades later it still serves as the catalyst for one of the most popular competitions in the speedboat racing world. The modern Hampton Cup Regatta attracts vessels and crews from all corners of the U.S. It has seen racing teams from Canada, Australia and New Zealand. It is the place where regional and world records have been set.

Come out to enjoy adrenaline-pumping boat racing, food & beer vendors and a car show. Spectating areas are on the Mercury Blvd Bridge that leads to Fort Monroe and the grassy area on Stilwell Drive. Spectator boats are not allowed. We recommend bringing your own seating.

Parking is available on surrounding public streets in Phoebus. There will be plenty of signage identifying “Boat Race Parking.” This event is free & open to the public.

Jurassic Quest

September 29-October 1

Hampton Roads Convention Center

1610 Coliseum Drive

Jurassic Quest will be held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center September 29-October 1. This mammoth-sized event is North America’s largest and most realistic Dinosaur extravaganza. Guests walk through the Cretaceous, Jurassic and Triassic Periods and experience for themselves what it was like to be among dinosaurs of all kinds. Jurassic Quest is the only interactive dinosaur event that has over 100 true-to-life-size animatronic dinosaurs in each of its indoor touring shows from the very small to the gigantic.

Crawlin’ Crab Half Marathon & 5K

October 6-8, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Hampton Roads Convention Center

1610 Coliseum Drive

Come see for yourself why Runner’s World named BayPort Foundation Crawlin’ Crab Half Marathon presented by Bon Secours In Motion a must run Half Marathon! Are you looking for a flat and fast course? Do you love running by the water? Do you enjoy celebrating after your race? The Annual BayPort Foundation Crawlin’ Crab Half Marathon Weekend is the perfect place to run, crawl, and SHELLebrate. And if you want to maximize on the fun, complete the [shell-yeah challenge](#) by running both the 5k and half marathon!

Historic Phoebus Fall Festival

October 14, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Mellen Street

Phoebus will transform into a vibrant outdoor street fair for the Historic Phoebus Fall Festival on October 14 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Attendees can purchase handmade arts and crafts, explore community exhibits and live music, and more, as well as enjoy food and beer. The festival is sponsored by the Partnership for a New Phoebus. Admission to this festival is free.

Ghost Walk at Fort Monroe

October 20-22, 6-10 p.m.

Fort Monroe Visitor & Education Center

30 Ingalls Road

Join us for a walking tour to explore some of the unexplainable phenomena surrounding historic Fort Monroe. The Fort Monroe Ghost Walk has returned to share with you the haunting tales that accompany the very real history of Fort Monroe. This year we will explore homes, buildings, structures as we share with you a brand new route, new stories and new experiences!

Chairs that rock by themselves, a soldier in an attic, the very real and odd pirate history of Fort Monroe are just a few of the mysterious tales you will experience when you join us for this year’s Fort Monroe Ghost Walk, Where History Meets Mystery. Tickets will go on sale September 18, 2023 at 12 noon on Eventbrite.

Tours will be rain or shine. This is an outdoor, walking tour just over one half a mile long and lasting approximately one hour. Be advised that many areas and buildings at Fort Monroe are not handicapped accessible. Teens under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and this tour is not recommended for children under the age of 12.

Bluebird Gap Farm Fall Festival

October 22

Bluebird Gap Farm

60 Pine Chapel Road

Each year the City of Hampton ushers in the fall season at the Bluebird Gap Farm Festival. The festival offers a variety of children's activities, hayrides, master gardening, punkin' chunkin', storytelling, live entertainment, and much more.

Hampton Horror Tours

October 26-30

Hampton History Museum

120 Old Hampton Lane

Our Horror Tours are back to bring tales of mystery and the macabre to the streets of Hampton...and with more fun and fright than ever before! Even if you've been a regular on our Horror Tours in the past, you won't want to miss their reincarnation! There are new stories, new personages to meet from the mists of time and plenty of surprises in store!

Leaving from the museum, these 60-minute tours include eerie tales of old Hampton and the Coastal Virginia area. Each tour will include the grisly side of Hampton history, a spooky lantern tour of the St. John's Church graveyard, and other points of fright along Queen Street and around Downtown Hampton.

Adult tickets: \$14 in advance, \$16 at the door; children 12 and under \$12 (not recommended for children under 8).

Proceeds benefit the Hampton History Museum. Call 757-727-6824 or visit www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org/donate.

Harrison Phoebus Day

November 4, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Mellen Street

We're thrilled to announce Harrison Phoebus Day, a vibrant all-day block party and street festival that celebrates the town's namesake and other founding figures, on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023 from 11am to 6pm!

The event is FREE and open to the public. You'll arrive in Historic Downtown Phoebus for a full day of live music, entertainment, family-friendly activities, a special one-day pop-up history museum, delicious local street food, and a beer garden featuring craft beers from coastal Virginia breweries (plus exclusive releases for an unforgettable VIP experience!). The day will close with a captivating performance by blues-rock headliner Anthony Rosano & the Conqueroos on the main stage.

Through sales during the event, 100 percent of the net proceeds of Harrison Phoebus Day will go to the Phoebus Partnership's all-volunteer Community Enhancement branch, a

resident-led group which undertakes programs that positively impact the wellbeing and resiliency of this historic neighborhood.

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Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.