Hampton, Virginia Announces 2019 Calendar of Events
--City hosts first-class festivals and fabulously-free exhibits and events during the coming year--

Hampton, Virginia- From a first-class festival celebrating the demise of the brooding Blackbeard the Pirate and live music and libations at the Downtown Hampton Block Party series, there is something for the entire family this year in Hampton. In 2019, Hampton, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the World commemorates the first recorded arrival of Africans in English North America with a series of special events and activities. The landing took place at Point Comfort, present day site of Fort Monroe.

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Hampton, Virginia. This year we commemorate 400 years since the first recorded Africans landed in English–speaking North America. This pivotal moment in global history is a cornerstone of Hampton’s story because it was at Point Comfort, site of Fort Monroe in Hampton, that the first landing occurred.

This 400-year anniversary presents an opportunity for reflection and education. Through a diverse series of programs, events, and exhibits, visitors can gain insight into how from this turbulent beginning, the foundation of our nation was established.

“The historical significance of the ways Africans contributed to the development of Virginia and the rest of the nation should be recognized by all Americans,” said Hampton Mayor Donnie Tuck.

The American Theatre, Phoebus’ thriving arts center, has announced an exciting 2019 calendar that includes such notable acts as Ladysmith Black Mambazo and The Havana Cuba All-Stars.

In May and June, Hampton plays host to several signature events, including the 20th annual Blackbeard Pirate Festival (Named Third Best Pirate Festival in North American by USA Today and featured on Travel Channel’s Expedition Unknown), and the 52nd annual Hampton Jazz Festival. During the 52nd anniversary of the Hampton Jazz Festival, the world-renowned Hampton Coliseum will come alive with the sounds of the nation’s top blues, soul, pop, and jazz performers.

Many exciting athletic competitions such as the 2019 World Class Gymnastics Invitational, Mid-Atlantic Power League Volleyball, , Sea to Stars Volleyball Classic, BWSL Basketball Exposure Showcase, 2019 Showstopper Dance

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Competition, Hoop Group Southern Jam Fest 2019, Life’s a Beach Triathlon, 2019 EVP Beach Volleyball World Championships, will compliment favorites like the 39th annual Virginia Duals, Boo Williams Nike Invitational Tournaments, and Crawlin’ Crab Half Marathon, 5K, and Kids Kilometer. The Hampton Cup Regatta, North America’s oldest continuously running power boat race, celebrates its 94th birthday this September!! In non-athletic news, events like the 30th Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXIX, Ninth annual Hampton Roads Tattoo Arts Festival, and 19th annual International Children’s Festival, return bigger and better than ever.

In November and December, try such festive options as the 21st annual Coliseum Central Holiday Parade, Phoebus Annual Illumination, 24th annual Holiday and Kwanzaa Marketplace, 31st annual Downtown Hampton Lighted Boat Parade, Holiday Open House at the Hampton History Museum, Hampton Holly Days Parade, and Mistletoe Homes Tour Fort Monroe.

Other notable 2019 happenings include the Virginia Hot Rod & Custom Car Show, World of Pets Expo, Crabtown Seafood Festival, Bodacious Bazaar in May and November, and NekoCon 21, among countless others.

January 2019

5-6 Virginia Hot Rod and Custom Car Show

This January 5-6, cruise on over to the Hampton Roads Convention Center for the Virginia Hot Rod and Custom Car Show, a two-day indoor car and motorcycle show featuring some of the hottest “classics,” “hot rods,” and “customs” in the country. Hampton Roads Convention Center. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Admission Fee. 757/727-8311. www.vacarshow.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

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11-13 **2019 Virginia Duals Wrestling Tournament and Youth Championship**

The Peninsula Wrestling Association hosts the 39th Annual Virginia Duals Wrestling Tournament at the Hampton Coliseum. The team advancement concept started in Hampton, Virginia with the Virginia Duals in 1981 and is now used by Virginia and many other states to determine the best high school team in the state. The National College Wrestling Coaches Association also recognized the value of the Team Advancement concept and now has the National Duel Team Championships to recognize the best college team in the nation. The Virginia Duals Wrestling Tournament is the largest college and high school tournament in the world. For more information, visit virginiaduals.mattalkonline.com. Hampton Coliseum. 9 a.m. Friday; 8 a.m. Saturday; 9 a.m. Sunday. Admission Fee. 757/838-4203. [www.hamptoncoliseum.org](http://www.hamptoncoliseum.org) (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

11-13 **Winter Wonderettes**

The Wonderettes are back! This seasonal celebration finds the girls entertaining at the annual Harper’s Hardware Holiday Party. When Santa turns up missing, they use their talent and creative ingenuity to save the holiday party! Featuring great 60s versions of holiday classics such as “Santa Claus Is Comin’ to Town,” “Jingle Bell Rock,” “Run, Rudolph, Run,” and “Winter Wonderland,” the result is, of course, marvelous. Showcasing festive costumes, stellar voices, and fantastic vocal arrangements, Winter Wonderettes is a terrific way to continue the yuletide celebration into the New Year! This energetic and glittering holiday package is guaranteed to delight audiences of all ages. The American Theatre. $35. 757/722-2787. [www.theamericantheatre.org](http://www.theamericantheatre.org) (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

12-13 **Southeastern Guns & Knives Show**

Founded in 1982 by "Doc" Mendelson, SGK Shows carry on the uniquely American tradition of Gun Shows, striving to bring the best assortment of firearms and related products together for home defense, collecting, and sport shooting. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. $10 Adults, $7 Ages 13 - 17, Free admission for children 12 & under accompanied by an adult 21 years or older. 757/315-1610. [www.guns-knives.com](http://www.guns-knives.com) (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

18-20 **Monster Jam**

Monster Jam starring the biggest performers on four wheels: Monster Jam trucks! The twelve-feet-tall, ten-thousand-pound machines will bring you to your feet, racing and ripping up a custom-designed track full of obstacles to soar over - OR smash through. Hampton Coliseum. Friday 7 p.m.; Saturday, 1 p.m.; and 7 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. Tix start at $15. 757/838-4203. [www.hamptoncoliseum.org](http://www.hamptoncoliseum.org) (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

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19 Barefoot Puppets

Can a spider defeat an elephant in tug-of-war or overpower a python? With Anansi the Spider, world famous trickster, all things are possible… if you only have a plan! Traditional West African stories come to life with expressive rod puppets, original music, and lots of puns. A high-energy show with lots of laughs! The American Theatre. 11 a.m. $10. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

19 Build the City

Using cardboard boxes and other recyclable materials teams of children will construct the neighborhoods, waterfront, business areas and parks of Downtown Hampton. Hampton Roads Convention Center. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

25-27 Coastal Virginia Bluegrass and Brew Festival

After a smashing inaugural year, Hampton Arts' Coastal Virginia Bluegrass and Brew Festival returns for a weekend packed with some of the nation's biggest musical acts, accompanied by local beers that represent the region's growing craft brewery scene. The American Theatre. 8:00 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

26-27 2019 World Class Gymnastics Invitational

Hosted by World Class Gymnastics. Hampton Coliseum. $10, Children 4-17 & Seniors $6, Children 3 and Under Free. 757/727-8311. www.worldclassgym.com (1000 Coliseum Dr, Hampton, VA 23666)

26-27 Mid-Atlantic Power League Volleyball: Quest for Excellence

MAPL is a power league for elite girls' volleyball teams along the Mid-Atlantic coast. Boo Williams Sportsplex & Hampton Roads Convention Center. Admission fee. 757/315-1610. www.maplvb.com (1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA 23666) (5 Armistead Pointe Parkway Hampton, VA 23666)
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2-3 **Grit Fitness Festival**

Established in 2010 and has grown each year. Grit Fitness Festival has become one of the premier competitive fitness events in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Over the years athletes from up and down the East Coast have traveled to the Hampton Roads area to participate in this TEST OF FITNESS and COMMUNITY BUILDING event. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 12 p.m.- 5 p.m. Registration Fee. 757/315-1610. [http://gritfitnessfestival.com](http://gritfitnessfestival.com) (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

9 **22nd Annual Black History Month Breakfast**

Celebrate the start of Black History Month with members of the Aberdeen Gardens Historic and Civic Association at the 22nd annual breakfast. Queen Street North Worship Center. 8 a.m.-11 a.m. $30. 757/722-2345. [www.aberdeengardens.org](http://www.aberdeengardens.org) (190 W Queens Way, Hampton, VA 23669)

9 **Ladysmith Black Mambazo**

Anticipate a concert packed with uplifting music inspired by deep African traditions as Ladysmith Black Mambazo celebrates 50 years as “South Africa’s cultural ambassador to the world.” Their coveted vocals are some of the most sought after in the music industry and have included recordings with artists such as Josh Groban, Melissa Etheridge, Dolly Parton, and the legendary Paul Simon. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. [www.theamericantheatre.org](http://www.theamericantheatre.org) (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

9-10 **Hampton Roads Home Show**

Shop, compare and save from experts in remodeling, landscaping, decorating and building. Leisurely stroll through wall-to-wall displays showcasing the latest trends and unveiling the newest products. Professionals are on hand to provide you with comparative information. Enjoy the entertaining and interactive demonstrations to motivate you. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. $10 adults, free for individuals 18 and younger. 757/222-2945 [http://hamptonvahomeshow.com](http://hamptonvahomeshow.com) (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

10 **The Havana Cuba All-Stars**

The rhythms and sounds of Cuba come alive in an electric evening that celebrates Cuba’s music and dance styles. Representing some of the country’s greatest musicians, The Havana Cuba All-Stars spice up The American Theatre with melodies and beats from the cha-cha and rumba to the salsa and signature “Son Cubano.” Inspired by the colorful tapestry of Cuban music, the All-Stars’ “Asere” (meaning “Friendship”) Tour also features three of Cuba’s finest dancing couples. Performing with a band of rousing musicians, expect a spirited spectacle of song and dance, exemplifying Cuba’s greatest musical traditions. The American Theatre. 2 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. [www.theamericantheatre.org](http://www.theamericantheatre.org) (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

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15 R&B Valentine’s Rewind

Bring your special valentine to a throwback concert of your favorite '80s and '90s R&B superstars! Get up and dance to Tony! Toni! Toné!, 112, K-Ci from Jodeci, 702, and Blackstreet featuring Teddy Riley and Dave Hollister. Don't miss this one-night-only show-stopping event at Hampton Coliseum on Friday, February 15, 2019 at 8pm. Hampton Coliseum. Friday 8 p.m. Tix start at $45. 757/838-4203. www.hamptoncoliseum.org (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

15-17 World of Pets

A shopper’s paradise for pet products & services! Some of the country’s foremost authorities in the pet industry will also present free seminars and demonstrations covering practically every aspect of pet care and training. Continuous entertainment and demonstrations by nationally known pet entertainers and trainers; DockDogs competition, adoptable pets, and more! Hampton Roads Convention Center. 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. $9 Adults; $5 Children (ages 5-12); Children under 5 are free. 800/882-9894. www.worldofpets.org (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

16 An Evening with Branford Marsalis

This is a rare opportunity for an upclose- and-personal evening with one of the century’s most acclaimed musicians. Branford Marsalis and his jazz quartet bring more than 30 years of experience to the stage and have long been recognized as the standard to which other ensembles of its kind are measured. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

22-24 2019 Showstopper Dance Competition

If you’re looking for the largest, most glamorously fun dance competition in the world, you’ve come to the right place! You can find us at all of the biggest and best venues all across the country — we are in over 50 cities a year! You might leave our competition covered in glitter, but we guarantee you’ll also leave with the best memories you’ll have all year. Hampton Roads Convention Center. www.goshowstopper.com (1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA 23666)

23 Excision Presents The Coliseum

EXCISION makes his debut at the legendary Hampton Coliseum as he brings his APEX2019 Tour to Virginia and the mid-Atlantic for a very special event! Join us as Excision & Steez Promo Present THE COLISEUM featuring performances by SLANDER, BEAR GRILLZ, as well as exclusive back to back performances featuring Dubloadz B2B Dion Timmer, Squanto B2B Al Ross B2B Bommer, Sullivan King B2B Wooli, as well as a performance by He$h. Must be 18 or older with ID. Hampton Coliseum. 6 p.m. 757/838-4203. www.hamptoncoliseum.org (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

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23 Love Letter

From the brilliant mind of award-winning playwright A.R. Gurney, Love Letters is a tribute to what makes a life: Love. Legendary actors Meredith Baxter and Michael Gross, who co-starred in the hit television series Family Ties for seven seasons, take to the stage to portray Melissa and Andy, childhood friends who exchange letters through the years — physically apart, perhaps, but spiritually as close as only true lovers can be. As the actors read the letters aloud, what is created is an evocative, touching, frequently funny but always telling pair of character studies in which what is implied is as revealing and meaningful as what is actually written down. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

23 Virginia House of Comedy

Virginia House of Comedy Reunion is the largest touring comedy show in the USA. Headlining the tour is the queen of comedy, Adele Givens. From the nationally syndicated radio show, the Michael Baisden Show, George Willborn. From the classic TV show Martin, Bruh Man. From the Wild'n Out Tour, Emanuel Hudson. Hosted by - BET Comedians - Mike Brooks! Purchase tickets from eventbrite.com. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 8 p.m. $40-$125. 757/315-1610. www.thehrcc.com (1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA 23666)

28-March 3 Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival

Join us as we celebrate the 29th annual Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival at the Hampton Roads Convention Center! The Merchants Mall will feature everything for quilt, fiber, wearable & textile artists and home sewers. In addition, M-AQF will present the finest collection of quilt, garment and fiber art exhibitions including quilt and wearable art prize money competitions. Rounding out the event will be workshops and lectures presented by leading instructors along with demonstrations throughout the Merchants Mall. Complete information on all quilt festivals presented by Mancuso Show Management is available at www.quiltfest.com. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. $15 includes readmission, $13 Sunday only, Ages 16 and under free. 757/315-1610. www.quiltfest.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)
March 2019

2 Professional Bull Riders
The PBR Real Time Pain Relief Velocity Tour is the top expansion series of the PBR featuring some of the best athletes of the sport going head to head with the fiercest bulls in the country. The PBR Velocity Tour will bring all the high-energy sound, lighting, special effects and edge of your seat action that fans have come to expect from the world leader in the sport of bull riding. Hampton Coliseum. 7 p.m. Tix start at $15. 757/838-4203. [www.hamptoncoliseum.org](http://www.hamptoncoliseum.org) (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

8-10 Virginia RV Show
The Virginia RV Show is back for with great deals on motorhomes, travel trailers, and fifth wheels! Stock up on all the essentials and gather great ideas for your next RV vacation. Come ready to shop the newest in accessories for RVs, as well as campgrounds. Insurance and financing will also be available on site. Plus, attend daily seminars to pick up some new info and tips. Hampton Roads Convention Center. Friday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. $10 at the door (Cash only); 16 and under free. 757/315-1610. [www.virginiarvshow.com](http://www.virginiarvshow.com) (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

9 An Evening with Ann Hampton Callaway & Amanda McBroom
Two legendary female vocalists. One spectacular evening. Experience a rare opportunity to see Ann Hampton Callaway and Amanda McBroom together onstage. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. [www.theamericantheatre.org](http://www.theamericantheatre.org) (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

10 Young Artist Competition Showcase
Winners from the third annual Young Artist Competition will perform chosen selections of concertos and virtuosic showpieces with the orchestra. Be inspired by the best of the future generation of performers that Hampton Roads has to offer. The American Theatre. 2:30 p.m. $20. 757/722-2787. [www.theamericantheatre.org](http://www.theamericantheatre.org) (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

3-9 Hampton Restaurant Week
Enjoy a 2-course lunch for $10 and/or a 3-course meal for either $20 or $30 at participating restaurants. [www.visithampton.com](http://www.visithampton.com)

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16 Dailey & Vincent

Jamie Dailey and Darrin Vincent, backed by one of the best bands on tour today, are some of the most reputable and elite entertainers in American music with a unique sound that seamlessly blends bluegrass, traditional country, and gospel music. The five-time Grammy Award winners have performed together for more than a decade, and while they’re now on Season Three of their nationally broadcast television series, The Dailey & Vincent Show on RFD-TV, nothing can compare to a rousing evening of live performance. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

16-17 Southeastern Guns & Knives Show

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22-24 9th annual Hampton Roads Tattoo Festival

Presented by Folk City Tattoo and Twisted Ink magazine, this is the largest tattoo event in Virginia. Hundreds of tattoo artists, vendors, and live music all weekend! During the event, interested attendees have the option of speaking with tattoo artists and having the work performed on-site. The cost of each tattoo is in addition to the entrance fee price and is negotiated between customer and artist. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 12 p.m. - 12 a.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. Saturday; 12 p.m.- 8 p.m. Sunday. $25 daily, $45 Weekend Pass, $35 Military Weekend Pass. 757/484-1319. www.hrtattoofest.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

23 20th annual Country for Kids Concert

This will be our 20th year of Country for Kids and we have featured some of the best country music stars, artists such as; Sara Evans, Keith Urban, Little Big Town, Gary Allan, Rodney Atkins, Phil Vassar, Jo Dee Messina, Craig Morgan are just a few. Join us at Country for Kids 2019 for an awesome night of country music all to support the programs and services of the Center for Child & Family Services. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 6 p.m. $25 General Admission, $60 VIP. www.countryforkids.com (1610 Coliseum Drive Hampton, VA 23666)
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23 **The Jungle Book**

Rudyard Kipling’s beloved jungle story comes to life in a vivid, theatrical staging filled with wonderment and adventure. Follow orphan Mowgli as his adoptive family of wolves, panthers and bears teach him about friendship. Jungle dangers abound as he encounters the hungry python Kaa and Bengal tiger Shere Khan, but with the help of his loving protectors, Mowgli remains safe and happy. *A Virginia Rep on Tour Production.*

_The American Theatre._ 11 a.m. $10. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

30 **Avery*Sunshine**

Avery*Sunshine’s latest studio album, Twenty Sixty Four, captures her signature sound with soulful in-the-pocket grooves, sublime ballads, exquisite arrangements and orchestrations, and an exuberant life affirming message. Expect an evening of musical empowerment delivered with Avery*Sunshine’s signature style. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

**April 2019**

1 **Hampton Carousel Opening Day**

The Hampton Carousel is reopening for the season! Come out and enjoy a ride on this historic carousel. $1. Carousel Park. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (602 Settlers Landing Road, Downtown Hampton)

6 **The Swingles**

At a time when a cappella music is more popular than ever, The Swingles are recognized as masters of their craft, and their repertoire has grown to include a huge variety of music, including new original songs and music inspired by their international travels. With creative arrangements that transport these well-loved songs into the group’s unique and vibrant sound world, the results are powerful and surprising. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

7 **2019 LOVE Fest**

Over 1400 participants and 100 Zumba® Fitness and MixxedFit® instructors from Hampton Roads and beyond are expected to participate in this fun-filled event for a cause. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Admission Fee. 757/315-1610. (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

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11 **Denny Hamlin Short Track Showdown**


13 **An Acoustic Evening with Shawn Colvin**

A singular and enduring talent, this intimate concert offers fans old and new the opportunity to experience Colvin’s warmhearted and tender songbook, including hits from her decade-spanning career and latest release, The Starlighter. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. [www.theamericantheatre.org](http://www.theamericantheatre.org) (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

20 **International Children’s Festival**

Enjoy the rich array of sights, sounds, and tastes of distant lands that will captivate the senses of children and adults alike. Experience the beauty and wonder of exotic places as over 35 countries and cultures showcase their unique heritages and again this year there will be animals from around the world with a chance to ride a camel. Food and beverages available for purchase. International and child themed vendors in attendance. Eaton & Queen Streets. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free Admission. 757/727-8311. [www.hampton.gov/parks](http://www.hampton.gov/parks) (100 Eaton Street, Hampton, VA 23669)

20 **Hampton Heritage Day**

Join in commemorating the melding of the Native American, European and African cultures that have come together to shape our community. Enjoy presentations and performances that will take place on a stage throughout the day as well as other activities in and around Carousel Park in Downtown Hampton, such as hands-on family activities, cultural displays and demonstrations, traditional dance and music, food, heritage arts & crafts, and more to honor those who came before us. Carousel Park. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free. 757/727-1610. [www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org) (602 Settlers Landing Rd, Hampton, VA 23669)

26-28 **Nike Invitational Girls 13U-16U Basketball Tournament**

Boo Williams Sportsplex & Hampton Roads Convention Center. Admission Fee. 757/637-7300. [www.boowilliamsbball.org](http://www.boowilliamsbball.org)

26-28 **Nike Invitational Girls 15U-17U Basketball Tournament**

Boo Williams Sportsplex & Hampton Roads Convention Center. Admission Fee. 757/637-7300. [www.boowilliamsbball.org](http://www.boowilliamsbball.org)

27 **Lavender Thorne Heel on the Backside**

This explosive dance collaboration with spoken word illuminates the writings of activist Audre Lorde and the freedom to love. Exploring themes of rejection, devotion, purity, and empathy, this testament of love promises to be a mastery of movement and storytelling. The American Theatre. 8 p.m. $25. 757/722-2787. [www.theamericantheatre.org](http://www.theamericantheatre.org) (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

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**27 Phoebus Spring Fling**

On April 27, historic Phoebus will transform into a vibrant outdoor street festival featuring handmade arts and crafts, community exhibits, food trucks, live music and craft beer. Monitor Lodge. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free Admission. 757/826-1862. [www.phoebusvaevents.com](http://www.phoebusvaevents.com) (212 E Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

**May 2019**

**17-19 Hoop Group Southern Jamfest 2019**

In what has been dubbed by some the “Battle of the Brands” tournament, the Southern Jam Fest brings together some of the best AAU programs in the country to see who is the best of the best. Boo Williams Sportsplex. Admission Fee. [www.hoopgroup.com](http://www.hoopgroup.com)

**17-19 Virginia Gymnastics Xcel State Championship**

The USA Gymnastics Xcel Program is a program offered as an alternative program for competitive gymnasts. All of the gymnasts participating in the Virginia Xcel State Championship have qualified through a series of local competitions. Gymnasts vary in age, from 5 years-old to 19 years-old. Hampton Roads Convention Center. [www.vausag.com](http://www.vausag.com)

**31 Blackbeard Grand Pirate Bash**

We encourage you to come in “period attire” for a Pirate Party featuring a bounty of food, adult beverages, live music and more. 8 p.m. - Midnight. 757/727-8314. [www.hampton.gov/parks](http://www.hampton.gov/parks) (700 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669)

**30 Hampton Carousel Birthday**

It’s the Hampton Carousel’s Birthday! Come out and enjoy a ride on this historic carousel. Carousel Park, [www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org) (602 Settlers Landing Road, Downtown Hampton)

May 31 – June 2 **Bodacious Bazaar & Wine Festival**

Over 200 vendors, artists, crafters, several of Virginia’s finest wineries and beer garden under three impressive large tents. RV’s, Boats, Live Music, Great Food, all on the bay, there is something for everyone! Hampton Roads Convention Center. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday & Saturday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. $7 Adults; $4 Children; $10 two day tickets. Wine tasting additional $20. [www.bodaciousbazaar.com/spring](http://www.bodaciousbazaar.com/spring) (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

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June 2019

1-2 20th annual Blackbeard Pirate Festival

Pillage and plunder your way through the coastal seaport city of Hampton when the annual Blackbeard Pirate Festival returns for another year of swashbuckling excitement! Celebrate Hampton’s rich maritime heritage by commemorating the demise of our most infamous visitor, Captain Edward Teach, aka Blackbeard the Pirate. Saturday night concludes with a dazzling fireworks display. Food and beverages available for purchase. Arts & craft vendors abound! Downtown Hampton. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday; 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday. Free Admission. 757/727-0900. www.hampton.gov/parks (Downtown Hampton Waterfront, 23669)

1-2 Steampunk: Visions of Futures Past

Experience the fantastical craftsmanship, conveyances and contraptions from an alternative Victorian era and Wild West frontier in “Steampunk: Visions of Futures Past” during Blackbeard Festival Weekend. Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Hampton History Museum. Free. 757/727-1610. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (120 Old Hampton Lane, Hampton, VA 23669)

8 8th Annual International Day of Remembrance

Remembrance is part of a 29-year tradition, which honors the millions of African men, women and children who perished during the Middle Passage of the Transatlantic Enslavement Trade, which has been documented as “the largest forced migration in history, and incontrovertibly one of the most inhumane” according to the United Nations. Join Sankofa as we educate and celebrate the richness and diversity of the African diaspora and bring awareness to this tragic chapter in American and global history. Attendees are asked to wear white clothing and to bring flowers. Buckroe Beach. Free. 757/727-1610. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (North First Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

8 Life’s a Beach Triathlon

The Life’s A Beach swim is 200 yards of “Almost Anything Goes,” with racers allowed to use boogie boards, swim fins, and almost anything to help them feel comfortable and have fun. The bike portion of the race is only five miles and is for fat tire bikes only, as some courses may actually involve stretches of beach riding. The two-mile beach run is laid back and includes obstacles to break up the run in a fun way. There will be an Awards Ceremony and Bodacious Beach Bash After-Party following the event. Buckroe Beach. Registration Fee. 727/422-1956. www.lifesabeachtriathlon.com (100 First Street South, Hampton, VA 23663)

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15 Aberdeen Gardens Heritage Day Celebration
Aberdeen Gardens Historic & Civic Association celebrates its unique heritage with entertainment, food, and festivity. Aberdeen Gardens Museum. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Free Admission. 757/722-2345. (55 and 57 N. Mary Peake Boulevard, Hampton, VA 23666)

28-30 52nd Annual Hampton Jazz Festival
Celebrating 52 years of music, the Hampton Jazz Festival attracts the nation's top blues, soul, pop, and jazz performers. Hampton Coliseum. 7:30 p.m. Friday; 7 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission Fee. 757/838-4203. www.hamptonjazzfestival.com (1000 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

July 2019
4 Fourth at the Fort
The celebration continues with a day full of activities, entertainment, and fireworks for the entire family. Local organizations will provide hands on activities and exhibits from 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Fort Monroe. This traditional Fort Monroe event includes live music, food vendors, family-friendly activities and a spectacular fireworks show launched from a platform in Mill Creek. Earlier in the day, visitors have use of the beaches, picnic areas, campground, fishing pier, waterfront restaurants and the craft brewery. Fort Monroe. Beginning 10 a.m. Free. 757/637-7778. www.fmauthority.com (20 Ingalls Road, Fort Monroe 23651)

13-14 Southeastern Guns & Knives Show
Founded in 1982 by "Doc" Mendelson, SGK Shows carry on the uniquely American tradition of Gun Shows, striving to bring the best assortment of firearms and related products together for home defense, collecting, and sport shooting. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. $10 Adults, $7 Ages 13 - 17, Free admission for children 12 & under accompanied by an adult 21 years or older. 757/315-1610. www.guns-knives.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23660)

20 11th Annual Hampton Heat 200
Hampton Heat is one of the speedway’s largest races, drawing more drivers and crowds than all others held at the historic track. While the event’s purse of $10,000 is a big draw, the chance to compete on the track where racing greats Darrell Waltrip, Dale Earnhardt Jr., and Denny Hamlin began their careers, lures drivers from throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast. Langley Speedway. 757/865-7223. www.langley-speedway.com (11 Dale Lemoinds Dr. Hampton, VA 23666)

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6 Neighborhood Night Out

The Coliseum Central Neighborhood Night Out Health & Safety Fair is a free day of family fun! Hampton law enforcement agencies will provide child identification kits and have vehicles on display. The day will also feature inflatables, a rock climbing wall and area businesses providing information related to health and safety. Free Admission. 757/826-6351. www.coliseumcentral.com (1972 Power Plant Parkway, Hampton, VA 23666)

9-10 2019 EVP Beach Volleyball World Championships

EVP is the largest beach volleyball tour in the United States with over 18 events and 5,000 athletes competing each summer. Paradise Ocean Club. Registration Fee. www.evptour.com

17 Annual Aberdeen Gardens Fish Fry

Sponsored by the Historical Foundation of Aberdeen Gardens. Offering fish sandwiches and dinner platters served with sides, dessert and a drink. Aberdeen Gardens Museum. 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. $4.50-$7. 757/722-2345. www.aberdeengardens.org (55 and 57 N. Mary Peake Boulevard, Hampton, VA 23666)

17 Crabtown Seafood Festival

Seafood vendors, fishing boats and educational bay exhibits will line the downtown waterfront, honoring Hampton's history as a town built by seafood. Celebrate Crabtown's fresh catch with food vendors, nautical art and live music, filling the river walkway from Mill Point Park to Carousel Park. Downtown Hampton. 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. 757/727-8311. www.hampton.gov (136 Kings Way, Hampton, VA 23669)

23 The Journey

You will hear voices ripping from the pages of the good book and the emotion that our fathers and mothers felt when in the wilderness and in the slave market. You will be there following every passage of history, every chapter of the book, every footstep they took. You will laugh and you will cry. The story of the JOURNEY is our story. It is the story of the Israelites, it is the story of the Africans, it is the story of the Slaves. It is the Journey through all of our lives. You miss this show and you will miss a whole lot of your own history. The American Theatre. 5 p.m. $35. 757/722-2787. www.theamericantheatre.org (125 East Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

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24 **Fort Monroe Visitor and Education Center Dedication**

This ceremony is to dedicate the new Fort Monroe Visitor and Education Center and to commemorate the landing of enslaved Africans at Point Comfort in 1619. Local, State and Federal officials will participate in the ceremony. Fort Monroe. Beginning 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. 757/637-7778. www.fmauthority.com (Fort Monroe)

23-25 **Commemoration of 1619 African Arrival**

The Hampton 2019 Commemorative Commission, the Virginia 2019 Commemoration, City of Hampton, Fort Monroe Authority and the National Park Service invite you to participate in commemoration activities in recognition of the first Arrival of Africans in English North America. Fort Monroe. 757/727-6311. http://hamptonva2019.com (Fenwick Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651)

**September 2019**

7 **Buckroe Arts in the Park**

The Buckroe Improvement League is excited to bring you the 8th Annual Buckroe Beach - Arts in the Park!! Join us at the Buckroe Beach Park in Hampton, Virginia overlooking the beautiful Chesapeake Bay. The event will be located in front of the large Buckroe Beach Pavilion adjacent to the boardwalk, allowing artists, craftsmen, Food and Beverage Trucks, Children's Area and DJ to be in one festival area. This event is free to attend. Come out and enjoy a day of shopping (or just browsing by the beach!) Buckroe Beach. 10a.m. – 6p.m. Free. 757/727-6311. www.TheBIL.org. (North First Street, Hampton, VA 23664)

21-22 **94th Annual Hampton Cup Regatta**


21-22 **Southeastern Guns & Knives Show**

Founded in 1982 by "Doc" Mendelson, SGK Shows carry on the uniquely American tradition of Gun Shows, striving to bring the best assortment of firearms and related products together for home defense, collecting, and sport shooting. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. $10 Adults, $7 Ages 13 - 17, Free admission for children 12 & under accompanied by an adult 21 years or older. 757/315-1610. www.guns-knives.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

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4-6 Crawlin’ Crab Half Marathon, 5k, Kids Kilometer & Shell Yeah Challenge

Presented by Bon Secours In Motion. All Half Marathon runners "crawl" past the beautiful waterfront in downtown Hampton making their way down the historic Chesapeake Ave. and back to the Hampton Roads Convention Center for a crawlin’ fun time at the post-race party. The Crawlin’ Crab 5K starts and finishes in front of the Hampton Roads Convention Center. The Shell Yeah Challenge is for participants who wish to run both the 5k and half marathon. All runners are invited to a post-race party with live music, food and a craft brew festival. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 2 p.m.- 6 p.m. Expo & Packet Pickup Friday; 8 a.m. 5k start, 9:30 a.m. Kids Kilometer start, 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Post-Race Party, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Expo & Packet Pickup Saturday; 7:30 a.m.- 8 a.m. Packet Pickup, 8 a.m. Half Marathon start, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. J&A Post Race Party Sunday. Participation Fee, Free Admission for spectators. 757/412-1056. www.crawlincrabhalf.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

4 Annual Harvest Fest Gala

Presented by the Historical Foundation of Aberdeen Gardens, this annual event celebrates its thirteenth year with dinner, a guest speaker, awards, door prizes, and music. Hampton Roads Convention Center. 6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Admission Fee. 757/722-2345. www.aberdeengardens.org (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

5 Burning of Hampton

Through historical reenactment, living history and powerful audio-visual presentations, experience the dramatic Civil War burning of the city of Hampton in advance of oncoming Union forces. Downtown. Sunset. 757/727-1610. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (120 Old Hampton Lane, Hampton, VA 23669)

12 Phoebus Fall Festival

This is the 49th year for this event! Presented by the community of Phoebus, this event features local craft beers, vendors, music, dancers, pie eating contest, doggie costume parade, and more. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Free Admission. 757/826-1862. www.phoebusvaevents.com (212 E Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

18-20 Fort Monroe Ghost Walk

Come and discover where history meets mystery! Learn the hidden secrets of Fort Monroe’s rich 400 year history during our guided ghost walks. Special priced tickets go on sale in September. Tours are rain or shine. Please be advised that this is a walking tour and most of the areas of the tour are not handicapped accessible. This tour is not recommended for children under the age of 12. Children under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Fort Monroe. 6:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. $15 in advance, $20 night of tour. 757/690-8061. www.fmauthority.com (Fort Monroe)
19 **Bluebird Gap Farm Fall Festival**

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 and much more. Entry and activities are free, and food vendors and pumpkins are available for purchase. 757/825-4750. [http://www.hampton.gov/139/Bluebird-Gap-Farm](http://www.hampton.gov/139/Bluebird-Gap-Farm) (60 Pine Chapel Rd. Hampton, VA 23666)

21-25 **Hampton Horror Tours**

These 60-minute tours include eerie tales of Old Hampton and the Coastal Virginia area. The tour will encounter actors portraying the first witch recorded in America, ghosts of Civil War soldiers, pirates from Blackbeard's Crew, a speakeasy proprietor, escaped prisoners, yellow fever victims, and more characters from the city's tales of mystery and the macabre. Each tour will include the grisly side of Hampton history; special surprises and a spooky lantern tour of the St. John's Church graveyard, and other points of fright along Queen Street and around downtown Hampton. Hampton History Museum. 6:30 p.m. & 8 p.m. Admission Fee. 757/727-1610. [www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org](http://www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org) (120 Old Hampton Lane, Hampton, VA 23669)

26 **Downtown Halloween Block Party**

Get those creative juices flowing to come up with your most outlandish Halloween costume ever and head to downtown Hampton for the Halloween Block Party. Event starts at 6pm and the band begins at 7pm. Concert free for all ages band starts at 7-10:30pm. Children's Area 6-8pm. Witches brews and food available for purchase and to lift your spirits! Downtown Hampton. 6 p.m. -11 p.m. Free Admission. [www.hamptonblockparty.com](http://www.hamptonblockparty.com) (Queens Way, Downtown Hampton, 23669)

**November 2019**

1-3 **NekoCon 21: Happy Meowloween**

The Hampton Roads Convention Center welcomes back over 3,000 otaku (fanboy’s and fangirl’s) to NekoCon 20, a Japanese anime convention featuring everything from cosplay (a combination of the words costume and play) to L.A.R.P. (Live Action Role Playing) in which attendees dress up as their favorite anime characters and become part of the action. Members are welcome to attend various panels and workshops, purchase merchandise in the dealer's room, and be a part of main attractions like karaoke contests, art shows, and nightly dances. Hampton Roads Convention Center. Admission Fee. 757/727-8311. www.nekocon.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)
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7-9 2019 Jazz Legacy Foundation 7th Annual Gala Weekend

9-11 Bodacious Bazaar

The Bodacious Bazaar is an amazing shopping experience that happens twice a year in the Coastal Virginia area. Our show’s mission is to fund our local nonprofits through quality shopping opportunities and to promote our communities talented artists. With perfect timing for holiday shopping this event has something for everyone, in a beautiful indoor setting. Vendors, artists, and shoppers alike can't afford to miss this amazing show! Hampton Roads Convention Center. 10 – 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Sunday. Adults $7, Two Day $10, Children $4, and Children in strollers are free. 757/315-1610. www.bodaciousbazaar.com (1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666)

9 Veterans Day Ceremony

In partnership with the Boy Scouts of America we will honor those who have served in the United States military. Attendees will be invited to place US flags in the field for a week-long observance. Program in the field between Batteries Church and DeRussy (location subject to change). Fort Monroe. 9 a.m. Free. 757/690-8061. www.fmauthority.com (Fort Monroe)

23 21st Annual Coliseum Central Holiday Parade

You won’t want to miss the marching bands, floats, helium balloons and more as they take center stage in the festivities; Santa Claus is also sure to stop by! Peninsula Town Center. 9:30 a.m. Free Admission. 757/826-6351. www.coliseumcentral.com (along Coliseum Drive and through Peninsula Town Center)

30-Dec 1 Southeastern Guns & Knives Show

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December 2019

6 Phoebus Holiday Illumination

Join us for the sixth annual illumination event! Shop with Phoebus merchants for special deals, and more. There will special performances and Santa will even stop by! Mallory Street, Mellen Street and Hope Street in Phoebus. 5p.m. - 9 p.m. Free Admission. 757/826-1862. www.phoebusevents.com (212 E Mellen Street, Hampton, VA 23663)

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6-7 **Annual Holiday and Kwanzaa Marketplace**

You are cordially invited to join the Hampton University Museum for our Holiday and Kwanzaa Marketplace on December 1-2, 2017. On Friday, beginning at 10:00 a.m., purchase your holiday and Kwanzaa gifts from the museum shop and local vendors specializing in African, African-American and other handcrafted items. On that Friday evening from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., enjoy special performances including choral selections by Hampton City Schools Choirs; art activities for children sponsored by HUM Tree House; and refreshments provided by the Hampton Chapter of Links, Inc. Admission is FREE for all activities on Friday. Return on Saturday from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for our Holiday and Kwanzaa Jazz Brunch and Marketplace which includes live music and performances; heavy hors d’oeuvres, desserts and beverages. Friday: 10:00 a.m.– 7:00 p.m. Saturday: 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Cost (Saturday events only): $20 for adults, $10 for children age 10 and under. 757/727-5308 http://museum.hamptonu.edu/ (Hampton University, Hampton, VA 23668)

7 **Fort Monroe Mistletoe Homes Tour**

Celebrate the season with a walking tour of several of the most beautiful, historic homes, and other points of interests, all decorated for the holidays. Special priced tickets will be available in mid-October. Fort Monroe. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission Fee. 757/637-7778. www.fmauthority.com (Fort Monroe)

7 **Annual Downtown Hampton Lighted Boat Parade**

Cruise into the spirit of the holiday season at the 31st annual Downtown Hampton Lighted Boat Parade. More than 20 boats are expected to participate. This parade of illuminated power and sail boats will be visible from anywhere along the Hampton River, however spectators wanting to hear the narration will want to find a spot near the Hampton Maritime Center. Downtown Hampton waterfront. 7 p.m. Free Admission. 757/727-1276. www.downtownhampton.com (710 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669)

14 **Holiday Open House**

Whether you are searching for a holiday gift for the family, friends, or as a treat to yourself, you’re sure to find it at the Hampton Holiday Market. The market features heritage foods, arts and traditional crafts, demonstrations, roasted chestnuts, hot cider, entertainment, and more. Hampton History Museum. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free Admission. www.hamptonhistoymuseum.org (120 Old Hampton Lane, Hampton, VA 23669)

14 **Holly Days Illuminated Parade**

The Peninsula’s largest illuminated parade! Join us for an evening of enchantment as you view the creative floats, listen to the high school bands, salute the military marching units and exciting drill teams, and wave at the beauty queens. Of course this parade is not complete without everyone’s favorite, Santa Claus. Downtown Hampton. 7 p.m. Free Admission. 757/727-8311. www.hampton.gov/parks (Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669)

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Ongoing Events

(Tuesdays) Taco Tuesday
With STUFT-Not Your Average Street Food. St. George Brewing Company. 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. 757/865-7781. www.stgbeer.com

(Fridays) Live Music Friday
St. George Brewing Company. 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. 757/865-7781. www.stgbeer.com

(First Monday of every month) Port Hampton Lecture Series
Features authors, living historians, and local history buffs discussing topics from Hampton’s past as well as related historical subjects of a regional and national flavor. Memberships available at the door. Hampton History Museum. 7:00 p.m. Free Admission for members; Non-members, $5.00. 757/727-1610. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (120 Old Hampton Lane, Hampton, VA 23669)

(Second Saturday of every month) Hampton History Museum 2nd Saturday Family Event
Family friendly activities and creative experiences relating to exhibitions and history themes each month. Hampton History Museum. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Free Admission. 757/727-1610. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (120 Old Hampton Lane, Hampton, VA 23669)

(Third Wednesday of every month) Lunch In Time Lecture
This is a fun and informative series, you’ll never know who may attend! Bring your lunch, and have a drink and dessert on us. Hampton History Museum. 12 p.m. Free Admission. 757/727-1610. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (120 Old Hampton Lane, Hampton, VA 23669)

(Third Wednesday of every month) Front Porch Music Series
Some of the area’s best blues, bluegrass, gospel, jazz and folk musicians share music that has shaped the nation’s soundscape. Hampton History Museum. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Free Admission for members, Non-members, $5.00. 757/727-1610. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (120 Old Hampton Lane, Hampton, VA 23669)

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(Quarterly throughout the year) **Our Stories, Our Time Series**

Each quarter featured speakers open up a new topic for attendees to share their personal stories that are recorded for posterity. Hampton History Museum. 7 p.m. Free. 757/727-1610. www.hamptonhistorymuseum.org (120 Old Hampton Lane, Hampton, VA 23669)

May 26-August 25 (Sundays) **Groovin' by the Bay (Sundays June -August)**

Sunday evenings will be rocking at the beach this summer with a musical mix including everything from beach, pop, oldies, Motown and swing. Whether listening or dancing, you’ll enjoy this evening of music on the Chesapeake Bay! Food is available for purchase. Buckroe Beach Park, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Free Admission. 757/727-8311. www.hampton.gov/parks

(Saturdays April – October) **Racing at Larry King Law’s Langley Speedway**

Nearly every Saturday, satisfy your need for speed at this historic NASCAR home track. The only weekly racing series in Coastal Virginia. Langley Speedway. Racing starts at 7 p.m. Admission Fee. 757/865-7223. www.langley-speedway.com

(Saturdays) May 4- August 31 **Downtown Hampton Block Party**

Hampton takes to the streets every Saturday night for a fun-filled street fair including live musical entertainment, cold refreshments and plenty of activities for the young and old. Downtown Hampton. 6 p.m. -11 p.m. Free Admission. www.hamptonblockparty.com (Queens Way, Downtown Hampton, 23669)

(May 31 – August 5) **Peninsula Pilots Baseball**

Cheer on the Pilots during the 2016 season! War Memorial Stadium. All home games start at 7:05 p.m. 757/254-2222, www.peninsulapilots.com

(Thursdays) June 6- August 15 **Music By the Bay Concert Series**

Bring your own picnic, chairs and Frisbees and enjoy summer sunsets by the Chesapeake Bay, along with great regional military bands—US Navy Fleet Forces Bands, US Air Force Heritage of America Bands and other musical groups. Large groups are welcome. Continental Park. 7 p.m. Free. 757/637-7778. www.fmauthority.com

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