

Look What's Happening in Virginia



Join American Evolution, Fort Monroe Authority, Fort Monroe National Monument and the City of Hampton for 3 days of music, tours and the preview of the Fort Monroe Visitor and Education Center with galleries that commemorate 400 years of African American history.

First African Landing Weekend will be held August 23-25 at Fort Monroe in Hampton, Virginia to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in English-occupied North America at Point Comfort in 1619. Public events begin the morning of August 23 and continue through August 25. There are lots of FREE events!

The 2019 Commemoration of the First African Landing Ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 24. Stay for the rest of the day and enjoy cultural demonstrations, Black cultural tours, living history demonstrations, vendors, children's activities, musical performances and more in Continental Park. A healing ceremony will be held August 25.

There are lots of events and most are free. See video intros for the [American Evolution](#) and the [Arc of Freedom](#) at the Fort Monroe Visitor and Education Center. [Find more information about events here.](#)

If you live in Northern Virginia, you can join the **Manumission Tour Company's** Bus Trip to Fort Monroe on Saturday, August 24 from 6am to 8pm. [Learn more here](#) and buy tickets online.

In The News

PWNAACP Plans the *JUSTICE FORUM* in October 2019. This forum will feature the candidates for Commonwealth Attorney and Sheriff. More information to come soon.

PWNAACP FREEDOM FUND DINNER on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

[Richmond NAACP Receives Threatening Call](#)

We stand in solidarity with the Richmond NAACP and its President JJ Minor in their fight against hate. The caller said the NAACP is racist, useless and is no longer needed. Ironically, his call clearly shows that the NAACP IS NEEDED! NAACP fights for “equality for all people.” You can read the online article and watch the [video here](#).

Is Three the Charm?

There were two recent shootings that occurred within 24 hours of each other and I was in California when it happened in Gilroy. Thoughts and prayers in a statement are not enough! These shootings are not about being crazy, it’s about terrorism. It’s time for our leaders to show those immersed in hate and bigotry that we are America and we believe in equality. We must name those who commit these heinous acts as domestic terrorist, and they must be held accountable as such. This is about who we are as Americans. Get this done!

Get Your Driver’s Licenses Back

DMV to inform individuals whose driving privileges were suspended for failure to pay court fines and costs can have their driver’s licenses reinstated. The policy change, effective July 1, 2019, is the result of provisions included in the recent State budget, which prohibit the courts from suspending driving privileges for that single reason and waives associated reinstatement fees. [More info here](#).

Pig Roast Time!

Lisa Collis and Senator Mark Warner will host their *Almost Annual Pig Roast* again! The event will be **Saturday, September 21, 2019** from **12:00 PM to 4:00 PM** at their farm in King George, Virginia. [Click here for the invitation and link to RSVP](#).

November 5 Elections

This election is about the soul of our nation...and yes, the 2020 Census. The Virginia House and Senate that is elected will redraw our state voting maps. Make sure your Voice IS Heard! VOTE!!!

Deadline to register – Tuesday – October 15,2019

Voters Check Your Status here – <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>

Register online – <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/Registration/Eligibility>

Restoration of Rights – <https://www.restore.virginia.gov/>

***** **Vote Tuesday, NOVEMBER 5** *****