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**Fifth Annual Pride Party on the Peninsula Event Returns to
Downtown Hampton June 19**

*--Second year at Carousel Park; Third annual Drag Down
the River Boat Cruise Returns with Jennifer Warner--*

Hampton, Virginia- On Wednesday, June 19, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Party with Pride at the Fifth annual Pride Party on the Peninsula, taking place at the Historic Hampton Carousel (602 Settlers Landing Road) in downtown Hampton. The event, sponsored by the Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau and Downtown Hampton Development Partnership, in conjunction with Hampton Roads Pride and the Hampton Unity Commission, is free and open to the public. Returning this year is the Third annual Drag Down the River Boat Cruise on the Miss Hampton II with Jennifer Warner and friends. In addition, join us for the Movie Talks Pride on the Peninsula Edition at 3:30 p.m. at the Virginia Air & Space Center (600 Settlers Landing Road).

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At this year's festivities, Emcee Queen Mary will take the stage along with Hampton native, Dianna Rhoss. The party includes delicious complimentary hors d'oeuvres by local Hampton restaurants, including Brown Chicken Brown Cow, Stillwater Tavern, Glazed Doughnuts, Hampton Marina Hotel, and The Grey Goose. Other highlights include a DJ, raffle contest, and a complimentary drink ticket to the first 300 guests (register for your ticket at www.visithampton.com/prideparty/) with a cash bar after that. In addition, the Hampton History Museum will offer free rides on the historic Hampton Carousel to all attendees.

Don't miss the Drag Down the River Boat Cruise on the Miss Hampton II, featuring Jennifer Warren and friends. Highlights will include drag queens, music, dancing, and more. Cost is \$10 per person with all proceeds benefitting LGBT Life Center. Please note the capacity of the Miss Hampton II Cruise is 100 people so register soon! Register at <https://dragdowntheriver2019.eventbrite.com>

PARTY WITH PRIDE

Rain or shine, join us Wednesday, June 19, 2019 for the Fifth annual Pride Party on the Peninsula at Carousel Park, 602 Settlers Landing Road in Hampton 23669

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Movie Talks Pride on the Peninsula Edition! - *Love, Simon*

The Citizens' Unity Commission and the Hampton Public Library are partnering to create a unique opportunity for citizens to engage in conversations about diversity, unity and inclusion to build new relationships, increase understanding of others and promote mutual respect during PRIDE! Virginia Air & Space Center. 600 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669.

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Fifth annual Pride Party on the Peninsula

A **FREE EVENT** including delicious hors d'oeuvres and a complimentary drink ticket to the first 300 guests (cash bar after 300). RSVP at www.visithampton.com/prideparty/. Carousel Park. 602 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm

Free historic Hampton Carousel rides for party attendees

Take a spin back in time on the historic 1920's Hampton Carousel. Carousel Park. 602 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669.

Board 7:30pm-7:45pm

Cruise 8:00 pm – 10:00pm

Third annual Drag Down the River Boat Cruise on the Miss Hampton II

Enjoy a Drag Cruise (first 100 people to register) on the Hampton River with Emcee Jennifer Warner, Gabrielle McQueen, Bianca Baker Starr and Naomi Black. Highlights include drag queens, music, dancing, and more. **Cost is \$10 per person** with all proceeds benefitting LGBT Life Center. Register at <https://dragdowntheriver2019.eventbrite.com> 602 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669.

For further information on the Fifth annual Pride Party on the Peninsula, contact Hampton Convention and Visitor Bureau Tour & Travel, Visitor Services Manager Bruce Newton at 757/728-5319 or bnewton@hamptoncvb.com. **Free parking is available throughout downtown Hampton.**

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

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to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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