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***Hampton Roads PrideFest Event Returns to Peninsula, this year at  
Carousel Park in Downtown Hampton***

**Fourth Annual Pride Party on the Peninsula Event Returns to  
Downtown Hampton June 27**

*--Event featuring Queen Mary to take place at Carousel Park;  
Second annual Drag Down the River Boat Cruise Returns with Emcee Jennifer Dion--*

**Hampton, Virginia-** On Wednesday, June 27, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Party with Pride at the Fourth 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 Second annual Drag Down the River Boat Cruise on the Miss Hampton II with Jennifer Dion and Special Guest. In addition, join us for ***PRIDE 30- A Reflection of Hampton Roads Pride Over the Years*** with moderator Dr. Charles Ford at the Virginia Air & Space Center (600 Settlers Landing Road) 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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## **Fourth Annual Pride Party on the Peninsula Event Returns to Downtown Hampton June 27- Page 2**

This year's festivities, hosted by Emcee Queen Mary and friends, includes delicious complimentary hors d'oeuvres by local Hampton restaurants, including Graham & Rollins, Venture Kitchen & Bar, Stillwater Tavern, Glazed Doughnuts, Musasi, Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina Hotel, and The Grey Goose. Other highlights include a DJ, raffle contest, and a complimentary drink ticket to the first 200 guests (register for your ticket at [www.visithampton.com/prideparty/](http://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 Down the River Boat Cruise on the Miss Hampton II, featuring Jennifer Dion and Special Guest. 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://www.eventbrite.com/e/pride-party-on-the-peninsula-drag-down-the-river-boat-cruise-2018-tickets-46528164994?aff=ehomecard> .

### **PARTY WITH PRIDE**

Rain or shine, join us Wednesday, June 27, 2018 for the Fourth annual Pride Party on the Peninsula at Carousel Park, 602 Settlers Landing Road in Hampton 23669

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

#### **PRIDE 30-Reflection of Hampton Roads Pride Over the Years**

Join us as we celebrate PRIDE with a moving look back at Pride history. An open moderated conversation will follow keynote speaker Dr. Charles Ford's presentation. The conversation will allow participants to share a moment of reflection on their positive personal journey to Pride 30. Virginia Air & Space Center. 600 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669.

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6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Fourth 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/](http://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  
**Miss**

**Second annual Drag Down the River Boat Cruise on the**

**Hampton II**

Enjoy a Drag Cruise (first 100 people to register) on the Hampton River with Jennifer Dion and Special Guest. Highlights include drag queens, music, dancing, and more. **Cost is \$10 per person**

with all proceeds benefitting LGBT Life Center. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pride-party-on-the-peninsula-drag-down-the-river-boat-cruise-2018-tickets-46528164994?aff=ehomecard> 602 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669.

For further information on the Fourth 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](mailto: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

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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 Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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