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A 'Winning Brand' for Petersburg

One of the Mayor and City Council's Strategic Goals is to rebrand and improve the perception of the City. The City of Petersburg encourages you to share your thoughts at the Petersburg Focus Groups on Saturday, September 13. Two-hour sessions will be held at 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Petersburg Library (201 W Washington St.). Register for your preferred time slot by emailing focusgroups@xraymrs.com or calling (804) 644-8515. Slots are limited.

A Community Town Hall Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Union Train Station (103 River Street). Please call (804) 644-8518 if you plan to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

More information on non-resident community meetings will be forthcoming. Unable to make the meetings? fill out the survey online: perceptionsurvey.questionpro.com.

Annual Community Re-Entry Forum

Petersburg Sheriff's Office will sponsor the 4th Annual Community Re-Entry Forum at Good Shepherd Baptist Church (2223 S. Crater Road) on Wednesday, August 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Marvin L. Anderson and Ms. Lula Hart. Please come out and hear incredible stories of survival. The event is free, but registration is required. Please contact the Petersburg Sheriff's Office at (804) 733-2419.

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Dogwood Trace Special Rates



Beginning Friday, August 15 and ending Wednesday, August 27 golfers may receive a special discounted rate by bringing in a bag of school supplies. The rates will be \$25 on weekdays and \$40 on weekends. This is a savings of over 40% off the regular price!!!

For questions please contact the Golf Shop to reserve your tee time at (804) 732-5573.

Special Mayor and City Council Session: Thursday, August 21 at 6 p.m. at the Union Train Station (103 River Street).



PPLS After School Program

Parks & Leisure Services Department offers a **FREE After School Recreation Program** for Petersburg youth in the 3rd through 7th grade. The program provides an opportunity for students to engage in a wide range of activities.

The program will begin Monday, September 8 and ends June 5 and operates Monday thru Friday (immediately following school dismissal until 6:30 p.m. The program compliments what students are learning in school and strengthens their sense of pride in their community.

The main goal is to program a safe haven after school while providing homework assistance, tutoring, recreation and cultural programs.



Parents are responsible for picking up the student(s) by 6:30 p.m. Hot nutritional meals are served daily - courtesy of the Virginia Food Bank. The following sites serve as After School Safe Havens, First Baptist Church, Faith and Hope Church and the A.P. Hill Community Center.

Please register your child prior to September 3. For additional information, call (804) 733-2394.

Business Workshops

Join the Petersburg Office of Economic Development and the Crater Small Business Development Center of Longwood University for a Business Seminar on QuickBooks Accounting Software. On Tuesday, August 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Petersburg Public Library, this extensive course will cover how to use QuickBooks for small businesses. To register online, visit www.sbdc-longwood.edu or call (804) 518-2003.

Need money for your business? On Thursday, August 21 from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Petersburg Public Library, the Petersburg Office of Economic Development will host a Banker's Forum to bring traditional and non-traditional lenders together with local small businesses. The event is free but registration is required to attend. Please call (804) 733-2352 for more information.

Develop your entrepreneurial skills and business acumen at a free small business workshop at the Crater Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of Longwood University. "Building the Foundation for Your Business" topics include: what you need to know about financing your business venture, what lenders require in terms of collateral, credit, and equity, available resources to assist you as a potential or existing business owner, and the opportunity to meet with business counselors.

The information session will be held on Wednesday, August 27 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Crater Planning District Commission Offices, 1964 Wakefield Street, Petersburg, Virginia. Because of limited seating, reservations are requested. Please call 804.518.2003 or e-mail hoodpa@longwood.edu. For directions please go to www.craterpdc.org.

Homebuyer Workshops

The City of Petersburg, the Better Housing Coalition, The Historic Petersburg Foundation and George Mason Mortgage, LLC invites you to attend the Renovation and Financing Homebuyer Workshop on Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. The workshop will be held at 103 River Street Petersburg, Virginia 23803. Topics include tax credits, tax abatements, market analysis, energy efficiency mortgages and more. Owner occupants and investors are welcome to attend.

VHDA is hosting a free first-time homebuyer class on Saturday, September 6 from 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The class will be held at Virginia State University in Foster Hall, Room 300 Conference Room. A great way to learn about the entire home buying process from start to finish, including personal finances, credit and credit scoring, qualifying and applying for a loan, choosing the right home and what happens at a loan closing. Please register for the class by calling (804) 641-7424.

Blanford Community Reunion

Please join the Blandford Community in celebrating their annual Reunion on Saturday, September 13. The celebration will begin with their annual parade at 9 a.m. The parade route is straight down Old Church Street beginning at Wills Road.

The festivities and program will begin at noon at the corner of Old Church Street and Bank Street. If you know of a group that wants to participate in the parade, please have them contact Sheriff Crawford at (804) 733-2369.

Farmers Market

Petersburg Farmers Market operates each Saturday from 7 a.m. to Noon. The Market is located under the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2352.



Grapes & Hops Festival

Sip in Lincoln's Footsteps at Petersburg Chamber of Commerce Annual Grapes and Hops festival on Saturday, September 27. The event will feature tastings of new and classic vintages of Virginia's finest winemaking and craft breweries.

It is a wonderful opportunity to leisurely examine the artisans and crafters on display while walking in history in beautiful Old Towne Petersburg. Admission tickets will be sold online and at the gate for the event – each ticket includes a commemorative wine or beer-tasting glass for your tasting enjoyment throughout the day. Enjoy delicious food, live entertainment and the opportunity to purchase your favorite wine, microbrew, crafter or artisan collection.

For more information about tickets, visit www.festivalofgrapesandhops.com.



Upcoming Traffic Information

Beginning Monday, August 25 through September 12, the City of Petersburg will have a contractor working on Defense Road from Baylor's Lane to Boydton Plank Road. The contractor will be repairing joints in the concrete pavement.

Work will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. One lane of traffic will be maintained. Flaggers will be used to alternate flow of traffic through the work zone. There will be delays and alternate routes are suggested.

Bid Opportunities

[Click here](#) to learn about current bid and contract opportunities available to consultants, service providers, contractors, vendors or suppliers.

Visit the Library

[Click here](#) to view the entire August program calendar. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2387.

International Film Festival

Mark your calendar for the International Film Festival, October 17 – 19 in Petersburg. The city is excited about this opportunity to showcase film and music during this three-day festival. In addition, Petersburg will host an artist from Cuba who will introduce international culture through visual art. This will be an event that you will not want to miss!



Get Ready to ShakeOut.
 Register Now at ShakeOut.org/southeast
 Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 10:16 a.m.

The Great SouthEast
ShakeOut
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Join the ShakeOut!

On Thursday, October 16 at 10:16 a.m., join in on the Great SouthEast ShakeOut multi-state earthquake drill wherever you are – work, home or school.

Practice how to be safe during an earthquake with your family and coworkers. For more information on how you can participate or for emergency resources, visit www.ReadyVirginia.gov and www.shakeout.org/southeast.

Museums Schedule

In August, all museums will be open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will not open on Sundays. In addition, Centre Hill Museum will be closed from June 20 through August 13 to prepare for a movie filming. All museums will be back to regular schedule in September. The Visitor Centers will continue to operate as follows: Old Towne Visitor Center (Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.), Carson Visitor Center (Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Join the PACC

Meet Big Boy Blue! Come visit him and his other friends at the Petersburg Animal Care and Control.

Beginning August 22, the Petersburg Animal Care and Control operation located at 1600 Johnson Road will have extended hours. The hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from noon to 4:00 p.m., Friday from noon to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. Appointments are also available by calling (804) 732-3654.

A Look Back

City Office Recognition

The City of Petersburg's Purchasing Office recently received recognition from the National Institute for Government Purchasing, Inc. (NIGP) for the 'Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award' (OA4).

The OA4 recognizes those agencies that lead the public procurement profession through the implementation of best practices. Agencies meeting the requirements are OA4 accredited for three years.

NIGP has more than 2600 Agency members; however, only 86 agencies have received this recognition and award. Purchasing Office Agent, Tangela Innis will formally accept the award for the City during the NIGP Awards Gala on August 24, 2014 in Philadelphia, PA.

Blanford Community Center

Congrats to Petersburg resident Marlow Jones and the opening of the Blanford Community Center. On Tuesday, August 12, members of City Council and City Manager William E. Johnson, III joined Petersburg resident, Marlow Jones in the opening of Blandford Community Center located at 836 East Wythe Street. The center includes a free arcade room, weightlifting area, music studio and classroom where trainings/classes will be held. The center will feature classes like defense for women, HVAC, painting, auto body, carpentry, business and finance, realty, stocks, computer networking, CPR-First Aid and more. The Blanford Community Center will also be the new home of the Petersburg Boxing Team.

For more information about Blanford Community Center, please email blanfordcommunitycenter@gmail.com.



PPLS Youth Empowerment Forum

On Tuesday, August 12 Parks and Leisure Services sponsored a highly attended Pull Your Pants Up, "Youth Empowerment Forum" on "Preventing Teen Pregnancy". PYPUs is a national youth movement whose mission/motto is "Helping Our Youth to Make Better Choices."

The program successfully addresses social topics targeting youth through the use of open panel forum format. Panels made up of youth and civic leaders openly discuss the challenges and ills of society today. The open dialog forum is empowering and allows everyone to leave the forum feeling that his or her opinion/thoughts are important. Past topics: Bullying, Sagging Pants, Preventing Teen Pregnancy, STDs, Drugs, Avoiding Conflict with Police/Authority/Peers.

For more information and to sponsor a forum in your community visit www.pantsup.org or contact Hal Miles at (804) 691-4274.