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Petersburg Welcomes 3 Movie Film Companies to Town

LionHeart Film Works Company will be filming a three-part series of the story of the American Revolution from beginning to end for the Discovery Network. Disney's *Point of Honor* is scheduled to start filming Labor Day through the end of October. AMC's *Turn* will be returning to Petersburg for their second year and will start filming end of September through February. More information will be available to the community once film locations have been decided.

VA National Guard Operation Renew

The City has partnered with the Virginia National Guard for the 3rd consecutive year for Operation Renew. The initiative provides assistance to communities in demolishing structures in the community that are public nuisances and have been deemed a public safety hazard and associated with the drug trade. Please plan to join the City for the final demolition event on Wednesday, August 27 at 11:30 a.m. The event will take place at 110 North West Street.

Holiday Closing

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, all city offices will be closed on Monday, September 1.

The holiday will delay RED TUES curbside recycling collections one day (collections will take place on Wednesday) for curbside recyclers and Thursday and Friday trash collection will have a one-day delay. Thursday trash collections will be on Friday and Friday trash collections will be on Saturday.

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Attention Petersburg Taxpayers

Current 1st quarter real estate bills of tax year 2014/15 have been mailed to property owners and/or mortgage companies. All 1st quarter real estate tax bills are due on September 30. Any payment paid online or at one of our designated SunTrust Bank location or any of our two drop box location and postmarked by the Post Office on September 23⁰, will be considered current. All other payments will be considered delinquent and incur 10% penalty and 10% APR interest on October 1. For more information, please visit www.petersburgva.gov.

Re-Branding Petersburg

Petersburg is re-branding and we need the community's help. 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) 644-8515 if you plan to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

More information on non-resident community meetings will be forthcoming. If you are unable to attend the community town hall, please fill out the survey online, perceptionsurvey.questionpro.com.

Thank you City staff

Utilities staff Calvin Hall, Joseph "Joe" S. Rhone, Chris Wall and Carnell "Twin" C. Jones volunteered to work last weekend to cut, weed eat, pulverize and do what it takes to remove several years of overgrowth around the Public Utilities complex on St. Andrews Street and haul the material to the dump. Thanks to these four guys for their hard work and diligence on the weekend making this place look great.



The Planning Department bids farewell to their summer intern, Katie Sangregorio. They partnered with Public Works to sponsor her. She assisted with the Siege of Petersburg Plaque Program, research on the Underground Railroad, completed highway marker applications and was very efficient in file retention and management. She is a junior at Mary Washington with a major in Historic Preservation.

Richie McKeithen, Petersburg's new City Real Estate Assessor will be a keynote speaker at the International Association of Assessing Officers 80th Annual International Conference on Assessment Administration in Sacramento, CA, August 24-27.

On Saturday, August 16, Police Chief John I. Dixon, III and 14 officers gave away approximately 150 free ice cups to residents of Pecan Acres and Pin Oaks Estates. Petersburg Police gave youth school supplies and arranged for Kona Ice treats for residents. Tim Dearing, the owner of Kona Ice was so impressed with Petersburg Police giving away free ice cups to residents of Pecan Acres and Pin Oaks, he give away free popcorn. Children and adults enjoyed the treats, parents were grateful for the school supplies. Petersburg Police enjoyed engaging the community and even played jump rope with the residents.



Petersburg Goes Green



The City has partnered with Central Virginia Waste Management Authority and Container First Services to encourage residents and businesses to recycle. The curbside recycling program was officially launched in March 2013; however, most recently four recycling signs have been installed around town to motivate residents to participate in the program.

The signs picture a thermometer with a tonnage goal. City Manager, William E. Johnson, III has set a goal for the city of 4,000 tons of recyclables by July 2015. A total of 1500 tons have been collected since the inception of the program.

Citizens Academy

Petersburg Police invite you to attend their eight-week Citizens Academy, September 9 – November 12 at the Police Department (37 E. Tabb Street). The classes will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Wednesday. Applications are available online at: www.petersburg-police.com or in the department lobby. Application deadline is September 12. Topics covered will include defensive tactics, arrest & control, gang awareness, and more. Contact Officer Clement for more information, (804) 479-6056, pclement@petersburg-police.com.



Business Workshops

Develop your entrepreneurial skills and business acumen at a free small business workshop at the Crater Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of Longwood University. 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.

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.

Meet Optimus Prime



Meet Optimus Prime. He is two years old and will transform your home into a happy pup filled home. Visit him and his 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 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. Appointments are also available by calling (804) 732-3654.

International Film Festival

Tim Reid's Legacy Media Institute's 2nd International Film Festival will be held for three days throughout the Petersburg community. Legacy Media Institute is based at New Millennium Studios and is a non-profit Institute for training filmmakers. This festival will be titled "How Film and Music Impact Culture". Businesses in the community are invited to place an ad in the program booklet, or sponsor either a film screening or musical performance. More information can be found at LMI-IFF.org. Visit the Media Center at www.petersburgva.gov to view the video for this event.

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.

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. 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.

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. For more information on how you can participate or for emergency resources, visit www.shakeout.org/southeast.

Please help Artspace bring affordable artist housing and other unique spaces that meet your needs and the needs of other artists and members of the creative community, to Petersburg, VA. The online survey ends September 4. [Click here.](#)

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 will begin Monday, September 8 and ends June 5 and operates Monday thru Friday immediately following school dismissal until 6:30 p.m. The main goal is to program a safe haven after school while providing homework assistance, tutoring, recreation and cultural programs.

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.

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.

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.

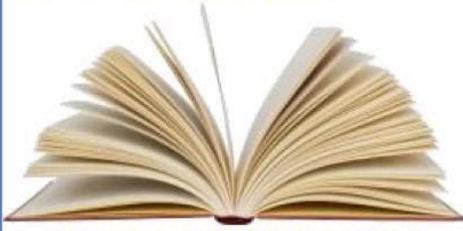
Petersburg Public Library

Local Author's Expo

Sat. Aug 30, 2014
10am
Petersburg Public Library
201 W. Washington Street

Meet, Greet, & Read

- Annette Bailey
- Nicole Brown
- Michael Cary
- Maria Chavell
- M. Louise Davis
- HealingAngel
- Dr. Paulette Walker Johnson
- Sharon Johnson
- John Pegram
- Stacey Thomas
- Karen Winston
- Dr. Lori Wilson



For more information call (804) 733-2387 ext. 104 or visit www.ppls.org




PPLS is featuring a Local Author's Expo on Saturday, August 30 at 10 a.m. Meet, greet and read with great authors from the area.

[Click here](#) to view the entire August program calendar. Visit the library at 201 W. Washington Street or www.ppls.org for more info or call (804) 733-2387.

Bid Opportunities

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

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. 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.) .

A Look Back

Sheriff's Re-Entry Forum



Sheriff Vanessa Crawford held her 4th Annual Community Re-Entry Forum on Wednesday, August 20 at Good Shepherd Baptist Church. She was joined by Congressman Bobby Scott, Attorney General Mark Herring, from the Office of the Governor Anne Forsythe, Delegate Rosalyn Dance, Mayor Brian Moore, Commonwealth Attorney Cassandra Conover, City Manager William E. Johnson, III, and Superintendent Dr. Joseph Melvin.

The purpose of the forum is to educate ex-offenders to meet the challenges of reintegrating into society after incarceration and to provide an opportunity for ex-offenders to connect with representatives from different agencies that provide the needed resources to ex-offenders. It is also an opportunity for ex-offenders to meet with people who have similar backgrounds that have become successful after incarceration.

Business Seminars

The Petersburg Office of Economic Development held two business seminars this week at the Petersburg Library that were co-sponsored by the Longwood SBDC Crater/Petersburg. The "Need Money for Your Business" and QuickBooks training was indeed a success.

A Tribute to our Veterans



On Tuesday, August 19 the Petersburg Freedom Support Center celebrated their Client Recognition and Appreciation Day. In attendance was Delegate Rosalyn Dance, from the Office of the Governor, Secretary John C. Harvey, Jr., Mayor Brian Moore, Councilman W. Howard Myers, City Manager William E. Johnson, III and many more supporters of the community. The center has done an exemplary job in providing Support and services to service men and women that empower and assist with self-sustainment in the areas of employment, job training, housing, healthcare, mental health support, benefits and education. The center is an initiative out of the Office of Councilman W. Howard Myers and supported by his colleagues on City Council. The center has been in existence for nine months and has serviced approximately 1313 veterans since they have been opened.

