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Week Ahead – October 27, 2013

Petersburg Museums Opening Late – October 28

All Museums and Visitor Services will open on Monday, October 28 at noon. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Ward 6 Meeting – October 28

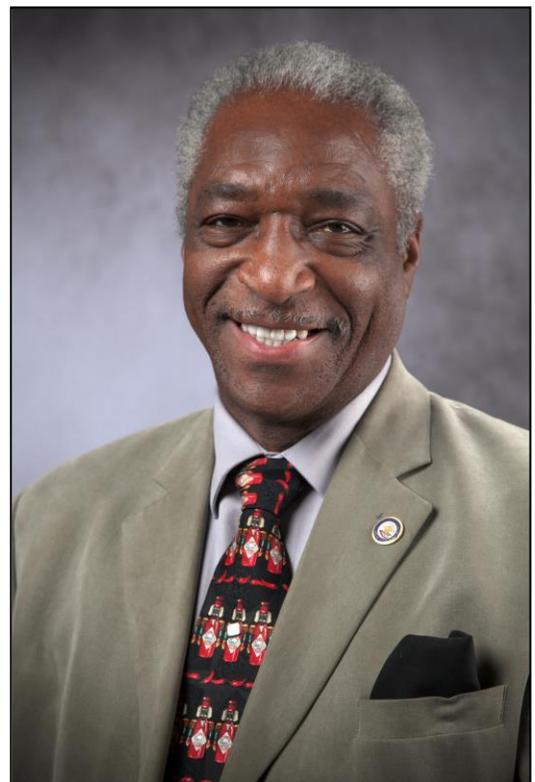
Councilman Ray Coleman will hold a Ward 6 meeting on Monday, October 28, at 6:30pm at the A. P. Hill Elementary, located at 1450 Talley Avenue. For additional information, please call the Clerk of City Council at (804) 733-2323.

Last Day to Mail Absentee Ballot – October 29

Tuesday, October 29 is the last day an Absentee ballot can be mailed. The last day to vote in person by Absentee is Saturday, November 2. The Voter Registration office will be open from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Absentee applications are available online at www.sbe.virginia.gov. Complete the application and return via email to PetersburgElections@comcast.net or via fax to (804) 733-8080. For additional information, please call (804) 733-8071.

Petersburg City Council Meeting – October 29

Petersburg City Council will meet on Tuesday, October 29, at Union Train Station located at 103 River Street in Old Towne. The closed session meeting will begin at 6:30pm, and the regular meeting at 7:30pm. For additional information, please contact the Clerk of Council at (804) 733-2323 or via e-mail at njackson@petersburg-va.org. The Council agenda packet is available on-line at www.petersburg-va.org.



Government Procurement Seminar – October 30

Explore opportunities and find out how your business can grow sales by winning contracts with the government. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 30 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at Union Station located at 103 River Street in Old Towne. The event is sponsored by the City of Petersburg and Virginia Department of Business Assistance. To register, please visit www.vastartup.org or call (804) 371-8228.

This Week at the Library

All programs are held at the William R. McKenney Central Library located at 137 South Sycamore Street.

Thursday, October 31 - Read 'O' Ween

Join in the fun with reading and treats. The public is invited, all daycares please rsvp. The time slots are 10am, 11am, 1pm, and 2pm.

Tai Chi

Every Thursday beginning from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

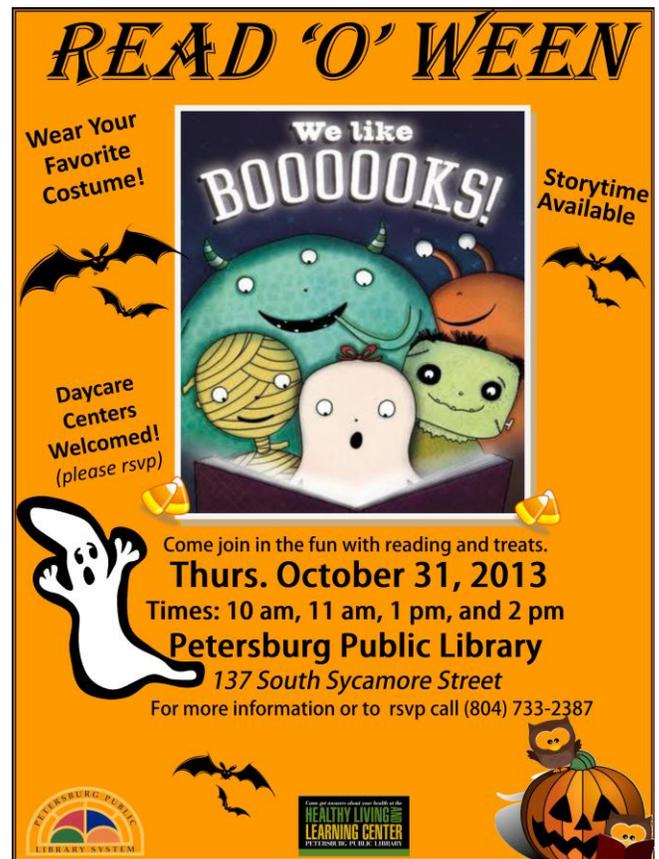
Friday, November 1 - Yoga

Every Friday at noon.

For additional information on all library events and seminars, please call (804) 733-2387.

Historic All Hallows Eve in Blandford Cemetery – October 31

The City of Petersburg Department of Museums and Visitor Services will sponsor the annual "Historic All Hallows Eve" at Blandford Cemetery, on Thursday, October 31, from 6:00pm until the final tour at 8:40pm. The focus of the evening's hour-long guided walking tours will be the history of the cemetery and the accounts of some of the City's most interesting permanent residents. The tours will include the lives of Revolutionary War soldier Erasmus Gill, Victorian women Mary Logan and Nora Davidson, and War of 1812 soldier Captain Richard McRae. There will be no parking allowed at the cemetery. Event parking will be available at the gravel lot across from the Farmer's Market, next to the McIlwaine House (corner of Cockade Alley and River Street) in Old Towne. Tour participants will board a shuttle bus and be transported to the Reception Center at the cemetery. After arrival and check-in, tour guides will meet each scheduled group and proceed to the cemetery. Reservations and ticket purchases must be made in advance at the Blandford Church Reception Center, 111 Rochelle Lane beginning October 1. Tour times will be staggered and will begin every twenty minutes starting at 6:00pm. Admission for the tour is \$7 per person. The size of each tour group is limited, so an early reservation is recommended. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2400.



Treats in Trunks – October 31

Petersburg Police officers will hand out candy at the following locations on Thursday, October 31, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm: Police Department; Halifax Street Corridor; Crater Road Corridor, and South Boulevard Corridor. The Police Department is accepting individually wrapped candy and snack size zip lock bags in the main lobby of the Police Department located at 37 East Tabb Street until October 29. For additional information, please call Officer Clement at (804) 479-6056.

Affordable Healthcare Resource at the Library

If you are uninsured and have questions about the Affordable Care Act, Central Virginia Health Service, Inc. and the Healthy Living & Learning Center will help you understand the insurance changes and your options. Stop by the Petersburg Public Library every 1st and 3rd Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm for the facts. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2387.

Prepare for the Scare: Petersburg Haunts – November 1 & 2

Find out about the city's permanent, otherworldly residents with Petersburg Haunts, a ghost walk through historic downtown. Tours will be Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00pm. The leisurely one-hour tour takes you through 400 years of history, legends, untimely deaths, and—of course—ghosts. Tours begin at the Courthouse, 7 Courthouse Avenue, just off Sycamore Street. Visit www.petersburghaunts.com to learn more and to reserve a spot on the tour of your choice, as tour size is limited. Walkups are welcome. Please meet 10 minutes prior to the start of the tour. The cost is \$15 per person.

“Right To Know” Petersburg – November 2

Delegate Rosalyn Dance and Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith will host “Your Right 2 Know” Petersburg on Saturday, November 2 at Petersburg High School. Experts and officials will present informational sessions on city services, education, health & welfare, housing, public safety, and healthy living. For additional information, please call Councilwoman Wilson-Smith at (804) 720-9520.

Adoptive/Foster Parent Reunion – November 2

Adoptees will learn how to search for their biological families. Anyone interested in learning more about becoming adoptive or foster parents please attend. There will be staff available to answer your question. The event will be held at Walnut Hill Elementary

Your Right 2 Know
ENCOURAGE, EDUCATE, EMPOWER

Topics Discussed—Questions Answered Include:

- What Will Year Round Schools Mean?
- Are There Gangs in Petersburg?
- Do You Know How To Get A Free Smoke Alarm?
- Do You Understand the Affordable Care Act?
- Are You Confused About Recycling?
- Do You Know About Renter Rights?
- How Can Felons Have Their Rights Restored?

Saturday, November 2, 2013
10am to 2pm
Petersburg High School
3101 Johnson Road

government
education
healthcare
housing
public safety
services
recycling
volunteers
stormwater
transportation
jobs
recreation

sponsored by:
Delegate Rosalyn Dance
Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith

School, located at 300 South Boulevard, from 11:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, November 2. For additional information, please call (804) 943-5290 or email gwenhaskett7@gmail.com.

Community Health Fair & Forum – November 2

Tabernacle Baptist Church Healthcare Ministry and Area Churches Health & Wellness Ministries will hold a free Community Health Fair & Forum on Saturday, November 2 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The event will be at the Tabernacle Baptist Church Community Life Center located at 444 Halifax Street. There will be presentations, healthy cooking demos, blood pressure checks, free flu shots, fitness sessions and much more. For additional information, please email dmjohnson81@aol.com.



Free Community Health Fair & Forum
Saturday, November 2, 2013
10 AM-2PM
Tabernacle Baptist Church Community Life Center
444 Halifax Street, Petersburg, Virginia 23803

Senior Health | Healthy Cooking Demos | Blood Pressure Checks | FREE FLU SHOTS

Blood Sugar Screening | Cholesterol Screening | Body Mass Index | Fitness Session

GIVEAWAYS

Presentations:
10:30 a.m. **Health & Wellness Engagement**
Antoinette Ayers, VCU Massey Cancer Center
11:30 a.m. **Nutrition & Fitness for Your Heart**
Clifford Morris, MD, Morris Cardiology
1:00 p.m. **The Key to Overcoming Community Health Challenges**
Alton Hart, Jr., MD, MPH, Crater Health District

Breast Health Info

Sponsored by Tabernacle Baptist Church Healthcare Ministry and Area Churches Health & Wellness Ministries

Hip Hop Legend Performs in Petersburg – November 2

Petersburg Communities Inc. is hosting the Soul Logistics Radio Show on Saturday, November 2 from 7:30pm to 11:00pm at the Old Towne Civil Center located at 136 River Street in Old Towne Petersburg. Headlining the show is Hip Hop Legend Rakim. Rakim is known as one of the greatest MCs within the hip-hop community. For tickets and more information, please visit <http://soullogisticsradio.eventbrite.com> or call (804) 446.4699. Tickets are also being sold at Who Let The Dogzz Out located at 38 Halifax Street.

Petersburg Symphony Concert – November 2

The Petersburg Symphony Orchestra will present a free concert on Saturday, November 2. The concert will be performed in the Colonial Heights High School auditorium, located at 3600 Conduit Road. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm. The City of Colonial Heights is sponsoring the concert as an annual community cultural event. The orchestra will be under the direction of PSO Conductor Ulysses Kirksey, who has planned a program of light, classics, patriotic selections, and contemporary music. For additional information, please email joseph_lyman@live.com.

Petersburg Public Library Launches Zinio Digital Magazine Site

Zinio offers patron multi-user access to hundreds of complete digital magazines, which can be viewed online and on most Internet-enabled devices inside or outside of the library. It includes full color pictures, intuitive navigation, keyword article search, and interactive elements such as audio and video. Newsweek, US Weekly, Cosmopolitan, Good Housekeeping, National Geographic, O the Magazine and Readers Digest are just a few of the popular titles available through Zinio for libraries. Zinio was awarded best name database of 2012 by Library Journal. To find out more, visit the Petersburg Public Library link at www.rbdigital.com/petersburgva/service/zinio/landing?

Planning Commission Meeting – November 6

The City of Petersburg Planning Commission will hold public hearings on Wednesday, November 6, beginning at 6:00pm at Union Station located at 103 River Street. The following cases will be heard:

13-REZ-06: Request of Restoration of Petersburg Community Development Corporation (agent) to rezone 547-549 Gressett St, 552-554 Gressett St, 540-542 Gressett St, 544 Gressett St, 546 Gressett St, 548 Gressett St, 553 Gressett St, 601-603 Gressett St, 604 Gressett St, 605 Gressett St, 608 Gressett St, 611 Gressett St, 323 Porterville St, 325-327 Porterville St, 329 Porterville St, 332 Porterville St, 334-336 Porterville St, 335 Porterville St, 403 Porterville St, 405 Porterville St, 410 Porterville St, 328 Hartley St, 332 Hartley St, and 338 Hartley St, as identified as Tax Parcels 031-03-0001, 031-03-0043, 031-03-0047, 031-03-0046, 031-03-0045, 031-03-0044, 031-03-0002, 031-21-0016, 031-22-0001, 031-21-0015, 031-22-0003, 031-21-0014, 031-03-0039, 031-03-0042, 031-03-0041, 031-21-0018, 031-21-0017, 031-03-0040, 031-03-0003, 031-03-0004, 031-22-0019, 031-03-0049, 031-03-0048, and 031-03-0050 from "R-3" " Two-Family Residence District to "R-4" Multiple Dwelling District to construct 40 units.

13-SUP-02: Request of the City of Petersburg to construct a governmental building at the corner of West Washington and North Union Streets. The property is zoned B-3 "Central Commercial District". A special use permit is required for public or government buildings.

All interested persons shall have the opportunity to be heard at said public hearing.

The **Comprehensive Plan Update** public meeting will be held following the regular Planning Commission meeting at 7:15pm. This meeting provides an opportunity for all interested citizens to learn about, comment upon, and ask questions regarding the planning effort, and to participate in the plan update. The draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan will be posted on the City's web page Monday, October 28 at www.petersburg-va.org/planning/compplan. A copy of all materials may be examined in the Department of Planning & Community Development in City Hall Room 304. For additional information, please call (804)733-2308. The Planning Department is open from 8:30am to 5:00pm, Monday - Friday.

Poker Ride and 5K Angel Walk – November 9

Crater Community Hospice (CCH) invites the public to participate in two events slated for Saturday, November 9. At 10:00am, the fifth annual 5K Angel Walk will step off at Petersburg National Battlefield located at 5001 Siege Road. The battlefield provides a scenic venue for the 3-mile walk. Please register at www.cratercommunityhospice by October 25 to receive a commemorative t-shirt. At 11:00am, a motorcycle ride kicks off from the parking lot of Texas Roadhouse located at 2602 Conduit Road in Colonial Heights, for a Poker Ride throughout the Tri-Cities and surrounding counties. Registration for the ride begins at 10:00am. The ride ends at Tilted Kilt, 2070 Waterside

Road, Prince George, where lunch will be provided. The Tilted Kilt, Taliaferro & Mallory, LLP, Gerdau Petersburg, Dunlop House and Care Advantage are sponsors for the events. Both events raise support for Crater Community Hospice's programs benefiting families including hospice services, education to caregivers, complementary therapies and bereavement care for local families. A \$20 donation is requested for each event. Additional information is available at www.cratercommunityhospice.org or by calling (804) 526-4300.

Fall Fixin's – November 10

PURCHASE TICKET NOW: A fundraiser for “Rebuilding Together” will be held on Sunday, November 10 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Petersburg Pickers located at 100 Bollingbrook Street. Ticket are \$40 each and includes food by the Bistro at Market and Grove. There will be live music and a live auction. Tickets are available at Petersburg Pickers, the Bistro, and the Rebuilding Together Tri-Cities office. All proceeds will stay local and help achieve a safe and healthy home for every person. For additional information, please call (804) 861-8686.

Veterans Day Job Fair – November 11

Averett University GPS Program will hold a Job Fair on Monday, November 11, from 10:00am to 2:30pm. The Job Fair will be held at the Averett University GPS Watkins Centre Campus located at 15521 Midlothian Turnpike in Chesterfield. Over 45 businesses and agencies are participating. For additional information, please call (804) 887-8601.

Ribbon-Cutting For Freedom Support Center – November 12

The Freedom Support Center for Veterans is scheduled to open on November 12. Governor and Mrs. McDonnell will join city and regional leaders at 2:00pm to cut the ribbon for the new full service center for Veterans. The project is being headed by Councilman W. Howard Myers. The Freedom Support Center is located at 32 West Washington Street next to Petersburg Station. For additional information, please call (804) 921-2976.

AVERETT UNIVERSITY GPS PROGRAM'S VETERANS DAY JOB FAIR
 NOV 11TH 2013, 10^{AM} - 2:30^{PM}

**Averett University GPS Watkins Centre Campus,
 15521 Midlothian Turnpike, Midlothian VA**

Come by and meet these companies

Ace Hardware	Goodwill of Central VA	Peoples Tax & Business Services	Standard Motor Products
AFLAC	Henrico School Nutrition Services	Premier Staffing, INC	State Farm Agency Recruiting
American Family Fitness-Chester	Home Care Delivered	Rainbow Station	VCU Health System
Aramark	Job Corps	Ranstad	Virginia Asset Management
AXA Advisors, LLC	Kroger	Richmond Media Group	Virginia Troops to Teachers
Central State Hospital	Liberty Mutual Insurance	Richmond Police Department	Waffle House
Chesterfield County Police Dept.	Martins-Sycamore Square	Riverside Place	Wells Fargo Mid-Atlantic
Chippenham & Johnston-Willis Hospitals	Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc	Robert Half	Recruiting Team
Columbia Gas of Virginia	Merchant's Tire & Auto Centers	RockTenn	Westminster Canterbury-Richmond
Coore Group	Nationwide Insurance	Sears Holding	WRIC-TV
Elephant Insurance	New York Life-William Weimer	Slideways Mobile Bistro	Care Advantage, INC
Enterprise Holdings	nTelos	SMG Richmond, INC	Central State Hospital
			Virginia Employment Commission

Participate in these workshops

Virginia Employment Commission – Benefits & Services – 10:30am to 11:30am	Resume Writing & Interview Skills – 12pm to 1pm	Maximizing Electronic & Social Media for Job Searches – 1:30pm to 2:30pm
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Averett UNIVERSITY GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

2nd Annual “Neighborhood (Hood)” Basketball Tournament

REGISTER TEAMS NOW: Mount Olivet Baptist Church will host its second annual basketball tournament November 18 through 25th. The tournament will be funded through local sponsorships and will be free to participants. Teams are needed from ages 11 to 25. To register a team, please call (804) 732-7218.

Fall Leaf Collection Program

The Petersburg Public Works Department's annual Fall Leaf Pick-up program begins on Monday, November 18. The City will provide one round of leaf vacuuming in each Ward. Vacuum of leaves dates are as follows:

Ward 2 November 18-22

Ward 5 November 18-20

Wards 1 & 4 November 21-22

Ward 6 November 25-27

Ward 3 December 2-13

Ward 7 December 16-20

During vacuum dates, residents are reminded to rake leaves into a pile between the sidewalk and the curb or shoulder of the road, and not into streets or ditches. Please place leaves out a week before your area's scheduled collection. Bulky materials such as brush and tree limbs shall not be mixed with leaves. Residents may also bring leaves to the drop-off site for free on November 16 and 23. The drop-off site will be located in the parking lot at the corner of Mount Vernon and South Sycamore Streets (across I-85 from Cameron Field) with hours of operation from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Vacuum leaf collection services will be offered to citizens who miss the first round collection, or choose not to bag or drop-off their leaves for \$75 per load.

Citizens should bag their leaves should they miss the vacuum leaf collection. Up to 30 bags of leaves (weighing no more than 50 pounds each) may be placed at the curb on the regular trash collection day.

The City will also host a **City-Wide Fall Clean-up on December 7**, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Residents can drop-off household trash, leaves, and tree limbs for free at the following locations:

Ward 1 Lee

Elementary - 51 Gibbons Avenue

Ward 2 School Board Administration Office lot on East South Boulevard

Ward 3 Petersburg High – 3101 Johnson Road

(parking lot off Homestead Drive)

Ward 4 Old hospital site - South Sycamore Street (parking lot off Apollo Street)

Ward 5 Peabody Middle - 725 Wesley Street (parking lot off Lee Avenue)

Ward 6 A P Hill Elementary - 1450 Talley Avenue

Ward 7 Stuart Elementary - 100 Pleasants Lane

Items not accepted at the drop-off sites include: motor oil, antifreeze, hazardous waste, and any liquids. The City is encouraging neighborhoods to coordinate a "neighborhood leaf clean-up day", in



which the City will provide containers. The City will **NOT** provide trash bags this year. For additional information, or to schedule a neighborhood leaf clean-up day or private leaf vacuum, please call Street Operations at (804) 733-2415. For additional information about bagged leaf collection, please call the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority at (804) 425-0500.

Week in Review

Freedom Support Center Volunteer Day

Dominion Power volunteers painted the new Freedom Support Center on October 23. The City thanks all the volunteers who are giving their time for the new Veterans Center. The Freedom Support Center is scheduled to open on November 12. The project is being headed by Councilman W. Howard Myers. The new Freedom Support Center is located at 32 West Washington Street next to Petersburg Station.



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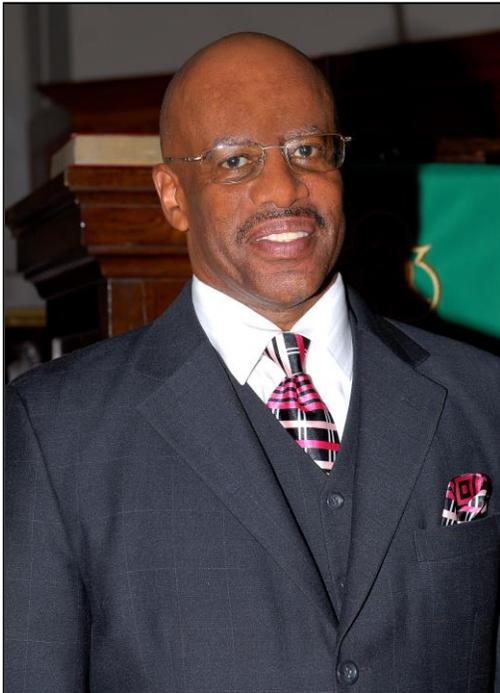
Generous Donation to New Library

Dr. Carlton E. Miller, a member of AMDC Physicians, Arthritis and Osteoporosis Clinic in Colonial Heights has donated \$50,000 to support the construction of the new Petersburg Public Library. A graduate of Virginia State University and trained in Rheumatology at the University of Virginia, Miller is leading by example. "The new state-of-the-art well-constructed Library will be loaded with technology and resources that are very important for the enrichment and knowledge advancement of our youth and re-education of our adults and seniors." After completing active duty at Fort



Lee Army Base he began practicing Internal Medicine in Petersburg in 1989. Miller is also the Medical Director at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Petersburg. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Petersburg Alumni Chapter and provides client medical services for Pathways Petersburg on a monthly basis. Petersburg Library Foundation Board President, Robert C. “Bob” Walker said “Dr. Miller’s generous contribution of \$50,000 speaks volumes to the value and community need so many have seen in this project. His gift has reduced the optimal dollars we need to successfully close out this campaign to a \$533,000. In addition to outright gifts or pledges, the Petersburg Library Foundation is selling commemorative bricks and can be purchased online at www.petersburglibraryfoundation.org or by calling (804) 733-2387 x30. The new Library is slated to open mid-February and will be four times larger than the current Central Library that is located in a historic home on South Sycamore Street.

Petersburg Pastor Honored For Community Revitalization



The Better Housing Coalition recently honored Rev. Dr. Robert Diggs, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church at its annual Groundbreaker and Golden Hammer Awards. Dr. Diggs was the driving force behind the Community Life Center on Halifax Street, which opened in 2006 and represents a \$5 million investment. He also assisted in the creation of Restoration of Petersburg Community Development Corporation (ROPCDC) to help carry out the community’s vision of a vibrant, revitalized neighborhood. The ROPCDC partnered with the Better Housing Coalition to develop Claiborne Square, a 47-unit apartment community for lower income seniors in Petersburg.