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Week Ahead – November 3, 2013

M.I.L.K. Program Begins - November 4

The Petersburg Sheriff's Office will begin the program "Men Inside Loving Kids" (M.I.L.K.) on Monday, November 4. According to the Department of Justice, two-thirds of children who can't read proficiently before the 4th grade will end up in jail or on welfare. Inmate reading programs, like M.I.L.K. are advocated throughout the country. The reading program at the Petersburg jail is designed to increase the literacy skills of both incarcerated parents and their children. "The program involves fathers recording themselves to their children. The DVD recordings, along with copies of the books, will then be given to their children so they can follow along in the book while listening to their parent read" says Sheriff Vanessa Crawford. Sheriff Crawford has wanted to implement a program for the city jail and jail farm for years. This has been made a reality in coordination with volunteers from the Crater District Area Agency on Aging. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2369.

This Week at the Library

All programs are held at the William R. McKenney Central Library located at 137 South Sycamore Street. For additional information on all library events and seminars, please call (804) 733-2387.

Monday, November 4 – Computer Classes

Introduction to Computer Class (Beginners) – 3:00pm

Word 2010 Computer Class (intermediate) – 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 6 – Healthy Living

National Eating Healthy Day (Healthy Living and Learning Center) - AHA's 5th Annual Event to help us eat healthy just in time for the holidays, Noon to 2:00pm!

Thursday, November 7

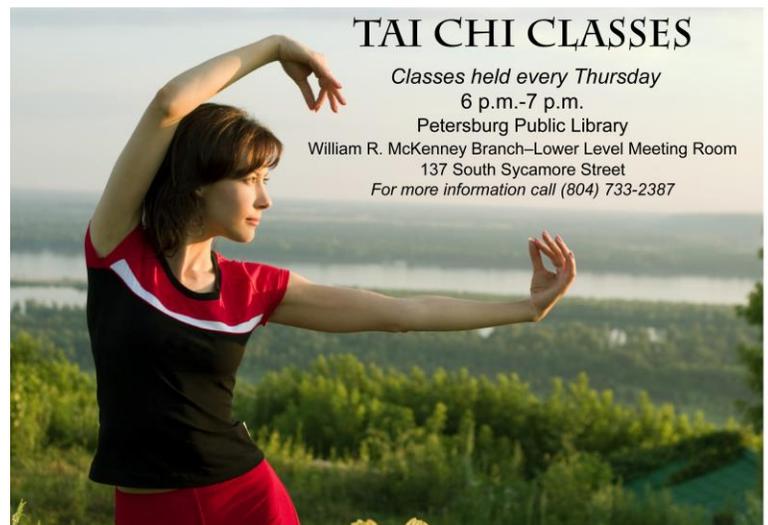
Tai Chi - Every Thursday beginning from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Friday, November 8 - Yoga

Every Friday at noon.

Saturday, November 9 – Video Game Day

Come join in the fun with video games.



Want to know more about programs offered at the library? Log onto www.ppls.org



Petersburg Welcomes New Preservation Planner

Kathleen Morgan has been named as Preservation Planner for Petersburg. She graduated from the University of Mary Washington with a Bachelor's in Historic Preservation. Immediately upon graduating, Morgan began working for the Historic Richmond Foundation, where she became the Associate Preservation Specialist. "I am excited about working in a city with such important history. Petersburg's past gives it character" says Morgan. Ms. Morgan's office is located in the Petersburg Community Development and Planning Department. She can be reached at (804) 733-2308.



Business Over Lunch – November 5

The Petersburg Chamber of Commerce will host "Business Over Lunch" on Tuesday, November 5, from 11:45am to 1:00pm. The guest speaker will be Aracely Harris, Petersburg Hispanic Liaison Coordinator. The lunch forum will be held at The Cameron Foundation located at 228 South Sycamore Street. Order a boxed lunch or bring your own. To register, please call (804) 733-8131.

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.

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. For additional information, please call (804)733-2308.

Local Woman Selected As Community Outreach Worker

Jasmine Wright has been named as the Community Outreach Worker for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Initiative (LBPHCHHI). Ms. Wright is a native of Petersburg and a 2009 graduate from Petersburg High School. She recently earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, with a minor in Health Science, from Virginia State University. Ms. Wright has completed internships with the City of Richmond Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities, and with the Virginia Department of Health, Chronic Disease Program. “I am proud and excited to serve my hometown, and be a part of the Petersburg Lead Program which helps families become lead safe” says Wright. Ms. Wright can be reached at (804) 733-2308.



One-On-One With Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith – November 7 & 8

Ward 1 City Council representative, Treska Wilson-Smith, will be available to meet with citizens throughout the community in November. She will be at the following locations:

November 7

Blandford Academy 6:00pm-8:00pm

November 8

Friday for the Arts! at The Globe 6:00pm-8:00pm

November 22

Petersburg Public Library 9:00am-11:00am

November 23

Pinetree Apartments 10:00pm-noon

1200 Acqua Apartments 1:00pm-3:00pm

For additional information, please call (804) 720-9520.

Friday for the Arts! – November 8

Join in the fun on Friday, November 8 for Petersburg's monthly (2nd Friday) celebration of the arts. This is the 10th year for Friday for the Arts! Activities begin in Old Towne/Downtown Petersburg at 6:00pm. Stroll, shop, and dine in beautifully decorated historic buildings! Listen to music, attend a play and visit the galleries showcasing wonderful art. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2400 or visit www.petersburgarea.org.



New Museums Manager On The Job

Martha George Withers recently arrived in Petersburg to start work as Museums Manager for Petersburg. Returning to the East Coast after raising her family in Texas, Ms. Withers has a history of building community engagement for museums and nonprofits, as well as helping organizations meet legal and professional standards. Working on everything from start-ups to major expansions, her experience includes director, curator, and educator. Withers enjoys lending a hand with projects from historic gardens to exhibit building and historic preservation. She recently completed a comprehensive collections management and inventory project for the Republic of Texas Museum while researching, designing, and installing a major archival exhibit with a three week



turn around. “I’m looking forward to getting to know the community and working with these stellar historic sites. And I get to enjoy Fall color for the first time in years!” say Withers. Ms. Withers earned a Master’s degree in History with a certificate in Public History from Texas State University—San Marcos, and studied for her B.A. in Anthropology in the D.C. area. She participated in the Seminar for Historical Administration at Colonial Williamsburg and holds certificates in Nonprofit and Fundraising Management from the University of Texas at Austin. Ms. Withers can be reached at (804) 733-2403.

Petersburg Holiday Gifts Sale Begins – November 8

The Petersburg Museums and Visitor Services, in conjunction with the November 8 celebration of *Friday for the Arts!*, will kick-off the holiday season with a special sale in the gift shop of the Siege Museum from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Select items on sale will be deeply discounted. The Siege Museum is located on 15 West Bank Street in Old Towne. The Department will be selling some great stocking stuffers, in addition to note cards, cocktail napkins, Petersburg playing cards, Petersburg golf umbrellas, picnic blankets, brass ornaments, candlesticks, candle pin decorations, decorative lamp finials, Virginia Tea Towels, and more. Some old favorites, such as the brass ornaments of various historic buildings within the City (the Courthouse, Blandford Church, Battersea, Centre Hill, etc.), and the reprinted *Petersburg’s Story-A History* by James G. Scott and Edward A Wyatt will also be available. The Siege Museum gift shop as well as the gift shops at Centre Hill Mansion and Blandford Church will be open through December for holiday shopping. For additional information, call (804) 733-2402.

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 8

Find out about the city's permanent, otherworldly residents with Petersburg Haunts, a ghost walk through historic downtown. Tours will be Friday evenings beginning 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. Walkups are welcome. Please meet 10 minutes prior to the start of the tour. The cost is \$15 per person.

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?

Rabies Clinic – November 9

Forever Wild, Inc. Wildlife Rehabilitation Education and Sanctuary and vetXpress will host a Rabies Clinic on Saturday, November 7 at Petersburg Animal Care and Control located at 1600 Johnson Road. The clinic is from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. For additional information, please call (804) 732-3654.

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.

Memorial for General William Mahone – November 9

On Saturday, November 9, at 3:00pm, hear the story of General William Mahone's eyewitness account of the last week of the Civil War in Petersburg. The speaker is Henry Kidd. The commemoration and wreath-laying will be at the Mahone Mausoleum in Blandford Cemetery. For additional information, please call (804) 526-2327.

Fall Fixin's – November 10

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. Thanks to the many volunteers, the space is looking great. The Freedom Support Center is located at 32 West Washington Street next to Petersburg Station. For additional information, please call (804) 921-2976.



Learn How To Use Quickbooks – November 12 & 13

The Crater Small Business Development Corporation is sponsoring a two day workshop on learning Quickbooks. The instructor is Eulica Kimber, CPS. The seminar will be held on Tuesday, November 12, and Wednesday, November 13, from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Cameron Foundation, located at 228 South Sycamore Street. The cost is \$75 per person. **Payment must be received by November 7.** To register and for more information, please call (804) 518-2003 or email nicholspe@longwood.edu.

Comment on the Proposed New City Hall

Members of the public may submit comments for the official record on the proposed Development of a New City Hall Building by 5:00pm on December 2, 2013 by email to tinnis@petersburg-va.org; or by writing to Tangela Innis, Purchasing Agent; City Hall Annex - 103 W. Tabb Street, Petersburg, Virginia 23803.

Proposed Development of New City Hall Building:

The City of Petersburg has received and has accepted an unsolicited proposal from Prestige/English Joint Venture for a public-private partnership under which the private proposer would provide design for, finance for, and construction of a New City Hall which will be located at the North East corner of Washington and Union Streets. This unsolicited proposal was submitted pursuant to the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002, Va. Code §§ 56-575.1, et seq., (“PPEA”), and the City’s PPEA implementing procedures.



Statement from Prestige/English Joint Venture:

Prestige Construction Group, Inc. and English Construction Company, Inc. in association with Enteros Design are excited about working with the City of Petersburg on the development of a new City Hall. We see this as a great opportunity, working with the City, to provide the citizens of Petersburg with the efficient and sustainable City Hall they have envisioned, need and deserve. It is exciting being a part of Petersburg at this time. We believe the new City Hall when completed will not only provide the one stop shop city services so badly needs, but also signify Petersburg is open for business.

Community Blood Drive – November 13

The American Red Cross – Southside Location will sponsor a blood drive on Wednesday, November 13 from 12:30pm-5:30pm at Union Station located at 103 River Street. To schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767. Remember to drink plenty of water, eat a good meal and bring a photo ID. All presenting blood and platelet donors will be entered to win one of three \$1,000 gift cards.

Women4Women Series Part IV: Wellness & Stress Management – November 14

On Thursday, November 14, the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce will host Women4Women with Dr. Leslie Brown. Dr. Brown specializes in family medicine with clinical interests including chronic disease management, women's health, pediatrics and minor office procedures. The lecture is from 8:30am to 10:00am at Peoples Advantage Federal Credit Union located at 110 Wagner Road. To register and for additional information, please call the Chamber office at (804) 733-8131.

Parents + Schools = Successful Children – November 14

Title I Awareness/Parental Involvement Policy/Volunteering forum will be held on Thursday, November 14 beginning at 6:00pm at Stuart Elementary School, located at 100 Pleasants Lane. The purpose of the forum is to provide parents with tools and resources to help their child be successful. The forum is sponsored by Petersburg City Public Schools Office of Federal Programs and School Improvement. The speakers are Janette Duhart and Johna Vazquez. For additional information, please call (804) 862-7089 or email jvazquez@peteresburg.k12.va.us.

Walk Against Hunger – November 16

The 37th Annual "Walk Against Hunger" will be held on November 16, starting at the parking lot in front of the Farmer's Market at 8:30am. The goal is to raise \$30,000 to support the programs offered by Downtown Churches United, Inc. (DCU). Services offered by DCU include: providing financial assistance with prescription medications, utilities and rent; operating a food pantry; providing daily lunches (Monday through Friday) to our homeless and hungry citizens; and delivering food to Gillhaven Manor residents who are physically unable to visit the food pantry. For more information, please call (804) 722-0321.



Fall Gala at PAAL – November 16

The Petersburg Area Art League (PAAL) is pleased to announce its upcoming gala, "A Holiday Stroll and Soiree" on Saturday, November 16. This year's gala will feature cocktails and appetizers at PAAL's gallery, followed by a traditional holiday buffet dinner at The Black Swan Restaurant. Dancing, music and a silent art auction will entertain everyone throughout the rest of the evening. The gala is PAAL's main fundraising event in the year, and the organization utilizes the funds to support artistic and educational programming throughout the year. The gala proceeds allow PAAL to host its Art Park Summer Concert Series and monthly exhibits and to keep enrollment costs low for summer art camp, youth classes and adult workshops. Tickets are available at the PAAL gallery or can be purchased online at www.paalart.org. Tickets are \$50 for members or \$60 for non-members. Advance ticket purchase is required.

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 Begins – November 18

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.

Grief Support Workshop – November 19

Crater Community Hospice will hold several Grief Support workshops during the holiday season. After the death of a loved one, the holidays can be an especially emotional and difficult time of year. Gain support and discover coping mechanisms from others who are experiencing similar loss. Join Crater Community Hospice representatives to learn new ways of celebrating the holidays while still honoring loved ones. The group will meet Monday mornings, November 18, December 2 and December 9 from 10:30am until noon. The sessions will be held at Crater Community Hospice located at 3916 South Crater Road. All groups are free and open to the public. Please call (804) 840-6454 to register, or email Pcox@cratercommunityhospice.org.

“Experience Petersburg” During The Holidays

Old-Fashioned Christmas Downtown – December 1

The Grand Illumination and Santa’s Parade will begin at 4:00pm on Sunday, December 1. For all the details, visit www.petersburgarea.org.

Petersburg Christmas Parade – December 7

The Annual Holiday Parade “Celebrating a Healthy Holiday Season” will be held along South Crater Road on December 7, beginning at 3:00pm. The Holiday Parade will feature floats, marching units and bands. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2394.

Centre Hill Museum Holiday Open House – December 7 & 8

Centre Hill’s Holiday Open House will be held on December 7th and 8th, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. A performance of Scrooge will be presented by local youth theatre company Limelight Talent at 4:00pm each day. For all the details, visit www.petersburgarea.org.



Week in Review

Petersburg City Council Meeting

Petersburg City Council met on October 29. A proclamation recognizing members for the Petersburg Planning Commission and Department was presented by Mayor Brian Moore. For additional information, please contact the Clerk of Council at (804) 733-2323 or via e-mail at njackson@petersburg-va.org.



Petersburg Receives Silver Level Certification for “Go Green”

The City of Petersburg received the silver level certification in the 2013 “Go Green VA Challenge”, which is part of the Virginia Municipal League’s (VML) larger “Go Green Virginia” environmental initiative. The award was recently presented to the City at VML’s annual conference. Mayor Brian A. Moore, in turn, presented the award to Petersburg’s Department of Public Works at the October 29, 2013 City Council meeting. “This recognition demonstrates the City’s commitment to create a more livable and sustainable community. We will continue to develop policies and implement practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address local sustainability” says City Manager, William E. Johnson III.



Historic All Hallows Eve in Blandford Cemetery

The City of Petersburg Department of Museums and Visitor Services sponsored the annual “Historic All Hallows Eve” at Blandford Cemetery, on October 31. Visitors were taken on guided walking tours where they met and were given accounts of some of the City’s most interesting permanent residents.



Pre-K Students get A Lesson in the Life Cycle of Pumpkins

Students at Westview E.C.E.C. recently learned about pumpkins inside and outside of the classroom by taking a field trip to Boulevard Flower Garden’s Pumpkin Patch. The group participated in numerous activities including a lesson in the pollination tunnel, a trip through the straw maze, a hay ride to the pumpkin field and selecting a pumpkin. Teachers extended the learning experience by carving pumpkins with their students in the classroom. Students were able to see, feel, and describe the inside of a pumpkin along with learning about a pumpkin’s life cycle.



“Right 2 Know” Petersburg



Delegate Rosalyn Dance and Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith hosted “Your Right 2 Know” Petersburg on November 2 at Petersburg High School. Experts and officials presented information on city services, education, health & welfare, housing, public safety, and healthy living.

Community Health Fair & Forum

Tabernacle Baptist Church Healthcare Ministry and Area Churches Health & Wellness Ministries held a free Community Health Fair & Forum on November 2.

Activities included presentations, healthy cooking demos, blood pressure checks, free flu shots, and fitness sessions.

