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Week Ahead – November 10, 2013

City Offices Closed for Veterans Day – November 11

The City of Petersburg's administrative offices will be closed Monday, November 11 in observance of the Veterans Day holiday. Emergency police, fire and rescue services may be reached by calling 911. The regular schedule for trash and recycling will not be affected by the Veterans Day holiday.

When Do I Recycle?

Recycle materials collection in Petersburg is every other week on Tuesday at the curb.

- Thursday Trash Collection=BLUE TUES recycling pickup day
- Friday Trash Collection= RED TUES recycling pickup day

For additional information, please call the Recycling Hotline at (804) 340-0900 or visit www.cvwma.com.



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.

No Parent Left Behind Community Forum – November 11

The Petersburg Advocates for Children and the Petersburg Citywide PTA is hosting "No Parent Left Behind" Community Forum on November 11. Topics for discussion include:

- The state of schools in Petersburg;
- Why Peabody Middle School is in Accreditation Denied status;
- How are the schools accredited;
- How will new English and Science SOL tests impact students, and
- How can the community help strengthen schools.

The forum is at Peabody Middle School, located at 725 Wesley Street, beginning at 6:00pm. For additional information, please call (804) 861-4688 or via email at petgpta@gmail.com.

Full Service Veterans Center to Open – November 12



The Petersburg Freedom Support Center grand opening will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 2:00pm. Governor and Mrs. McDonnell will join city and regional leaders cut the ribbon for the new full service center for veterans. The Freedom Support Center is located at 32 West Washington Street (former Jet Furniture store) next to Petersburg Station. The project is being headed by Councilman W. Howard Myers. “The Freedom Support Center will offer a full range of services for veterans and their families including housing, workforce training & jobs, along

with benefit support. We hope to offer healthcare services as the Center grows”, says Myers. The Support Center will house a number of agencies serving the needs of veterans. Funding for the Center has been provided by a number of organizations and individuals, including a donation from the City’s senior real estate appraiser, John Jarratt. Many volunteers have also worked in restoring the building.

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.

Architectural Review Board Meeting – November 13

The Architectural Review Board will meet on Wednesday, November 13 in City Hall Council Chambers located at 135 North Union Street (3rd floor). The meeting will begin at 7:00pm. To view the ARB agenda packet, go to www.petersburgva.gov. For information regarding agenda scheduling and submission requirements, contact the Office of Preservation Planner at (804) 733-2308.

“Balanced Living with Diabetes” – November 14

The Petersburg Virginia Cooperative Extension office is hosting a FREE educational program called “Balanced Living With Diabetes” in observance of National Diabetes Month. The four (4) week educational series is designed to help people with Type 2 Diabetes better manage their blood glucose by improving their nutrition and physical activity habits. Please call Katrina or Mrs. Stanifer at (804) 733-1880 for additional information and to register.

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.

Credit & Debit Cards Now Accepted by PAT

Bus passes can now be purchased with the swipe of a credit or debit card at the PAT office at Petersburg Station. “One of the City’s goals is to constantly improve customer service. Providing an easier way for citizens to buy bus passes should increase ridership”, says City Manager William E. Johnson III. There will be a 3% fee for customers purchasing passes with a credit card, but Petersburg Area Transit believes riders are willing to pay for the convenience of doing business without carrying cash. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2461.



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.

Thursday, November 14

Tai Chi - Every Thursday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the lower level meeting room.

Friday, November 15 – Affordable Healthcare

Do you have questions about the Affordable Care Act? Are you wondering if you are eligible to receive affordable health insurance? The Healthy Living & Learning Center has partnered with Central Virginia Health Services, Inc. to host a series of workshops to help you understand the newly opened health insurance marketplace and your options. The workshops are held every 1st and 3rd Friday, from 10:00am until 2:00pm. If you or someone else is interested in learning more about the

health insurance changes, but are unable to attend a workshop, please contact (804) 895-3052.

Friday, November 15 – Yoga

Every Friday at noon.

FireSafe Family App

The Virginia Department of Fire Programs has launched “FireSafe Family VA,” a new home fire safety mobile application for iPhones, iPads and Android devices. To obtain a free download of the mobile application, please visit www.vafire.com.

**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.



Prepare for the Scare: Petersburg Haunts – November 15

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.

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 **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.

Virginia Cooperative Extension Petersburg Office Needs Your Help

The Virginia Cooperative Extension Petersburg Office and the Petersburg Extension Leadership Council have been asked to conduct a Situation Analysis 2013. This is an examination of the issues and problems affecting a community in which Extension's resources can provide education that will assist in the resolution of that issue or problem. Community involvement is needed in the process of identifying problems, needs and environmental issues affecting families and youth in Petersburg. Please take a few minutes to go to the following link and take the survey before November 18.

https://vce.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_312S3xt0ImRD9DT

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.

One-On-One With Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith – November 22 & 23

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 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.



City-Wide Fall Clean-Up – December 7

SAVE THE DATE: 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.

“Experience Petersburg” During The Holidays

Shop Petersburg, Small Business Saturday – November 30

On Saturday, November 30, small businesses in Downtown/Old Towne Petersburg will offer special sales and discounts. Shop Petersburg and support local businesses. For additional information, please call (804) 733-8131.

Petersburg Holiday Gifts Sale

Petersburg Museums and Visitor Services is celebrating the holiday season with special sales in the gift shops of the Siege Museum, Centre Hill Museum, and Blandford Church. Gift items include 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 (Courthouse, Blandford Church, Battersea, Centre Hill), and the reprinted *Petersburg's Story - A History* by James G. Scott and Edward A Wyatt are also available. Select items on sale will be deeply discounted. For additional information, call (804) 733-2402.



Old-Fashioned Christmas Downtown – December 1

The Grand Illumination and Santa's Parade will begin at 4:00pm on Sunday, December 1. The parade starts at North Sycamore and continues to the Art Park in Old Towne. At 5:00pm there will be the tree lighting with music. Then visit Santa at Union Station from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. For all the details, visit www.petersburgarea.org.

Petersburg Christmas Parade – December 7

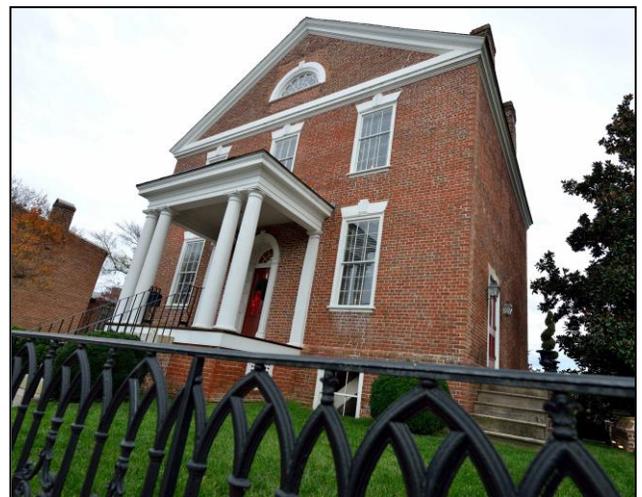
The Annual Holiday Parade "Celebrating a Healthy Holiday Season" will be held along South Crater Road on December 7, beginning at 3:00pm. The Holiday Parade will feature floats, marching units and bands. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2394.

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.

Historic Petersburg Foundation Christmas Home Tour – December 8

Tour beautifully decorated homes on Sunday, December 8 from noon to 4:00pm during the Historic Petersburg Foundation's 36th Annual Christmas Homes Tour. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 on tour day per person. The Tour features restored historic homes decorated for the season, holiday refreshments, and a musical performance at Battersea Plantation's Holiday Open House. Tour homes include: 221 South Sycamore Street; The Cameron Foundation Headquarters at 228 South Sycamore Street; The John Banister Chapter of the DAR House (2nd floor



apartment) at 332 South Sycamore Street; 244 High Street; 501 High Street, and the Historic Battersea Plantation Holiday Open House (refreshments beginning at 2:00pm & music at 4:00pm) at 1289 Upper Appomattox Street. For additional information and to purchase tickets, please call (804) 732-2096, or visit www.petersburgarea.org.

Petersburg Symphony Holiday Concert – December 8

The Petersburg Symphony Orchestra will perform its Christmas concert on Sunday, December 8, at 4:00pm in the Petersburg High School Auditorium. The Concert, entitled “Holiday Gifts” features a variety of music such as Cantique de Noel by Adolphe Adam, Toy Symphony by Leopold Mozart, excerpts from the Nutcracker by Pyotr Tchaikovsky, and more. There will also be an audience Sing Along of familiar Christmas carols, arranged by Symphony member, Emory Waters. Petersburg High School is located at 3101 Johnson Road. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the box office, or on line at www.psova.net. For additional information, please call (804) 732-0999.

The Trees of Christmas at PAAL Opening – December 13

See a multitude of Christmas trees decorated using a variety of themes and styles by artists, as well as businesses and people in the community – certain to put you in the holiday spirit! Opening, Friday, December 13, in conjunction with “Friday for the Arts!” at the Petersburg Area Art League (PAAL) located at 7 East Old Street. The Trees will be on display through the end of the year. PAAL is open Wednesday through Friday, 11:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturdays, 10:00am – 4:00pm. For additional information, please call (804) 861-4611 or visit www.paalart.com.

Week in Review

Diversity Night

Petersburg Schools recently held the 6th Diversity Night. The event celebrated and promoted cultural awareness, and increased parental and community involvement. More than 600 people attended the event.

