



# CITY OF PETERSBURG

## COMMUNICATIONS

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### **Week Ahead** – November 17, 2013

#### **Petersburg Welcomes Assistant City Attorney**

Danielle N. Powell has been named as the Assistant City Attorney for Petersburg. Ms. Powell graduated from the William and Mary School of Law in May 2012. During her law school career, she clerked for the Honorable Henry E. Hudson for the United States District Court for Eastern District Virginia, and interned for a private firm in Newport News. After graduation, she clerked for the Honorable Pamela S. Baskervill and the Honorable James F. D'Alton in Petersburg Circuit Court. "I'm excited about the opportunity to assist in the revitalization of Petersburg" says Powell.



#### **City of Petersburg Fall Leaf Collection Underway**

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 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.

### **Credit & Debit Cards Now Accepted by Petersburg Area Transit**

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.

#### **Monday, November 18**

Basic Computer Class – 3:00pm

Advanced Computer Class – 6:30pm

#### **Tuesday, November 19**

Introduction to Diabetes – 6:00pm

#### **Thursday, November 21**

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

#### **Friday, November 15 – Yoga**

Every Friday at noon.

### **Petersburg City Council Meeting – November 19**

Petersburg City Council will meet on Tuesday, November 19 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](mailto:njackson@petersburg-va.org). The Council agenda packet is available on-line at <http://www.petersburgva.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/11?html=true>.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **"Dream: Passion to Profession" Luncheon – November 20**

The Petersburg Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a luncheon on Wednesday, November 20 featuring Sarah Williams, Program Director for the Center for Women's Enterprise. The luncheon is from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Hilton Garden Inn in Colonial Heights. For additional information and to register, please call (804) 733-8131.

### **Enjoy Golf & Giving**

In an effort to continue to assist those in need in Petersburg, Dogwood Trace is partnering with the CARES Food Bank to offer discounted rates from now through February 28, 2014. The rates will be \$30 on weekdays and \$40 on weekends provided a bag of non-perishable can goods is presented when checking in to play.



### **2014 Petersburg Generals Schedule Announced**

The Coastal Plains League will again in 2014 feature 14 teams across North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The Petersburg Generals is a team member of the CPL. The regular season starts on Tuesday, May 27 and runs through Monday, August 4. The season schedule can be viewed at <http://www.coastalplain.com>.

### **Parents + Schools = Successful Children Sessions – November 21**

The Petersburg City Public Schools Office of Federal Programs and School Improvement is offering a series of sessions for non-English speaking parents of Petersburg students. The free program provides sessions on different topics to provide resources and tools to help parents assist their child in being successful at school. For more information, contact Johna Vazquez at (804) 862-7089 or via email at [jvazquez@petersburg.k12.va.us](mailto:jvazquez@petersburg.k12.va.us), or email Janette Duhart at [jaduhart@petersburg.k12.va.us](mailto:jaduhart@petersburg.k12.va.us). The next session, scheduled for November 21 at Peabody Middle School, will cover pertinent school forms.

### **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.

### **Petersburg Farmers Market – November 22**

Petersburg Farmers Market is underway for the winter months on Saturdays from 9:00am to noon. The Farmers Market is located under the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bridge. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2352.



### **Prepare for the Scare: Petersburg Haunts – November 22**

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](http://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.

### **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](http://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](http://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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.petersburgarea.org).

### **David Bridges Discusses Novel at Battersea Open House -December 8**

Historian/professor David Bridges will be at Battersea Plantation at their annual open house on December 8th at 2:00 pm talking about his new historical novel “The Broken Circle” which tells the dramatic untold story of David’s great-great uncle who was just awarded the Confederate Medal of Honor. David will explain how the war affected the cultural, religious, and economic structure of the South during the 1860’s through the experience of Dr. James Breathed, a young physician turned warrior. The book relates Breathed’s personal conflict, unrequited love, and heroism. Find out why he earned the Confederate Medal of Honor posthumously in 2013. See [www.davidpbridges.com](http://www.davidpbridges.com) for more information about Mr. Bridges and all of his books and accomplishments.

### **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](http://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](http://www.paalart.com).

## **Week in Review**

### **Veterans Center Opens**

The Petersburg Freedom Support Center officially opened on November 12. Governor and Mrs. McDonnell joined City leaders in cutting 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.



## **HealthSouth Petersburg Opens New Wing**



HeathSouth Rehabilitation Hospital opened a new 13,022-square-foot addition that includes 11 new patient rooms, a gym addition, therapy courtyard, dayroom and space for support services. The Petersburg facility is now the largest freestanding inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Virginia. For additional information, please visit [www.healthsouthpetersburg.com](http://www.healthsouthpetersburg.com).