



# CITY OF PETERSBURG COMMUNICATIONS

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## Week Ahead – November 24, 2013

### Citizens Encouraged to 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); on the City Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/petersburg.va.9](http://www.facebook.com/petersburg.va.9)); 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.

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

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

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 Street (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 This Morning – November 26**

Tune in to TV6, Virginia This Morning, from 9:00am to 10:00am on Tuesday, November 26.

Petersburg City Manager William E. Johnson III will be promoting holiday activities and tourism in Petersburg.

### **Enjoy Golf & Giving**

Get a discounted game of golf and help those in need. Dogwood Trace, the city's golf course, is partnering with the CARES Food Bank and offering discounted rates through the end of February 2014. Bring in a bag of non-perishable canned goods and get a round of golf for \$30 on weekdays and \$40 on weekends.



**Ward 2 Meeting – November 26**

Councilman Mike Ross will hold a Ward 2 meeting on Tuesday, November 26 beginning at 6:30pm at HealthSouth located at 95 Medical Park Boulevard. City leaders will be in attendance to discuss issues and concerns with citizens. For additional information, please contact the Clerk of Council at (804) 733-2323.

**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 25**

Basic Computer Class (creating a worksheet and a chart with modifications) – 3:00pm  
Advanced Computer Class (Intermediate -Advanced Excel 2010 / Changing a worksheet to table format) – 6:30pm  
Family Board Game Night – 6:00pm

**Saturday, November 30**

Family Board Game Day – 1:00pm to 3:00pm



**Petersburg Government Offices Closed For Thanksgiving**

In observance of Thanksgiving, Petersburg government offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29. City offices will reopen at regular times on Monday, December 2. There will be no trash collection in the City on Thursday, November 28. Thursday trash collection services will take place on Friday, November 29. Friday collections will take place on Saturday, November 30. For more information, please contact the Recycling Hotline at (804) 340-0900, the Trash Collection Hotline at (804) 425-0500 or visit [www.cvwma.com](http://www.cvwma.com). City Council and City Administration hope that all will enjoy Thanksgiving with friends and family.

**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. A Situation Analysis 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. It is imperative to involve the community in the process of identifying the problems, needs and environment issues that affects the families and youth in Petersburg. **Citizens and leaders are asked to complete a Community Survey on-line by Friday, November 29.** [https://vce.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_3I2S3xt0ImRD9DT](https://vce.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3I2S3xt0ImRD9DT)

### **Councilwoman Wilson-Smith Back To School**

Councilwoman Treska Wilson-Smith has been accepted in the Masters of Public Administration program at Central Michigan University, Richmond Campus. She will focus on city and state government. "I am a firm believer that education is the key to performing any job well. I think that there are three things that is needed to do a good job, (1) desire, (2) passion, and (3) the knowledge to do the job. Obtaining this degree will make me more knowledgeable to do a good job as city council representative", says Wilson-Smith.



### **Petersburg Farmers Market – Fall/Winter Hours**

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

### **Prepare for the Scare: Petersburg Haunts – November 29**

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 reserve a spot on the tour. Walkups are welcome. The cost is \$15.

### **"An Emerald Affair" – November 30**

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Ivy Community Foundation and Delta Omega Chapter will host "An Emerald Affair," on Saturday, November 30 at the Gateway Event Center, Virginia State University from 6:00pm to Midnight. The event will feature a silent auction and book signing by author for the book, *HealingAngels/The Invisible Girl* beginning at 6:00pm, followed by dinner and entertainment. Music will be presented by DJ "BigHead" Johnson. Tickets are \$50 per person. All proceeds will benefit community programs and academic scholarships of the Ivy Community Foundation for youth in the Tri-Cities area. For additional information, please call (804) 704-7339 or (804) 980-0201 or visit [www.aka-deltaomega.com](http://www.aka-deltaomega.com).

### **TRIAD Holiday Gala – December 5**

The TRIAD Holiday Gala (Dress In Your Best) will be held on Thursday, December 5 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the Old Towne Civic Center located at 136 River Street. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2369.

### **City-Wide Fall Clean-Up – December 7**

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.

### **Ward 3 Meeting – December 9**

Councilman Ken Pritchett will hold a Ward 3 meeting on Monday, December 9 beginning at 6:30pm at Walnut Hill Elementary School located at 300 West South Boulevard. City leaders will be in attendance to discuss issues and concerns with citizens. For additional information, please contact the Clerk of Council at (804) 733-2323.

### **Petersburg City Council Meeting – December 10**

Petersburg City Council will meet on Tuesday, December 10 at the Vernon Johns Junior High School located at Union Train Station, located at 103 River Street, beginning at 7:30pm. To view the complete Council Agenda packet, please visit [www.petersburg-va.org](http://www.petersburg-va.org).

## **“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.petersburgva.org](http://www.petersburgva.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 Museum's annual holiday open house will be held on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8, from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Seasonal holiday decorations reminiscent of the era and local entertainment will be featured. The Museum's gift shop will be open for holiday shopping and refreshments will be served. Admission is free for the weekend activities. Limelight Talent will present a musical version of "Scrooge" at 4:00pm each day. Activity booklets will be available for children ages 5 to 11. Centre Hill Mansion was built in 1823 by Revolutionary War veteran Robert Bolling, IV. The mansion is furnished with a variety of eighteenth, nineteenth, and early twentieth century decorative arts. The historic house was the site of two presidential visits, Abraham Lincoln in 1865 and William Howard Taft in 1909. Centre Hill Museum is located at 1 Centre Hill Avenue. For additional information, please call (804) 733-2401.

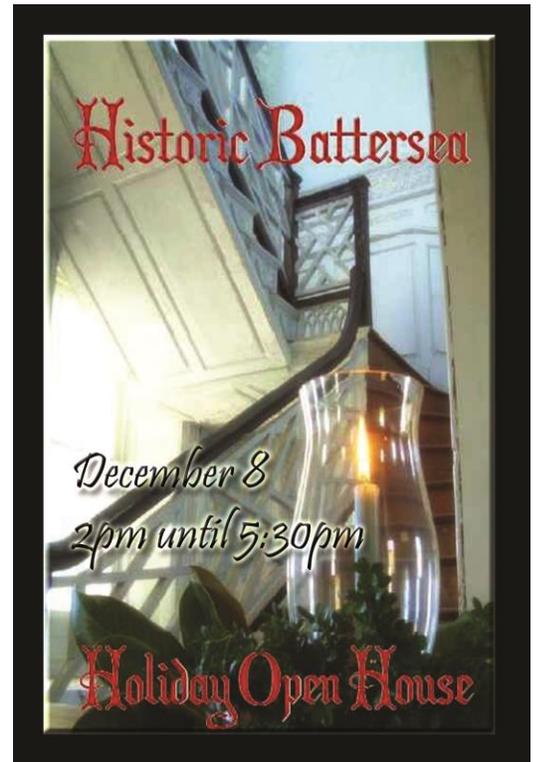
### **Historic Petersburg Foundation Christmas Home Tour – December 8**

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).

### **"Decking The Halls" at Historic Battersea -December 8**

Historic Battersea will be "Decking the Halls" for their fourth annual Holiday Open House on December 8 from 2:00pm-5:30pm. Historic Battersea, located at 1289 Upper Appomattox Street in Petersburg, provides an experience to remember as guests enjoy the beauty of historic Battersea during the holiday season. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present to take pictures with children, young and old from 2:30-3:45. The triumphant sounds of selected members of the 392nd band from Fort Lee and a barbershop quartet will provide stirring holiday music. Guests can stay warm with hot mulled wine and glasses of wine available for purchase. A special book signing will take place with the author of "The Broken Circle", David Bridges. Guests will also have a chance to donate to the restoration of Battersea by participating in a silent auction. Photos of all items available for auction will be on display at historic Battersea and guests will have the ability to bid on those items during the open house. Following the open house, the actual auction items will be on display in Battersea's offices located at 29 West Bank Street from December 9-13, and the silent auction will end during Friday for the Arts on December 13. For additional information, please call (804) 732-9882 or visit [www.batterseafound.org](http://www.batterseafound.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](http://www.psova.net). For additional information, please call (804) 732-0999.

### **Friday for the Arts! - December 13**

Join in the fun on Friday, December 13 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, take a carriage ride and visit the galleries showcasing wonderful art.

### **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).

### **A Concert by Candlelight – December 13**

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church will have a special Annual Christmas Holiday Concert at 6:30pm, on Friday, December 13. The program will feature Charles Lindsey, Jr. on the organ and soprano, Abbie Haynes. Many vocal favorites and organ pieces will be the highlight of the evening while the singing of Christmas Carols by the audience will fill us all with the Christmas spirit. Historic St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Bristol Parish, is located at 110 North Union Street. A freewill offering will benefit the Downtown Churches United Walk against Hunger and the Joseph A. Whittle Music and Arts Fund. For additional information, please call (804) 733-3415.

### **Petersburg Festival Chorus Holiday Concert – December 14**

Enjoy holiday favorites as the Petersburg Festival Chorus performs on Saturday, December 14 beginning at 7:30pm. The concert will be held at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church located at 225 Claremont Street. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For additional information, please call (804) 862-3706.

## **Week in Review**

### **Inaugural “Shero” Award Presented to Ann Taylor**

The Petersburg Chamber of Commerce presented the Inaugural Chamber “Shero” Award to Community Leader, Ann Taylor at the Chamber’s Women In Business Luncheon. The Chamber’s SHERO Award actively supports and celebrates the mission of supporting, developing and honoring women leaders and inspiring women to achieve their full potential – creating balance in leadership worldwide. Mrs. Taylor has had an extended career in education in both Virginia and South Carolina. She retired from the Chesterfield County Public School System and



currently services on the board of The Cameron Foundation, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Ivy Community Foundation, Petersburg Library Foundation, Richard Bland College Foundation, and Southside Virginia Emergency Crew. Taylor’s contributions of time and energy to improve the quality of life for others; and actively assisting women in realizing their full leadership potential, her excellence, creativity and initiative make her everybody’s “Shero”.

**Art Students Repair Dozens of Damaged Holiday Decorations**

Petersburg High School (PHS) students are repairing Christmas decorations – just in time for the holiday season. The City informed PHS that there was a need to touch-up the City’s holiday decorations. PHS art students got to work, and repaired decorative nutcrackers and snowmen – which are used to line downtown streets.



**Petersburg City Council Meeting**

Petersburg City Council met on November 19. For action items, please see Council Communicates at [www.petersburgva.gov](http://www.petersburgva.gov).

**“Hood” Basketball Tournament**

Mount Olivet Baptist Church hosted its second annual basketball tournament last week. City Manager William E. Johnson III welcomed teams and family members to the competition.

