



# CITY OF PETERSBURG

## COMMUNICATIONS

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**Week Ahead** – December 15, 2013 (Please note: This will be the final Week Ahead for 2013.)

### **No Personal Property Filing Requirements**

Petersburg citizens are no longer required to file a personal property return with the City of Petersburg by March 31, 2014. The City has adopted the "File By Exception" procedure. In other words if you have not changed vehicles, purchased a new vehicle, boat, trailer or motorcycle or disposed of a vehicle or had a change of address, you are no longer required to file a return every year.

You must file a personal property form with the Commissioner of Revenue within 30 days if:

- (a) Recently purchased vehicle or moved into the city
- (b) Dispose of vehicle (donate, junk, sell or trade)
- (c) Move vehicle out of the city
- (d) Address change.

The "file by exception" will not apply to Business Tangible or Machinery and Tools filing. The 2014 Business Tangible Equipment and 2014 Machinery and Tools Equipment forms must be filed every year by March 31. For further information contact: Pamela Hairston, Commissioner of Revenue at (804) 733-2317 or via email, [phairston@petersburg-va.org](mailto:phairston@petersburg-va.org).

### **Fall Leaf Collection**

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 will take place in Ward 7 from December 16 through December 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. Bulky materials such as brush and tree limbs shall not be mixed with leaves.

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. 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.

### **Understanding Procurement – December 17**

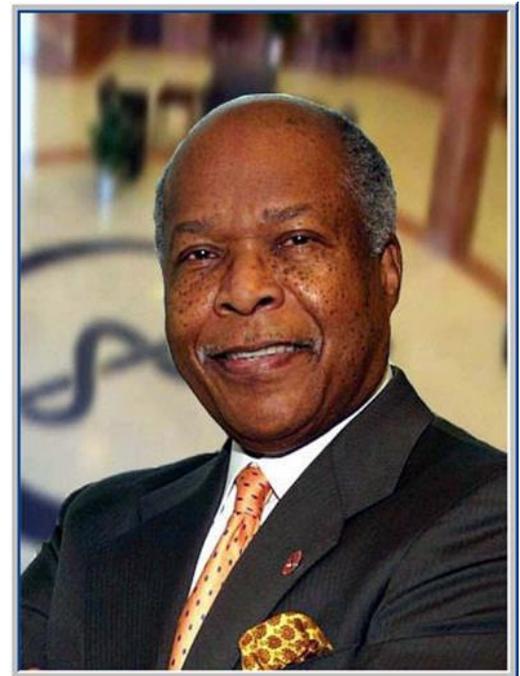
Duc Truong of the Virginia Department of Business Assistance will be at the Crater Procurement Assistance Center on Tuesday, December 17, conducting one hour long one on one sessions.

- Learn how to locate RFPs/Bids and look up NIGP codes
- Learn how to download and review RFPs/Bids
- Learn how to review a Quick Quote
- Learn how to respond to Quick Quotes, RFPs, Bids
- Learn how to understand the award of a Quick Quote
- Learn how to target your market for State of Virginia opportunities

Register: Lisa Parks at (804) 861-1667 or via email at [lparks@cpd.state.va.us](mailto:lparks@cpd.state.va.us).

### **Mayor Moore Holiday Meeting – December 18**

Mayor Brian A. Moore will hold a Holiday meeting for all city residents on Wednesday, December 18. Special keynote speaker will be the Honorable Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, M.D. Dr. Sullivan served as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary from 1989 to 1993. He is the President Emeritus of Morehouse School of Medicine, and is Chairman of the Board of the National Health Museum. The reception is from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. The meeting is from 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Old Towne Catering located at 9 West Old Street. For additional information, please call the Clerk of Council at (804) 733-2323.



### **Delegate Dance Appointed to 2014 Inaugural Committee**

Delegate Rosalyn R. Dance has been appointed to the 2014 Inaugural Committee on the part of the Virginia House of Delegates, by the Speaker of the House. Delegate Dance has been a member of the House of Delegates since 2005 and this is her first time having the privilege to serve the Commonwealth in this capacity. Every four years legislators are appointed to serve as a member of the Inaugural Committee. "I am honored to participate in such a historic ritual that welcomes in the new leadership for the Commonwealth of Virginia", said Delegate Dance. The inauguration is set for January 11, 2014 at the State Capitol in Richmond, Virginia. For more information, please call (804) 862-2922.

### **Premier Membership at Dogwood Trace**

Dogwood Trace Golf Course is running its Premier Membership program for the 2014 Golf season. If you join before the end of the year, the membership fee is \$900. This is a \$300 savings off the regular yearly price of \$1,200. For additional information, please call (804) 732-5573.



### **Petersburg Filmmakers Receive Honors**

The movie Troop 491: the Adventures of the Muddy Lions produced by Tim and Daphne Reid continues to receive accolades as it plays around the country.

The film stars the Reid's as well as Petersburg residents Hal Miles and Akin Smith. Take a look at the movie trailer: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpCcSGQ\\_xjY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WpCcSGQ_xjY).

### **Enjoy Golf & Giving**

Get a discounted game of golf and help those in need. Dogwood Trace 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 / \$40 on weekends.

### **Skating Factory Grand Opening – December 20**

Skate in the recently renovated Stake Factory Skating Rink on Friday, December 20. Regular skating is from 5:00pm to 10:00pm. Adult skating (25 and up) is from 11:00pm to 2:00am. DJ Fonz & DJ Greg Nice will provide music. Admission is \$7 and skate rental is \$3. The rink is located at 2530 South Crater Road.

### **Petersburg Farmers Market – Fall/Winter Hours – December 21**

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.

### **Happy Holidays**

Mayor Brian Moore, City Council and City Administration wish all peace, joy, health and contentment during the holiday season. City offices will be closed from Monday, December 23 through Wednesday, December 25. Office will reopen at regular hours on Thursday, December 26.

### **Delegate Dance Appointed to Mental Health Policy Transition Council**

Delegate Rosalyn R. Dance is no stranger to mental health policy in Virginia. She served over 30 years as a mental and behavioral health administrator at Southside Virginia Training Center (SVTC). Governor Elect Terry McAuliffe has appointed Delegate Dance to serve on his administrative Mental Health Policy Transition Council.

### **Request for Proposals - Community Development Block Grant Funds**

On November 25, 2013, the City of Petersburg advertised its Request for Proposals for the use of CDBG funds in 2014-2015, the operating year beginning July 1, 2014. The City estimates that the CDBG allocation for the coming year will be \$634,000 or less. Funds may be used for a variety of community development needs, including infrastructure, public facilities, planning and public services. City agencies and private non-profit corporations may apply. Applications are due to the Department of Planning and Community Development at 135 North Union Street by the end of the day on January 10, 2014. The application can be found on the Department's webpage. For additional information, please contact John Young at (804) 733-2313.

### **Community Blood Drive – January 8**

**SAVE THE DATE:** The American Red Cross – Southside Location will sponsor a blood drive on Wednesday, January 8, from 12:30pm to 6:00pm at Union Station, 103 River Street. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767. Drink plenty of water, eat a good meal and **bring a photo ID**. All presenting blood and platelet donors between January 1 and March 31 will be automatically entered to win a \$1,500 gift card.

### **Nominations Open for Special Petersburg Women**

Nominations for Ordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things is open for the March 29 celebration of women in Petersburg. Any woman who lives in Petersburg is eligible. Please see the attached nomination form, and submit no later than January 15.

## **“Experience Petersburg” This Holiday Season**

### **Downtown/Old Towne Lights**

Take a ride downtown and enjoy the holiday lights in Petersburg. Then take some time to shop and dine. For a preview, visit <http://vimeo.com/81554670>.

### **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.

### **The Trees of Christmas at PAAL**

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! 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). PAAL is located at 7 East Old Street.



### **Week in Review**

#### **Petersburg City Council Meeting**

Petersburg City Council met on December 10. A special proclamation was presented to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Delta Omega Chapter proclaiming December 14 as “Delta Omega Chapter Day”.

