

THE CITY OF PETERSBURG FIRST ANNUAL

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2014 SPECIAL EVENTS



From film, food, folklore and music, the City of Petersburg invites you to join us as we commemorate the rich African American experience within our city through history, heritage and culture the entire month of February.

We have listed a number of programs and activities for your enjoyment and we encourage you to participate in these mostly *FREE* events. As an added bonus for attending the Union Train Station events listed below, you will receive a coupon to dine within one of our wonderful restaurants. We hope to see you there!

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10 a.m. – Tabernacle Community Life Center  
Tabernacle Baptist Church, 444 Halifax St.

*Storyteller: Donna Washington*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6 to 8 p.m. – Union Train Station,  
103 River St.

### **PANEL DISCUSSION:**

*“What’s Love Got To Do With It?”*

The Loving Story/Interracial Dating then and now panel discussion, followed by a light food sampling

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7 p.m. – Union Train Station, 103 River St.

*Performances: VSU Sankofa Dance Group, Virginia State University Concert Choir, and the Petersburg City Public Schools*

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

1 p.m. – Good Shepherd Baptist Church,  
2223 South Crater Rd.

### **PETERSBURG TRIAD MEETING:**

*Celebrating African American Heritage*

7 p.m. – Union Train Station, 103 River St.  
*Performance: James Saxsmo Gates Jazz Trio*

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10 a.m. & 1 p.m. – leaving from  
Walmart Parking Lot, 3500 South Crater Rd.  
**TOUR:**

*Petersburg’s African American History*

*(To reserve your seats call the Petersburg Sheriff’s Office at 804-733-2369)*

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

11 a.m. – William R. McKenney Branch  
Library, 137 South Sycamore St.

### **TOUR:**

*“Get on the Bus/ Freedom Riders Tour”*

Lunch provided and excerpts from the movie will be shown.

RSVP by February 18 at 804-733-2387 ext. 29.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

3 p.m. – New Millennium Studios,  
1 New Millennium Dr.)

*Tickets: \$10 adults,*

*\$5 youth under 16 years of age*

*Film: “Troop 491: The Adventures of the Muddy Lions”*

*This screening is being sponsored by Ann and Porsher Taylor*

This emotional coming of age tale tests a youth’s judgment as he determines to explore the code of the streets, or that of his fellow scouts. Proceeds for this event will benefit the Legacy Media Institute. (This film is best suited for adults and children over 12.) Tickets can be purchased from the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce or at the door the day of the showing.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6 p.m. – Union Train Station, 103 River St.

### **PANEL DISCUSSION:**

*“Slavery By Another Name”.*

The Petersburg Public Library is also sponsoring an essay contest “What Does It Mean To Be A Modern Day Slave”. For more information, visit the website at [www.ppls.org](http://www.ppls.org)

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7 p.m. – Union Train Station, 103 River St.

### **PERFORMANCE:**

*The Petersburg Symphony,  
Ulysses Kirksey, conductor*



Artwork by Philip “Muzi” Branch

This information was compiled by the City of Petersburg Department of Cultural Affairs.

For more information regarding these events, please call 804-733-2430.

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